

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Holly (Holley) W8941 Priscilla fn25SC
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State of South Carolina District of Orangeburg: SS

On this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord 1854 personally appeared in open court, before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for said District & which is a Court of Record, Sarah Holly a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged sixty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" or any other prior or subsequent act or resolution of Congress appropriate to her case: That she is the daughter of Priscilla Holley deceased who was the widow of Benjamin Holley who entered the service of the United States, (as this deponent has been informed & believes) under the following named officers and served as herein after stated: At the commencement of the war her said father was living in what is now Orangeburg District in this State near the Homestead of the late Colonel William Thomson whereupon the organizing of the Continental Regiments of this State was appointed Colonel of the "Third Regiment of Rangers" on the Continental Establishment: That when a recruiting officer was recruiting for said third Regiment he said father said Benjamin Holley enlisted and served in said Regiment the period of his enlistment or until the close of the war with the following named comrades, namely Allen Jeffers,¹ Osborne Jeffers, Benjamin Jeffers, Drury Harris, Morgan Griffin,² Gideon Griffin,³ Arthur Jackson & Benjamin Carter, many of whom lived since the war not far from her said father: that under which of the Captains of said 3rd Regiment her said father served deponent, from the loss of his old Army papers of years ago, is unable to say but would suggest that her said father must have enlisted early in the war say in 1776 or 1777 under either Captain Richard Brown, Captain Robert Goodwyn, Captain Uriah Goodwyn, Captain David Hopkins order Lieutenant Derrill Hart all of whom lived in the section around & near her said father's home or he may have served under Captain George Liddell who also belonged to said Regiment. That as to the battles in which her said father was engaged or the Country through which he marched this deponent is unable to say now but she distinctly remembers her father's speaking of his service in that war and of his privations &c. That her said

¹ [Allen Jeffers S1770](#)

² [Morgan Griffin S18844](#)

³ [Gideon Griffin W8877](#)

father died in this District about December 1819 & that her said mother Priscilla Holley remained a widow until her death which took place in said District on the 19th day of January 1842. That her said father was married to her said mother, who had had two children before her marriage with said Benjamin Holley, on the 10th day of January 1782, in this section of country in which her said father lived prior to, & since the war, & until his death: That the family Record of her said father & mother showing the date of births of their children which day during their lives kept as such, is hereunto attached, as also that which shows the date of their marriage. She further declares that her said mother was married to her said father on the date above given, as shown by the Record aforesaid, & previous to the 1st of January 1784 or 1794. Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

And do hereby certify that the family Record above sworn to is hereto attached & that I believe this Deponent worthy of credit in her foregoing Statements.

S/ G. D. Keith, Judge

S/ Sarah Holley, X her mark

[fn p. 10: Finding dated February 26, 1855 by the Judge of Ordinary of Orangeburg District South Carolina that Priscilla Holly, the widow of Benjamin Holly, died survived by the following children, Sally Holly, Charlotte Hope, and Jane Holly.]

[fn p. 18]

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May 26, 1855

S/ James A Black

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May 26th 1855. James A Black

[fn p. 13]

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23rd May 1855

S/ Charles H. Rhett

⁴ I did not see any abstract or excerpt from the orderly book in this file.

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending March 4th, 1841 for the 2 years service of her husband as a private.]