

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed
June 7 1862.

State of Alabama }
Tuscaloosa County, } ss.

On this ¹⁸⁶² 13th day of October 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 twenty-four
years on the 2^d 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 1862.

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 Winslow, the Colonel, of any, not recollecting,
that he continued with Capt. McCall until about the month, July, 1777, when
the Capt. was taken prisoner by the Indians & the relator was transferred
to a militia company commanded by Capt. Andrew Pickens, in the same
Regiment; that soon after this, Williamson was promoted to the command of
the Regiment & Capt. Pickens was made the Major & one Thomas Meems
became the Captain, who was previously Lieutenant under Pickens -
that after the lapse of two years or more, Capt. Meems resigned and
one Joseph Pickens was promoted to the Captaincy of said company,
and when the relator served twelve months & more, until the battle of
Ninety Six, in which battle Capt. Joseph Pickens was wounded mortally
and died in about three weeks; that sometime, say three months, before
the battle of Ninety Six, Col. Williamson deserted to the British and
Major Andrew Pickens became the Commandant of said Regiment;

and one Alexander Nobbs became Major; that after the death of Capt. Joseph Pickens, one William Strain was promoted to the Captency in his place, under whom this relator served until the end of the War with Great Britain;— that during his service, which in all was, as near as this 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, at whose approach the Tories dispersed & fled— The 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 three men were killed; some time after this, Capt. McCabe & a part of his company, including this relator, was detached to go into the Indian Station in the northern part of the State of Georgia, after some Tories who had retreated thence, when the Indians made an attack upon said detachment, killed several men & wounded several others, and took Captain M. Ball & another prisoner; 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 passed into North Carolina & was joined by ^{this} relator & those with him who had retreated as aforesaid & shortly after ensued the battle of the Cowpens or Surrons's defeat, in which, he was wounded by sword thrust through the body, which disabled him for active service for two or three months; previous to Surrons's defeat, (this relator forgot to mention) he partook in the battle of King's Mountain where Ferguson, the British Commander was killed & defeated by the American Troops

Commanded by Colonels Shelby, Cleveland, Savier, Campbell, McCall
and perhaps Clarke; that after Tarleton's Defeat, the next engagement
in which this relator acted, was the battle of the Hanging Rock, where
he again rec^d. a wound, which was a shot wound in the groin; this proved
comparatively slight; rec^d after this, saying nothing of Sherman's at
Ramson's Mill, Hammon's Old Store, William's Fort, &c. came the
Siege of Ninety-Six, when General Greene commanded, in which this relator
took part but was the last battle in which he was engaged during his
services; this claimant is unable to name particularly any of the Regimental
Regiments or companies with which he served; Hee has already named several
regular officers & now remembers that he did not name that General Sumpter
commanded at the Hanging Rock; Hee has no discharge in writing or other
documentary evidence of his services.

Hee 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

John W. Fortkins Clerk

Charles Holland

We James Paxton & Benjamin Hartness, citizens residing
in the county of Henderson aforesaid hereby certify that we are
acquainted with Charles Holland, who has subscribed & sworn to the
above declaration, that we believe him to be as old as he states, that
he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been
a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day &
year aforesaid.

John W. Fortkins Clerk

J. W. Fortkins

James Paxton