

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Augustine (Augustin) Balthrop (Baltrip) <sup>1</sup> W8113 Holly Balthrip f67NC  
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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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, Warren County: August County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting it being a Court of record, Augustine Balthrop of the County of Warren aforesaid aged Seventy-two years within a few months, who having first been 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, Viz.:

That he was born in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia, that in the year 1777 a little before Christmas he removed to the State of North Carolina & County of Bute now Warren, near the place where he now resides and has lived in the same County and neighborhood ever since, that he has no register of his age but he verily believes to be as above stated from the information of his mother. That he was drafted as a militia man for what length of time he does not recollect but was in service about three months before he was taken prisoner by the British, that he marched from the County some time in the Fall of the year 1778 under the command of Captain John Colelough and joined the Regiment of militia at Bute old Court house under command of Colonel Thomas Eaton and General Ashe [John Ashe], thence we were marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River, thence through the lower part of North Carolina and crossed great Pedee [River] near Georgetown in South Carolina, thence towards Charleston South Carolina crossing the Santee, at Moncks Corner to within a few miles of Charleston where we were stationed a few days, thence we marched to a place called the White House in South Carolina in the direction of Savannah which was then in the hands of the British this was in the winter of 1779 from thence we marched to the town of Augusta in Georgia, we pursued the British down the River to Briar Creek and remained there several days, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1779 as he believes we were attacked by the British, after an engagement for a short time the North Carolina Regiment fled, in this engagement he states that while attempting to make his escape with others in the Swamp or low ground of Savannah River he was taken prisoner by the British soldiers and carried to an old field and kept that night in a barn with other American prisoners from thence he was carried to Savannah Town in which Town he was kept some few days, from thence he was taken down the River and confined on board a prison ship, in which situation he continued until about the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1779, he then in order to better his condition which was very bad, and some of his companions dying frequently, was induced from motives of policy to enlist in the Service of the British and continued in the Army of the British until about the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1779 at the Town of Savannah all the time, he then as he believes on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November as stated above, it being a dark night made his Escape from the British and arrived at home in the County where he now lives on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1779 at night, making upwards of 12 months from the time of his leaving home until his

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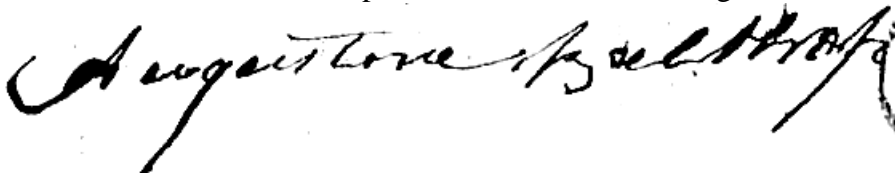
<sup>1</sup> BLWt26701-160-55

return – after this in the year 1780 he again entered the service of his Country, in this County as a Substitute for one John Wright for a militia Tour but does not know whether for three or six months, was under the command of Captain John White, and entered the service in the month of May or June 1780 and rendezvoused at someplace below, and he thinks, at Halifax Town where they were joined or met with other Troops but as to the names of the principal officers he does not recollect, we were marched to a place called Johnston Court House, from thence through the lower part of North Carolina into South Carolina to Rugeley's Mill within a short distance of Camden, this was about the middle of August within a day or so of this time we had an engagement under the command of General Gates with the British Army under Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] near Camden in which engagement General Gates' Army was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and fled, he then joined Colonel Seawell [probably Benjamin Seawell] about Deep River as he believes, he had a number of men under his command, but who was not engaged in the Battle of Gates' defeat, I continued with the Regiment until September or October 1780 and was then disbanded or discharged but if discharged as he believes he was some way or about the Yadkin River, the discharge has been lost or mislaid, then sometime in February 1781 he again entered the service as a substitute for one John Claiborne for a militia tour under Captain George Norsworthy [George Nasworthy] and rendezvoused at Captain Norsworthy's in February 1781, we were thence marched through Hillsborough N. C. to Guilford Court House where on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of March as he believes, he was in the engagement with the British, in which engagement we had orders to retreat, he states further that he was called on to assist in bringing a wounded man to the hospital, and then in a short time joined his company again and marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, from thence to Camden in South Carolina, where we had an engagement with the British but in which Battle I was not engaged having been taken off to go with a commissary's wagon, I then continued in the Army of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] until the fall of the year about September 1781 and was then disbanded or discharged, but if discharged as he thinks he was this discharge has been lost he knows that he served out his full term of service and returned home to the County where he now lives -- & he further states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove the service performed by him – the whole length of time he was in service including the length of time he was with the British is near about eighteen months or upwards.

This affiant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, he has no documentary evidence of his Services as aforesaid and is unable to prove by any person that he knows of the actual performance of the Service as herein stated, the only proof in his power that he is aware of is the certificate and affidavit hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court.

S/ Augustine Balthrop



S/ Caswell Drake, CWCC

[Henry Fitts, a clergyman and Peter R. Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

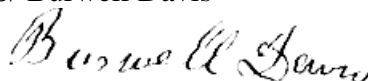
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State of North Carolina, Warren County 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1833

This day Burwell Davis<sup>2</sup> personally appeared before me Peter R. Davis a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he is acquainted with Augustin Balthrop, and has known him in this County for many years, that he knew said Balthrop in the service of the United States during the

revolutionary War, that he knows said Balthrop served as a soldier from this County under Captain Colelough [or Coldough] and that he knows that Balthrop was in the Battle of Briar Creek on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March (where he was also himself) in the year 1778 or '79 but which year he does not remember that after the battle at Briar Creek said that Balthrop was missing, and I then and ever since have understood was taken prisoner by the British, after which time said Davis says he knew nothing of said of Balthrop, until after the war was over since which time he has conversed with him frequently up to the present time, that he marched from this County at the same time that said Balthrop did though not in the same Captain's Company and that the militia at that time marched from this County were drafted for six months but does not know whether said Balthrop was drafted or whether he was a Substitute but knows the term of service for which they were engaged was six months, that he considers said Balthrop from his on acquaintance with him and from his general character to be a man of strict truth and of great respectability.

S/ Burwell Davis



Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day first mentioned  
S/ Peter R. Davis, JP

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On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Pleas for the County of Warren aforesaid Frederick Shearin<sup>3</sup> of said County who being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he has long known him & is well acquainted with Augustine Balthrop also of said County – and that he this affiant was himself a private in the company of Captain Jordan Harris of the N. C. militia at the Battle of Guilford in the year 1781 – and that he distinctly recollects that the said Balthrop was also there – and a private in the Ranks of the N. C. militia. He also considers the said Balthrop a man of good character & strict truth.

S/ Fred Shearin



Sworn to and Subscribed by Frederick Shearin before me  
S/ Peter R. Davis, JP

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State of North Carolina, Warren County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 26<sup>th</sup> of November Term 1833

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court, now sitting, Augustine Balthrop of the County of Warren aforesaid aged Seventy-three years – within a few months – 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – Vizt.:

That he was born in the County of Westmoreland, State of Virginia-- that in the year 1777, a little before Christmas, he moved with his older Brother to the State of North Carolina, and settled in the County of Bute now Warren near the place where he now resides – that he would has lived in this County and neighborhood ever since – that he has no Registry of his age – but verily believes it to be as stated above – having always understood from his mother that he was born in the month of January 1761. That in the fall of the year 1778 in November he thinks he was drafted as a militia man – for

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3 [Frederick Shearin S7495](#)

what term he cannot positively say – but believes for six months – and attached to Captain John Colelough's company – and joined the Regiment of militia at Bute old Court House under the command of Colonel Thomas Eaton and General Ashe. Thence they were marched to Kingston on Neuse River – thence through the lower part of North Carolina and crossed great Pedee – near Georgetown in South Carolina – thence towards Charleston S. C. crossing the Santee at Moncks Corner – to within a few miles of Charleston – where they were stationed a few days – and then marched to a place called the White House in S. C. -- in the direction of Savannah – which was then in the hands of the British – this was in the early part of 1779 – From thence they were marched to Augusta in Georgia – and thence followed the British down the River to Briar Creek – and remained there several days – and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1779, as he believes, they were attacked by the British – in which engagement the North Carolina militia very early gave way – That he and many others (among whom he recollects Jehu Stokely,<sup>4</sup> Matthew Garret, Fred Cruise & Burwell Cruise<sup>5</sup>) were attempting their escape through the swamp or low grounds of Savannah River were taken prisoners – and carried to an old field & kept all night in an old Barn – and the next day taken under guard to Savannah Town – after a few days he and the other American Prisoners were taken down the River and confined on board a Prison Ship – in which situation we remained until about the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1779 – as well as he recollects – when in order to relieve himself from his wretched condition – rendered truly miserable by disease and the frequent deaths of many of his companions in captivity he consented to enlist in the British Service – whereupon he was discharged and joined the British at the Town of Savannah – while with them at this place General Lincoln with his forces and the French Troops attempted to dislodge the British – from their encampment – but failed. This affiant avers and declares that he was induced to join the British from no other motive than a desire to relieve himself from bodily suffering and great mental alarm – determined should ever an opportunity offer, to rejoin the American forces – to whose cause his attachment continued unalienated – and in whose success he still felt the liveliest Interest. Accordingly as well as he remembers, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1779 – under cover of a very dark night – he made his escape from the British encampment – and arrived at home in the County in which he now lives, on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1779 – making a period of more than 12 months from the time of his leaving home until his return.

In the year 1780 – about the last of May or first of June he again entered the service as a Substitute for one John Wright a private drafted for three months in the company commanded by Captain John White – which rendezvoused at as he thinks at the Town of Halifax – where they joined other troops. Thence they were marched to Johnston Court House – thence through the lower part of North Carolina to Rugeley's Mills in S. C. within a short distance of Camden. This was near the middle of August – and within a day or so of this time we had an engagement under the command of General Gates with the Army under General Cornwallis – near Camden – in which Gates' Army was defeated and fled – very soon after this he distinctly recollects having heard of the defeat of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at someplace in South Carolina. After the defeat of Gates – the company to which this affiant belonged, being dispersed in every direction, never got together again – but this affiant and a few others being willing and anxious to perform their full tour of duty – went and joined a Regiment under Colonel Seawell – about Deep River – as he now recollects – but which was not in the engagement near Camden – and continued with this Regiment until discharged – as he believes, somewhere near the Yadkin River. He is unable to produce his discharge having lost or mislaid it. He performed his for three months.

In February 1781 – he again entered the Service as a Substitute for one John Claiborne a private drafted for three months, in the company commanded by Captain George Norsworthy – and

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<sup>4</sup> Thanks to Ann Blomquist for pointing out that this veteran's name was Jehu Stokely, not John Stokely as I had transcribed it. Ann also points out an alternative spelling of the veteran's name as Jahu Stokely.

<sup>5</sup> No pension applications were found for claimants with these or similar names.

rendezvoused at Captain Norsworthy's – we were marched from this place through Hillsborough to Guilford Court House – where on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> March, as he believes, he was in the engagement with the British. He states further that he had orders to assist in bringing a wounded man to the Hospital – and then in a short time joined his company again & marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River – from thence to Camden in South Carolina – where another engagement took place with the British – he thinks and believes somewhere about the latter part of April. He was, however, not in this engagement, having been taken off to go with a Commissary's Wagon & he then continued in the Army of General Greene till discharged – having served his full term. His discharge is lost or mislaid – so that he cannot produce it.

He further states that he knows of no person except those whose testimony accompanies this, whom he can prove his service. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present - - & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He has no documentary evidence to establish his services except such as are hereunto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Augustine Balthrop

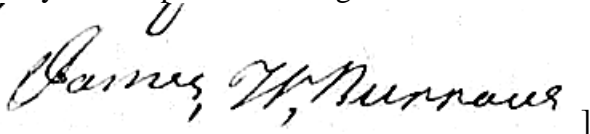
S/ E. D. Drake, CWCC

[Henry Fitts and Caswell Drake, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On December 2, 1853, in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Holly Balthrop, aged about 70, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Augustine Balthrop a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$20 per annum; and that she married Augustine Balthrop on April 8, 1814 in Warren County North Carolina, that her name before her marriage was Holly Burrow; and that Augustine Balthrop died in Warren County on December 3, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Copy of a marriage bond issued to Augustine Balthrop & Edward Patillo on April 7, 1814 in Warren County North Carolina conditioned upon the marriage of Augustine "Baltrip" to Holly Burrow of said County.]

[p 17: On January 12, 1854, James R. Burrows (relationship to Holly Burrow Balthrop, if any, not stated) gave an affidavit in support of the application of Holly Balthrop stating, Monroe things that Holly Balthrop is now living with her brother in Mecklenburg County Virginia.

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[p 22: In another filing in 1855 while living in Franklin County, NC, Holly states “....that her name before her said marriage [to Augustine Balthrop] was Holly Burrows formerly Holly Bobbitt....”]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.