

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Holland S7027

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State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County} SS.

On this 13th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said State now sitting in said County, Charles Holland, a resident in the County aforesaid, aged Seventy four years on the 2nd day of April last, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: namely, that he volunteered, sometime in the month of September (as well as he can recollect) 1776, in a company of militia under the command of Captain James McCall, in the District then called Ninety Six, now Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, that said company was attached to a Regiment, or corps of men, under the command of Major Andrew Williamson or Wimson, the Colonel, if any, not recollected; that he continued with Captain McCall until about a month July 1777, when the Captain was taken prisoner by the Indians & this relator was transferred to a militia company commanded by Captain Andrew Pickens, in the same Regiment; that soon after this, Williamson was promoted to the command of the Regiment & Captain Pickens was made the Major & one Thomas Weems became the Captain, who was previously Lieutenant under Pickens – that after the lapse of two years or more, Captain Weems resigned and one Joseph Pickens was promoted to the captaincy of said Company, under whom the relator served twelve months & more, until the battle of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781],¹ in which battle Captain Joseph Pickens was wounded mortally and died in about three weeks; that some time (say three months before the battle of Ninety Six), Colonel Williamson deserted to the British and Major Andrew Pickens became the Commandant of this Regiment; and one Alexander Noble became Major; that after the death of Captain Joseph Pickens, one William Strain was promoted to the captaincy in his place, under home this relator served until the end of the War with Great Britain; -- that during his service, which in all was, as near as the relator can remember, about seven years, he performed the following tours & acted in the battles & skirmishes mentioned below – he volunteered, as before stated, in the District of Ninety Six, at a place of rendezvous about thirty five miles from the Town of Ninety Six; he then marched to the town of Ninety Six to meet & give battle to the Tories who had assembled in the vicinity of that place; that on arriving at Ninety Six, the Regiment to which he was attached was met by a Regiment of regular troops from Charleston City, under the command of Colonel Henry William Drayton [sic, William

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

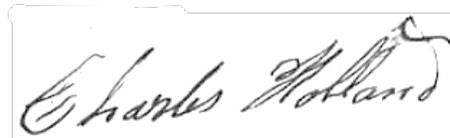
Henry Drayton], at whose approach the Tories dispersed & fled. He & regiment then returned to the neighborhood in which they were raised & in a short time had to return to Ninety Six for the same purpose just mentioned, when a fight ensued between the Regiment and the Tories in which there are were two Whigs wounded & one killed; some time after this, Captain McCall & a part of his company, including this relator, were detailed to go into the Indian Nation in the Northern part of the State of Georgia, after some Tories who had retreated there, when the Indians made an attack upon said detachment, killed several men & wounded several others, and took Captain McCall & another prisoners; that after the surrender of Charleston (in which battle this relator was not engaged) this relator & about forty others of the same company retreated for protection into the state of North Carolina where they remained about eight months, during which time they had several skirmishes with the Tories in the upper edge of South Carolina; about this time General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] passed in to North Carolina & was joined by this relator & those with him who had retreated as aforesaid & shortly after ensued the battle of the Cowpens or Tarleton's Defeat [January 17, 1781],² in which, he was wounded by a sword thrust through the body, which disabled him for active service for two or three months; previous to Tarleton's Defeat (this relator forgot to mention) he partook in the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]³ where Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], the British commander was killed & defeated by the American troops commanded by Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Sevier [John Sevier], Campbell [William Campbell], McCall [James McCall] and perhaps Clarke [Elijah Clarke]; that after Tarleton's Defeat, the next engagement in which the relator acted, was the battle of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780],⁴ where he again received a wound, which was a shot wound in the groin; this proved comparatively slight; next after this, to say nothing of skirmishes at Ramsour's mill [June 20, 1780],⁵ Hammon's [sic, Hammond's] old store [December 29, 1780],⁶ William's Fort [March 2, 1781],⁷ &c came the Siege of Ninety Six, where General Greene [Nathanael Greene] commanded, in which relator took part & it was the last battle in which he was engaged during his service; this claimant is unable to name particularly any of the Continental Regiments or companies with which he served; he has already named several regular officers & now are numbers that he did not name General Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Commanded at the Hanging Rock; he has no discharge in writing or other documentary evidence of his services.

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 of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ John W. Jenkins, Clerk

S/ Charles Holland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Holland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Paxton & Benjamin Harkness gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

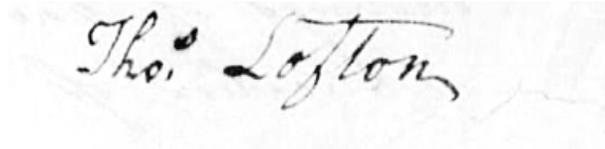
⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hammonds_store.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mudlick_creek.html

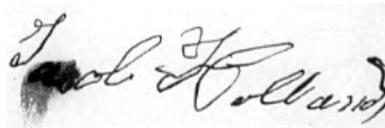
Before me Robert Love an acting justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Thomas Lofton⁸ and after being duly sworn, states that he was in the service of the United States of America during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain & knew the said Charles Holland during the time, who was also in said service; that although he was not with said Holland all the time of his services as stated above, yet from what he knows himself, & from what he heard and what was the general belief & rumor of the time, he has no hesitation in stating his belief of the substantial correctness of all that he has stated in his said declaration. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st day of September 1832.
S/ Robert Love, JP S/ Thos. Lofton



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State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Circuit Court Fall Term 1832. Personally appeared before me John M. Jenkins clerk of said Circuit Court this 13th day of October 1832, Jacob Holland⁹ and made oath in due form of law, that he personally knows the foregoing declaration of Charles Holland to be true in regard to his having been a revolutionary soldier, but cannot state upon his own knowledge, that the wounds received & the battles in which said Charles partook, actually occurred as stated, although he, this affiant, was himself a soldier of the Revolution for several years in the same Section of country in which said Charles served; that he knows however that said Charles was in service for the length of time he states. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year above stated.
S/ John M Jenkins, Clerk

S/ Jacob Holland



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁰ relating to Charles Holland
Audited Account No. 3688
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No. 28

25th of April 1785

[No.] 496

Mr. Charles Holland his Account of Militia Duty done as Private Alternately from 79 tp 1783

⁸ [Thomas Lofton S17114](#)

⁹ [Jacob Holland S10866](#)

¹⁰ 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.

say
on Horse 321 Days £321
on Foot 25 Days 12.10
[old South Carolina] Currency £333.10/
Stg. [Sterling] £47.12.10 ¼
Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Charles Holland
for Duty in the Militia per Pay Bills of Capt.
John Norwood & Capt. Joseph Pickens &
Capt. William Strain commencing in 1779 and
Ending in 1783 Say as Private

on Horse 4 [?] Days
35 [?]
282
321 Days at 20/ [20 shillings old SC currency per day] £321
on Foot 25 Days at 10/ [10 shillings old SC currency per day] 12.10
Currency £333.10/
Stg £47.12.10 ¼

Rec'd 25 April 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 496 in full
Satisfaction for the above Account Book O by virtue of an Order
S/ Jacob Holland



[p 4: Very poor image of the document by which Charles Holland empowered Jacob Holland to
receive his Indent. His signature on this document appears as follows:

