

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Derrick Holsonbake (Holsombake)<sup>1</sup> W9067<sup>2</sup>

Mary f76SC

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District } On this 31st day of March 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Mrs. Mary Holsonbake a resident of the district and State aforesaid aged 72 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 4th 1836; That she is the Widow of Derrick Holsonbake, who was a private in Capt. Jon[paper torn] Company & served under him three months and then served under Col. & Capt. Carter [probably Capt. John Carter of the Lower Ninety Six District Regiment of SC militia], three months immediately after and was then again under Genl Greene [Nathanael Greene] six months at the close of those companies, he joined the Capt. Rya[paper torn: probably Capt. John Ryan of the Lower Ninety Six District Regiment of SC militia] company and remained with him until the close of the war, the time being three months – She further declares that she was married to the said Derrick Holsonbake, on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1781 that her husband the said Derrick Holsonbake, died on the 7th day of June 1826, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed &c.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Sworn to in open Court before me

S/ Josiah J Evans, Presiding Judge

S/ Mary Holsombake, X her mark

I Mathew Holsonbake do certify that I was well acquainted with the late Derrick Holsonbake who was a soldier of the revolution, that the said Derrick Holsonbake was born in 1764 & entered the Army of the revolution as a private at fifteen years of age in 1779 in the company of Capt. Richard Jones, near Horn Creek in this District & went under him to the siege of Savannah in Georgia<sup>3</sup>; fought during the siege and returned home after three months service, and in a few days after his return he again went under Colonel & Capt. Carter somewhere in the lower part of this State & returned after being gone [paper torn] months in the course of three or four months

<sup>1</sup> Throughout this application, the veteran's surname is variously spelled as follows: Holsonbake, Holsombake, Holsonback, Holsomback, Holsomeback, Holsoneback, Holsonebake, Holsomebake, Holsenback.

<sup>2</sup> BLWt11271-160-55

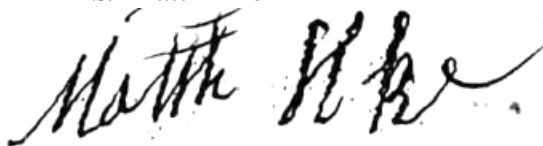
<sup>3</sup> Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

he again went under some Captain name not recollected and joined General Greene's Army & marched through the upper part of the State into North Carolina, he returned home after being absent six months, he then went at various times during & until the close of the war amounting in all to at least three months, but does not recollect when and under whom he went; I further certify that the above named Mary Holsonbake was the wife of the said Derrick Holsonbake, & that the marriage took place when the said Derrick was very young & during the revolutionary war, & before the last service performed by the said Derrick. I was not present at the ceremony but saw them after the ceremony was performed by a magistrate. They lived together as man & wife until the death of the said Derrick about twelve years ago and the said Mary has remained a widow from my personal knowledge I state the above facts.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 23rd March 1838

S/ T. Brunson, QU

S/ Matth Hke



I Peter Hillard<sup>4</sup> do certify that the above named Derrick Holsonbake joined Capt. Ryan's Company in Edgefield while I served as a private, after he returned, as I think, from General Greene's Army. The said Derrick was a private & served until the end of the war. I can safely say that the period of his services under Capt. Ryan was at least three months. He was reputed at the time of this service to be married, & I know that he & the above named Mary Holsonbake lived together as man & wife until his death about twelve years ago. It is generally believed that they were married during the war of the Revolution. The said Mary Holsonbake has remained a widow since the death of said Derrick Holsonbake.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 31st of March 183\_

S/ T. Brunson, QU

S/ Peter Hilyard, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District } Personally appeared before me Colonel Samuel Hammond Senior who after being duly sworn as the law directs deposeth & saith on his oath that Derrick Holsonbake, the reputed husband of Mrs. Mary Holsonbake who is now an applicant for a pension, was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs,<sup>5</sup> that he knew him in service previous to that time and that he at that time a man of family and that he then and always afterwards believed the present applicant Mrs. Mary Holsonbake to be the lawful wife of the above named Derrick Holsonbake.

Sworn to before made this 18th of October 1841

S/ S Hammond



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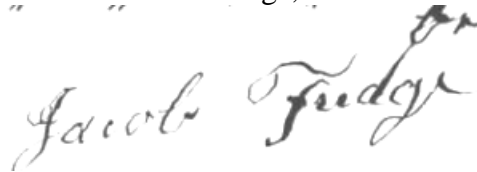
<sup>4</sup> Sic, [Peter Hilvard S10802](#)

<sup>5</sup> September 8, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

State of Georgia Crawford County } Personally appeared before me John W Ellis an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County, Jacob Fudge Senior, and being duly sworn says that the said Jacob Fudge Senior was married in the month of July 1784 and that Derrick Holsonbake deceased and Mary Moseley were married in the year 1781. He recollects that they were married about three years before this deponent was married as above stated, and he remembers also in the year in which this Deponent was discharged from the Army, and the following is a true copy of the said discharge viz. "Jacob Fudge having furnished an able bodied man in his place is hereby discharged by my Regiment. Given under my hand this 30th October 1781. S/ Samuel Hammond"

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 16th January 1841  
S/ John W Ellis, JP

S/ Jacob Fudge, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Fudge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Georgia Monroe County } Personally came before me Joshua Hammond<sup>6</sup> who after being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knew Derrick Holsonbake in the revolutionary War & I know that he was in the service & I think under Capt. Sinkfield [sic, Samuel Sinquefield], I saw him in Service at Liberty Hill. I recollect his being at the siege of Augusta,<sup>7</sup> & I have seen him in the Service of the United States at different places in Col. LeRoy Hammond's Regiment. My age is upwards of eighty years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this January 6 1840  
S/ T. K. Mullins, JP

S/ Joshua Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Georgia Crawford County } Personally came before me Patrick M Calhoun a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Crawford Jacob Fudge who being duly sworn saith that Derrick Holsonbake the husband of Mary Holsonbake the applicant in this case served with me in the campaign in the revolutionary war at the siege of Savannah, and that the said Derrick Holsonbake was again drafted and ordered into service in the South Carolina militia from Edgefield district and was marched to Ashley Ferry twenty miles from Charleston, and was there discharged. In the first campaign this deponent thinks they served under Capt. Sinquefield and the latter under Capt. Richard Jones (he being now eighty-one years old and his memory having greatly failed on this point does not speak positively but further deposeth that Derrick Holsonbake was during the war of the revolution a good Whig and filled his place whenever

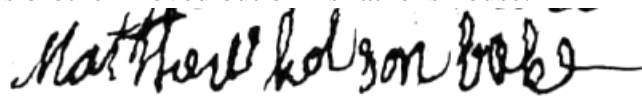
<sup>6</sup> [Joshua Hammond S21803](#)

<sup>7</sup> Probably the following action: Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781]  
<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

called upon. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 19th day of December 1838.  
S/ Jacob Fudge

[p 6: On April 21, 1855 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Mary Holsonbake, 94, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Derrick Holsonbake stating that her husband served under Capt. Richard Jones and others under the command of Col. LeRoy Hammond and others; that she married her husband on March 24, 1781 and that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Mosley; that her husband died in Edgefield District June 7th, 1826.]

[p 71: Another affidavit given by Matthew Holsonbake in support of the application by the widow; in this affidavit he states that he is the brother of Derrick Holsonbake; that he was present at the marriage and saw his brother and his wife go to bed; he also states that he helped his brother plant crops after his brother moved out of his father's house.



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[p 69: List of indents showing payments made to a Derrick Holsonbake for militia service during the revolution. See SC Audited Account records below.]

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South Carolina Edgefield District } Personally appeared before me Col. Samuel Hammond<sup>8</sup> who being duly sworn saith on oath that he knew Derrick Holsonbake in the Revolutionary War. And in 1779 he was under Capt. Singfield [Sinquefield] command of Col. LeRoy Hammond's Regiment at Gen. Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] camp in South Carolina opposite the City of Augusta, and continued under that command through the whole of the Stono expedition [Stono Ferry]<sup>9</sup> he served under that command six months and was a volunteer under such.

Derrick Holsonbake was at the siege of Augusta Georgia under the command of Capt. Richard Jones who passed through Georgia on his way to Savannah; Holsonbake was a Sergeant under his command, he was one of the guard appointed to take charge of the Infantry and Riflemen horses, and served under his command six months and this deponent believes that he volunteered.

Derrick Holsonbake was also under the command of Capt. John Carter also of Col. LeRoy Hammond's Regiment in 1781 or 1782 at Augusta at the taking of Brown's Fort, or is sometimes called Fort Cornwallis and served his time out which was six months – and believes that he was at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs]. And that during the war he served his country as a patriotic Whig.

This deponent states that he is very much advanced in age and his memory is indistinct as to any further service of Derrick Holsonbake.

Sworn to before me this 11th February 1840

S/ Robert Anderson QU

S/ S. Hammond

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<sup>8</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

<sup>9</sup> June 20, 1779 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

[p 4: Finding dated July 29, 1857 by the judge of Ordinary in Edgefield District South Carolina that Mary Holsonbake, widow of Derrick Holsonbake, departed this life January 29, 1857 according to the record in the family Bible, in the Ninety Six year of her age. She left surviving her two children Derrick and Robert M Holsonbake.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for the service of her husband as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina service.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>10</sup> relating to Derrick Holsenback [sic] pp6  
Audited Account No. 3721  
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No. 60

[Book] T

[No.] 358

23<sup>rd</sup> June 85 [1785]

Mr. Derrick Holsenback his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private before, and Since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £70

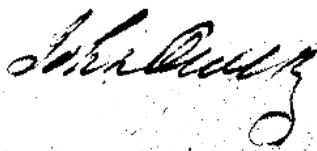
Stg. [Sterling] £10

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1785 – full satisfaction for this Account in a Treasury Indent No. 358 Book, T, by virtue of order

S/ John Owen



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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Derrick Holsenback

for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency £70

Stg. £10

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December 25<sup>th</sup> 1784

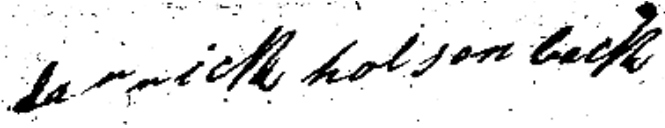
Pay to Mr. John Oween [sic] or order the Sum of Fourteen pounds Sterling in an Indent To which

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<sup>10</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

I am entitled to for my militia Services done the public of the State of South Carolina as per  
Account delivered to the Auditor General's Office

S/ Derrick holsonback

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrick Holsonback". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

State of South Carolina

Ninety Six District } Before me one of the Justices appointed for the District aforesaid,  
Personally appeared Jas. Lamar Junr who being duly sworn made Oath that he saw Derrick  
Holsonback give and assign the above order, In favour of Mr. John Owen

Sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1784

S/ Andrew Pickens, JP

S/ Jams Lamar Junr

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 358 Book T]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, an endorsement by John Owen]