

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas M Holland W8944

Theodocia Holland

f24VA

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[p 13]

State of Kentucky County of Shelby

On this 18th day of August 1832 appeared before me J. C. Burnett a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Jonas M Holland a Resident of the County aforesaid & State of Kentucky aged 76 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 the 7th 1832 – that [he] entered the service of the United States Militia (being drafted) under Captain Charles Balue [Charles Ballou or Ballow] and William Balue [William Ballou or Ballow] being Lieutenant and John Nowel [John Noel] Ensign and Major Stubblefield [perhaps George Stubblefield] was his Major – he started from Cumberland County Virginia (where he was born in the year 1756) he started in May before Gaites defeat [Gates' Defeat at of the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1781] and marched to Hillsboro North Carolina where he joined the main Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates] then he marched and crossed Pedee River near Yancey old Courthouse where he became sick & helpless with the Camp fever and was placed in the hospital where he lay helpless until after the Battle of Gates defeat – he served this tower [tour] in the Capacity of a Corporal and returned home to Cumberland County sometime that fall – he further states that he was drafted the second time and entered the service of the United States in the month of March before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] under Captain Robert Harris and ___ Hatcher [probably John Hatcher] Lieutenant, General Lawson [Robert Lawson] and Colonel Holcum [perhaps John Holcomb] were field officers, he started from Cumberland County Virginia and marched to Troublesome Ironworks North Carolina and there joined the main Army a few days after the Battle at Guilford when he was sent by General Lawson & Colonel Holcomb to Prince Edward County Virginia with a packet of papers &c and he got home again sometime that spring – he further states that he was drafted a third time in the Spring before Cornwallis was taken and marched again from Cumberland County Virginia and marched to Richmond Virginia and there drew arms and joined headquarters at fall Creek Church under Captain William Merrady [William Meredith], General Stephens [Edward Stevens] & Major Decluman (a Frenchman) [Christian Charles de Klauman] was field officers and the Marquis Lafayette there viewed the Army and marched them to Petersburg then back to Warwick from there to the Ground Squirrel Church in Culpeper County, from there to the Raccoon Ford on the Rapidan [River] where he got his discharged he served as a Sergeant this tower. Also said Holland further states that he was drafted a fourth time in the September of the same year and entered the service under Captain Richard Allen and Colonel Skipper [sic, probably Colonel

Henry Skipwith] was one of his field officers and he marched immediately to the Siege of York and was there when Lord Cornwallis Surrendered [October 19, 1781] and served until the last Cannon was fired. That he faithfully served the four Towers of duty each three months except the last and when he was sooner discharged in consequence of the war being ended he had discharges but has long since lost or mislaid them all.

S/ Jonas M Holland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonas M. Holland". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

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

Sworn to and subscribed before made the day & year aforesaid

S/ James C Burnett, JP SC

[Reuben Cottrell, a clergyman, and William Stout gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On September 14, 1838 in Shelby County Kentucky, Theodosia Holland, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jonas M Holland, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in December 1783 in Cumberland County Virginia; that her husband died September 29, 1835; and that she remains his widow; that she has no record of her marriage but does have a record of the ages of her children which she files with her application; that said family record shows that their eldest daughter was born in 1784. She signed her application with her mark.]

[pp 4-5: family record:

Births

Jonas ^{father} M Holland was born in the year of our Lord December 20th 1756

Theodocia ^{mother} Holland was born March the 20th 1761

Children ages

Gady Holland [sic, later marriage record below clearly shows her name as "Judy"]¹ was born December the 9th 1784

Polly Holland was born November the 27th 1786

Nancy ^B Holland was born January the 20th 1791

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year of our Lord
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^{mother}
Theodocia Holland
was born March the
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¹ Mark Easterlin points out that she is referred to in family records as "Juda." This MAY be an abbreviation of "Judith."

Amy Holland was born December the 9th 1794

John Holland was born November the 3rd 1796

Patsy Holland was born February the 8th 1800

Susanna Holland was born December the 20th 1803

Elizabeth Holland was born November the 15th 1806

Amy Holland was
born December the
9th 1794

John Holland was
Born November
the 3rd 1796

Patsy Holland
was born February
the 8th 1800

Susanna Holland
was born December
the 20th 1803

Elizabeth Holland
was born
November the
15th 1806

Marriages

[Jo]nas M Holland and Theodocia Belk
was married [illegible]

Judy Holland and James Jones was
married in the year of our Lord able the
4th 1809

Polly Holland and Andrew Robins was
M in the Y of our lord October 1803

Amey Holland and David Graves was M
in the year of our Lord October the 29,
1815

Nancy Holland and R. Jones was
married in the year of our L. March the
13th 1817



James Jones was born in the year of our Lord January 27th 1818

B. Polly Ann Jones was born the 26th day of February A.D. 1820

John Holland Jones was born November 7th A.D. 1822

Thomas JM Jones was born April 1st 1829 [last digit unclear]

Zerelda Graves was born A.D. August the 29th 1816

John Washington Graves was Born in the year of our Lord December the 25th 1817

Richard Evermont Graves was born on April 16th 1819

Harrison Anderville Graves was born October 24th 1820

Elizabeth Holland Graves born September 10th [?]

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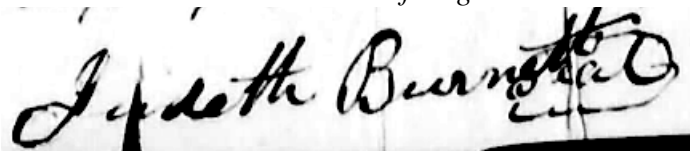
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[Note: The file relating to [Joseph Winlock W3060](#) erroneously contains the following affidavit which clearly belongs in this veteran's file:
p 14 is an affidavit dated September 22, 1838 given in Henry County Kentucky by Mrs. Judith

Burnett, 63, in which she states she is the sister of Mrs. Theodorica Holland, widow of Jonas M Holland who departed this life in Shelby County Kentucky a few years ago; that she, affiant formerly lived in Cumberland County Virginia; that she is younger by several years than her sister Mrs. Theodorica Holland; that she was present at the wedding of her sister to Jonas M Holland in Cumberland State of Virginia in 1783.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Burnett". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per year commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]