Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Holcomb X361 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Va. Holcomb, John

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No papers

[Text of letter sent in response to a request for information about this veteran reads as follows:

I advise you that in the report of the Secretary of War in relation to the pension establishment of the United States, on the list of invalid pensioners of Campbell County, Virginia, appears the name of John Holcomb, Captain of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum from December one, 1807, under the Act of April 25, 1808.

There is no data on file relative to the family of said pensioner and no further data relative to him, owing to the destruction of papers when the War Office was burned in 1814.

The above note is the only soldier who served with the Virginia troops by the Name of John Holcomb that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

The text of another response letter reads in relevant part as follows:

An exhaustive search of the Revolutionary War records of the Veterans Administration has been made in behalf of Mrs. Brosius and the only report found and reported to her was that a United States pension was granted Captain John Holcombe [sic], of Campbell County, Virginia, under the act of Congress approved April 25, 1808. This pension was granted for disability incurred in the line of duty. The papers in such early applications were destroyed when the British burned the city in 1814, hence, no details of service, or wounds, or family are available from that claim.

In a volume entitled House List of Private Claims, 1st to 31st Congress, it is shown that claims for commutation pay for

the heirs of John Holcomb for his Revolutionary War services, were presented to the House of Representatives during the 2nd Session, 23rd Congress, 1st Session, 24th Congress, 2nd Session, 24th Congress, and 2nd Session, 25th Congress, each by petition and the pages of those journals are recorded, respectively, as 106, 672, 270 and 112. The report was adverse and laid on the table. As a possible source of information desired, I would suggest examination of the designated pages of those journals in the Congressional Library.

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

[The following MAY relate to the officer named above]

I do Certify that Captain John Holcomb was appointed an officer in the Continental Virginia Line & continued in Service upwards of 3 years and has resigned the Precise time I am not able to ascertain.

Given under my hand at Richmond 14th June 1783

S/Chs. Scott, B. G. [Charles Scott Brigadier General]

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