

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holmes W7768

Sarah Holmes

f62VA

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Commonwealth of Virginia Madison County to wit

On this 13th day of September 1819 before me Hugh Holmes one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth aforesaid and attached to the Judicial Circuit of which the said County of Madison is part, personally appears James Holmes age 58 years resident in the said County of Madison who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said James Holmes enlisted as a private on the __ day of __ in the year 1777 at Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, as will more fully appear from the affidavits of Captain Long & Philip Slaughter herewith exhibited; that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States upon Continental establishment until the year 1780 having served three years the time for which he had enlisted when he was honorably discharged from said service in Middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the State of New Jersey that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Trenton [December 26, 1776] & many little skirmishes and that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that having lost his discharge he has no other evidence of his services except the affidavits of Long & Slaughter.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hh Holmes



Virginia Culpeper County to wit

This day Philip Slaughter¹ personally appeared before me F S Jones a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that James Holmes enlisted as a Soldier in Captain Gabriel Long's Company of Rifle Men the year 1776 in which Company the said Philip Slaughter was the 2nd Lieutenant that the said Company was annexed to Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment in

¹ [Philip Slaughter W29886](#)

the Virginia Continental line that the said James Holmes served 3 years (being the time he enlisted for) & the said Slaughter believes was regularly Discharged from the Service of the United States. Given under my hand this 2nd day of September 1819

S/ F S Jones

Culpeper County to wit

Gabriel Long² this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath before me according to law that he being an officer in the Army of the revolution on Continental establishment attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Steven [sic, Hugh Stephenson?] afterward by Colonel Daniel Morgan called 11th Virginia Regiment enlisted James Holmes as a private for three years which time he served faithfully and was Honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 3rd day of September 1819

S/ Geo. Ficklen

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District of Virginia Madison County, Sct.

On the 27th of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record according to the Constitution and laws of Virginia James Holmes aged sixty-two years, resident in Madison County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit, in Captain Gabriel Long's Company attached to Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment on the Continental line, that the said James Holmes made application for his pension claim first of all at Madison County April Court 1818, that the said James Holmes has received pension on pension certificate No. 15730. And the said James Holmes doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, to wit –

One Mare, one Axe, two old hoes, two wedges

S/ James Holmes, JH his mark

The said Holmes further states that he cultivated the earth for occupation, that he is illy able to support himself; his wife aged about sixty-three years, named Sallie homes; a daughter named Leviney aged eighteen capable of supporting herself, his wife not capable.

Sworn to and declared on the 27th day of July 1820 before the said Court.

[p 8: On June 7, 1843 in Greene County Virginia, Sarah Holmes, 95, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of James Holmes, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to James Holmes at the widow Pritchett's near Cedar Run meeting house in Culpeper County in the month of May she believes in the year 1778; that they shortly afterwards moved to Albemarle County Virginia where her husband the following year assisted in building the Barracks in said County; that her husband died December 27, 1841 and that she remains his

² [Gabriel Long VAS970](#)

widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 52: On September 2, 1843 Mary Hill a resident of Orange County Virginia and aged 70 years gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of James Holmes 2 Sarah his wife; that they were married at the widow Pritchett's in Culpeper County near Cedar Run Meeting House, she believes they were married by Thomas Ammons in the year 1777; that their wedding was the first wedding she ever attended. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[[Facts in file: the widow prior to her marriage was named Sarah or Sally Hill; that the only other child referenced in the documents in the file is Lucy Holmes, age not stated, who in 1843 he was residing in Greene County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 13, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

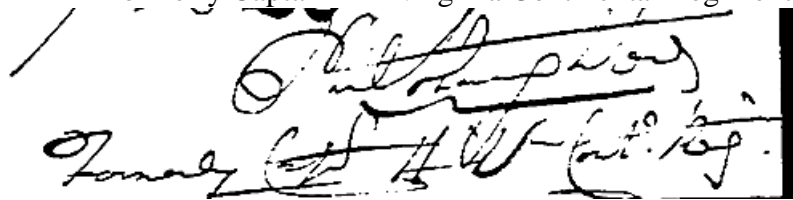
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)—the documents below appear in the VSL file linked to John Jerrell [reason for this is not shown]

I do hereby certify that James Holmes [several indecipherable words] as a Soldier in Captain Gabriel Long's company for three years in the Virginia Continental line which company was annexed to the 11th Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in General Woodford's Brigade that I was Captain Long's Lieutenant at the time said Holmes enlisted, that the said Holmes after I was promoted to a Captain in the said Regiment became a soldier in my company & that he faithfully served his three years out & if Holmes has not received his Land Warrant for said services he is Justly entitled to it.

Given under my hand this the 27th day of January 1820

S/ Phil Slaughter

Formerly Captain 11th Virginia Continental Regiment

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Phil Slaughter'. Below it is another signature, also in cursive, which appears to read 'James Holmes'. The signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

This day personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in & for the County of Madison, James Holmes and made oath upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God that he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War for the term of three years, that he served that time faithfully & was honorably discharged, that he was promised a bounty in land of one hundred acres that he has never received the said land or a warrant for the same, or any other person for his Benefit. Given under my hand this 13th day of April 1819

S/ William Finks, JP