

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Holland W7800<sup>1</sup>      Zilphia      fn87NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

On this 26 day of February personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Court Sessions of Duplin County now sitting James Holland a resident of said County & State, aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

This applicant was living near Wilmington in New Hanover County at the beginning of the Revolutionary War & first turned out six months in the minute service under Thomas Bloodworth [Thomas Blutworth]. I served the whole of the six months, this was before the Declaration of Independence, & directly after the Kings ship came to Wilmington with a cargo of tea. Was engaged in hauling the ship round town. I next turned out for six months more under the command of John Devaughn [sic, De Vaughn? of DeVaughn?]. We went down about Brunswick & stayed about there & Wilmington. We stood guard. This was before the British took the town & we had one fight with the Tories at Moore's Creek. Only one of our men named John Grady was killed. Many of the Tories were killed. Caswell commanded the troops on our side. Immediately after this time of service expired I joined William Hubbard's Company & went to Charleston under the command of General William Caswell. We were gone on this tour three months. After the term of service expired I joined the Light horse under Pulaski. I joined at Fayetteville. We went from Fayette [sic] first to Wilmington Craig [James Craig] had come & took the town just before we arrived there. I remained under Pulaski six months. I next joined Captain James Love in the militia. We had two or three skirmishes with the British light horse on the sound & all the men in our company & the Captain with [paper torn and text missing] were killed, being & imprisoned in a house. I happened to be out when they came. I went the next day with another man named William Henry & buried our comrades. I turned out after this

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three months more & Guard at New Inlet under Captain John Kinnier [sic]. This was the last of my service. I do not remember how long it was that I was with Captain Love before his death, but know that our time was not out. I think it was nearly three months. I was also with David Jones & James Gillespie in the light horse at the time Wilmington was taken – Thinks he served 3 years in all but is positive that he served at least twenty-seven months – & to that he qualifies

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In New Hanover County on Moore's Creek don't remember the year

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans. It is in William Turnajis [sic? in a later document in this file, this name looks more like "William Turnage"] Bible & he lives in this County

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Ans. I live then in New Hanover, & had been living in this County 48 years.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for

Ans. I volunteered every time except once & was never a substitute.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

I knew one Beaufort from Virginia, at Charlestown & remember only those under whom I acted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ James Holland, H his mark

[Jesse Taylor & Edward Outlaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1833

James Holland whose declaration has been returned by the War Department to this Court as imperfect with respect to his not having stated the precise periods of his respective services – and having failed to state whether or not he had any living witnesses to confirm his statements – being this day sworn in open Court makes the following amendatory affidavit.

1<sup>st</sup> with respect to the periods of his service – He states that it was directly after the throwing over of the tea in Boston – and that a part of the tea came to Wilmington from Boston & it was there that his first service began – he thinks and 74 or 75 My services under Captain DeVaughan was at Brunswick – and directly after the tour under Bloodworth.

With respect to the time that he went to Charleston under Caswell cannot state – as he is so old & uninformed, but respectfully refers the Department to the history of the War for the year in which Caswell was there.

It was directly after leaving Hubbard's Company that he joined Pulaski at Fayetteville & bags to refer to the same statement as above –

To recapitulate

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6 months under | Thomas Bloodworth     |
|                 | 6 " "          | De Vaughan            |
|                 | 3 " "          | Caswell to Charleston |

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|------|---|---|---|---|
|      | 6 | " | " | Pulaski after returned from Charleston          |
|      | 3 | " | " | Lowe (during this time Craig was in Wilmington) |
| last | 3 | " | " | at New Inlet in guard under Kinnier             |

The foregoing contains a true statement as far as the imperfect recollection of the applicant will allow him he knows he will was engaged almost constantly during the whole war – was at one time on board the English guard ship a prisoner at Wilmington was there 13 days – had the smallpox while there was taken away by the interference of my mother with Craig and as soon as recovered joined James Gillespie at Rockfish in Duplin –

2<sup>nd</sup> difficulty – proof [indecipherable word]

the applicant states there is no living witness by whom he can prove the foregoing statement – all his old acquaintances are dead – but appends herewith the additional testimony of his acquaintances as to the traditionary evidence of his service.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written

S/ James Taylor

S/ James Holland, H his Mark

[John Houston and Samuel Davis gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term A.D. 1834

On this 25th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court James Holland, who under oath before the Court makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

James Holland was born in New Hanover County at the widow Moore's Creek & lived there at the beginning of the War. In Hanover County I first was drafted under Captain Thomas Bloodworth in the year 1779 according to my recollection. I served under him 6 months. We were marched from Wilmington to Charleston. We were sixty men. We had a skirmish with the Tories at Moore's Creek bridge on our way to Charleston & in that affair we were commanded by General Caswell. We had another fight with the Tories at Cole's Bridge in the South state, on our way to Charleston. I was under Bloodworth at Charleston six months, & my time being out, I joined Pulaski, at Fayette [Fayetteville] on my way home, he wanting then men to complete his troop of horse. Pulaski got me my horse & equipped me as he did the others. I went back to Charleston under Pulaski, sixty men besides officers. We were guarding continually to keep the British within their lines. We had several fights in our attempts to keep the British from plundering the Country. At a place called pine tree store in the South state, there was a number killed on both sides. General Blufort from Virginia lost most all his men there. I was in the fight under Pulaski – the fight began half an hour before day & lasted an hour or more. We Roundabout Charleston for six months, for a long part of the time we could not get in Charleston. My six months being out under Pulaski, I joined as a volunteer under (Captain William Hubbard) as foot soldier, (from Duplin County) – Gilmore Lieutenant we were not yet in Charleston. I served six months under Hubbard – keeping guard – stayed in camp when we were not marching. There were two or three thousand soldiers of us under the command of General Blufort & General William Caswell – While still under Hubbard, news came by express that Wilmington was taken by the British, & we [marched] directly to the assistance of the country around there. We had skirmishes every 2 or 3 days with the British while about there. The British were in Wilmington when my six months were out on the Hubbard & without coming home in all, I joined Captain Gillespie from Duplin in the light horse for six months more – I found my own mare – We were 60 men in his company. Davy Jones was Lieutenant.

The whole of this 6 months we were under Gillespie, we were in Hanover around & about Wilmington. My time being out under Gillespie, I joined John De Vaughan Captain of a Company of foot, without returning home, (that my home being within the British lines a great part of the time) John Kinnear was his Lieutenant. Same number of men – served six months under him – was about Wilmington & Brunswick, expecting the Cruiser or a Cruiser the men to land from her – She the vessel of war of the British was lying in the mouth of Wilmington River, a large vessel – would fire on us sometimes – so large she could not come up the River any further. I stayed my six months with De Vaughan & after that three months under Captain John Kinnear he having been promoted to that post. It being now about the close of the war & we being all assembled at Wilmington it was determined that the married men should go home, that a company of 60 young man, should keep guard three months longer down at the Inlet. I was one of the company under Captain James Love & Middleton David Lieutenant – we staid the three months & then the war being over I then returned home. I was in constant employment, either in camp – marching, or on duty of some sort through the whole of the period from the beginning at the time mentioned – It was in both the states of North Carolina & South Carolina that this service was chiefly performed, & partly in Georgia.

The minute service was only requiring him to be in readiness to turn out when required, & that was prior to any of the periods of service mentioned above.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ James Holland, H his mark

– Where & in what year were you born? In 1754 in Hanover County

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? – William Turnage has got it in this County in an old Bible

How old are you? Eighty –

Did you ever receive a discharge? Yes, several, & they are all lost.

– Where were you living when called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

Ans. – In Hanover County I was living, was first drafted, & afterwards volunteered, & was never a substitute

Who gave you your discharge? General Caswell one – General Blufort one – Pulaski one – Linnington [indecipherable word] – one

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Ans. Pulaski, Blufort, Major Smith, (Brown Colonel) don't know about the regiments – extra refer for general circumstances to his declaration.

State the names of persons to whom you are at present known in your neighborhood & who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? William Larkins, Bryan Buxton, & William Jones

S/ James Holland, H his mark

[Samuel Goff, Smith ?, George F. Kornegy, Edward Outlaw gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

James Holland further certifies that he knows of no living witness who can certify to his services as above stated.

S/ James Holland, H his mark

[facts in file: veteran died February 7, 1843 in Lenoir County, North Carolina; veteran married May 10, 1807 or 1808 in Duplin County, North Carolina, Zilphia Boyett or Boyet; she was allowed a widows pension under the application dated September 10, 1853 while a resident of Lenoir County North Carolina and aged 78 years; the file contains no reference to any children of the veteran and/or his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Infantry & Cavalry, both in the militia service.]

[Note: Beginning at page 68 in this file, the documents relate to Joab Holland S32840 of Massachusetts and are erroneously contained in this veteran's file.]