

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hollingshead S16883

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The State of Alabama Bibb County} County Court September Term 1832

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Crawford Judge of the County Court of the County now sitting Benjamin Hollingshead a resident citizen of said County & State aforesaid aged about seventy 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 7th 1832.

Applicant states he volunteered in the militia service in the year eighty one [1781] in the month of February as well as he recollects in Roan [Rowan] County & State of North Carolina & at that time only served one week which was his first service. Applicant states he served as volunteer in several scouts in the year eighty one but was in no particular engagement. Applicant states that in the year eighty two [1782] while he resided in Rowan County North Carolina the company to which he belonged were classed: each class contained eighteen man & one man and each class was to serve eighteen months. That he agreed to serve for one class for the term of eighteen months for which the class to which he belonged agreed to pay applicant a small sum which he does not recollect & that he served for said sum for such class for about thirteen months & then he received what was perhaps more properly called a furlough then a discharge which was in substance as near as applicant recollects of the following purport viz. that he applicant was then discharged unless again called on to serve out the remainder of the Term of eighteen months by the proper authority and he applicant was never afterwards called on to serve out the remainder of said Tour. That he received said written discharge signed as well as he recollects by Captain Lighty [sic, perhaps a reference to Captain William Lytle]. Applicant states that during the time he served as aforesaid for about thirteen months he was attached to Captain Sharp's [Anthony Sharpe's] Company which was then under the command of Colonel Lighly [sic, probably a reference to Colonel Archibald Lytle] and General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That after he entered the service as aforesaid he was stationed part of the time at what was called Ashley Hill near Charleston in South Carolina and the balance of the time on James Island near Charleston. That he applicant was in no engagement during the time aforesaid that he applicant received his discharge as aforesaid at the 10 mile Spring near Charleston. That he then returned home to Rowan County North Carolina. Applicant states he also served for the term of three months as a drafted man under Captain Hall [Hugh Hall] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the year eighty one which was previous to the thirteen months service mentioned in the previous part of his declaration making in all twenty two months viz. thirteen in

the Regular service for which he received a discharge for eighteen months, three months in the militia service & one month in scouts through the Country. Applicant states that about the time he received his written discharge as aforesaid peace was made & that he was then in Rowan County and State of North Carolina. Applicant states that when he entered upon the eighteen months service the troops rendezvoused near Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, that the troops then marched & crossed Santee at McCord's ferry & by the Hawtau-Springs [Eutaw Springs] to Bancons bridge [Bacon's Bridge] on Ashley River & from there to Ashley Hill: & was there stationed for some months & from there to James Island: applicant states that during the war he was acquainted [with] Captain Sharp, Lieutenant Campbell, Colonel Lighly & General Green, Captain Coleman, Captain Hadley & Captain Hall and a great money [many] others whose names he does not now recollect. Applicant states 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 or Territory: that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services that the discharge mentioned in the Declaration he believes is now lost or destroyed and he can prove his services for the thirteen months mentioned in this his declaration by Matthew Albritton¹ who is now present in court who served with applicant in the same Regiment during the 13 months mentioned in this declaration.

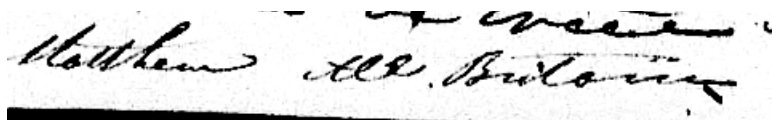
S/ Benjamin Hollingshead, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year first above written this 3rd day of September 1832

Attest: S/ Williams Caddell, Clk

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The State of Alabama Bibb County: Personally came into open court Matthew Albritton who being duly sworn deposed & saith on oath that he said deponent was a soldier in the revolution & that he deponent served in the same Regiment with Benjamin Hollingshead who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing declaration, & that he said deponent has heard the foregoing declaration read & that the facts stated in the foregoing declaration with regard to his thirteen months service he said deponent knows to be true & believes from information the rest of the facts stated to be true.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew Albritton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

["There being no clergyman residing in the immediate neighborhood," Noah B. Coker & Josiah Hinds gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Answers of Benjamin Hollingshead²

¹ Sic, [Mathew Albritton R72](#)

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a

1. I cannot say in what year I was born but believe I am about seventy years old – but was born in Montgomery County, State of Maryland
2. I have no record of my age.
3. I was living in Rowan County North Carolina when I entered the service since the war I have lived principally in Newberry District South Carolina until about 5 years ago I moved to bid County Alabama where I now live.
4. In answer to the interrogatory I would refer you to the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration & by me sworn to &c.
5. In answer to this interrogatory I would refer you to the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration in answer to this interrogatory.
6. I would also refer you to the facts set forth in my declaration.
7. I would call on Noah B Coker & Josiah Hinds

[p 4: On June 26, 1841 in Bibb County Alabama, Jane Hollingshead made oath that she is the widow of Benjamin Hollingshead who was a pensioner of the United States and is now dead; that he resided in Bibb County Alabama for the space of thirteen years before his death and that previous thereto he resided in Newberry district South Carolina; she signed a power of attorney authorizing William W Payne to act as her attorney in pursuing whatever claims she might have. She signed these documents with her mark.]

[p 6: Finding dated July 31, 1841, by the clerk of the court of Pitt County Alabama that the pensioner died in Bibb County Alabama on May 14, 1840 leaving a widow named Jane Hollingshead.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Benjamin Hollingshead
Audited Account No. 3696D

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substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

³ 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.

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South Carolina Newberry District} To the honourable the Senate and house of Representatives of the State aforesaid

The Humble petition of the under written Subscriber of the District aforesaid Sheweth that he served as a private Soldier in the State aforesaid thirteen Months as an Eighteen Months Militia Man Under the command of Captain Sharp, Colonel Litle and General Green in the time of the Revolutionary War and that he was regularly discharged in print or writing at the ten Mile Springs in this State and that the said discharge has been long since lost. And that he never received any compensation for said Services. That he this petitioner is upwards of Sixty years of Age. Very infirm and in Very indigent circumstances and therefore pray your Honourable body to take the Case of your petitioner into consideration and grant Such relief as you may think proper – November 19th 1824

Attest

S/ F. F. Cureton

S/ Benjamin Hollingshead, X his mark

South Carolina Newberry District} Matthew Albertson appears before Me and Swears that he was intimately acquainted with Benjamin Hollingshead during the latter part of the time of Service Set forth in the above petition and that he Verily believes all the facts set forth in said petition to be correct and true.

Sworn to before me the

19th day of November 1824

S/ F. F. Cureton, Q. U.

S/ Matthew Albirttson [sic], X his mark

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The Committee of Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Hollingshead praying compensation for Revolutionary Services,

Beg leave to Report.

That they have had the same under consideration and have very little doubt but what the Petitioner was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, but are of opinion that his claims are not Sufficiently Vouched, and we would therefore Respectfully recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted

S John K. Griffin, Chairman