Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Holefield VAS1569  
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Petition for Bounty Land


The evidence relied upon to support this claim is the testimony of Patrick McEwen that Daniel Holefield marched with him from Dumfries in the spring of 1778 to the North; was with him in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Stony Point [July 16, 1779]; and died in Camp of disease – A Justice of the peace certifies that McEwen is a respectable witness. 

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c

May 12th, 1834

To his Excellency

Governor Tazewell

State of Virginia Prince William County

On this 3rd day of January 1834 appeared in person before me James Foster a Justice of the peace for said County Patrick McEwen1 aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law testifies and declares as follows viz. – that he well knew Daniel Holefield a soldier and private in Captain Thomas Ewell's Company Va. state line of which Colonel George Gibson was Colonel – that he (McEwen) marched with said Daniel Holefield in said Ewell's Company from Dumfries in said County of Prince William in the spring of 1776 to the North and was with him at the Battle of Monmouth and taking of Stony Point – that said Holefield died in camp of disease –

Sworn to and his mark made and acknowledged to be his act and deed before me the day and date above

S/ Jas. Foster

S/ Patrick McEwen, X his Mark

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