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John Holliday
S.39706

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Holliday, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.39706, based upon the military service in that war of John Holliday.

John Holliday was born November 26, 1749. The place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown but his father died in 1796.

While residing in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, John Holliday was commissioned June 25, 1775, second lieutenant in Captain Robert Cluggage's Company, Colonel William Thompson's Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, marched to Boston and was in a small skirmish near that city; sometime during the winter following, he was commissioned first lieutenant in same company and regiment; August 26, 1776, was commissioned captain and served as such officer in Colonels Edward Hand and James Chambers' First Pennsylvania Regiment until April, 1778, when he resigned his commission. Captain Holliday's brother, James Holliday, was first lieutenant in his company and was killed at the battle of Brandywine. Captain Holliday was in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown and White Marsh; also in a skirmish at Mile Square, and wintered at Valley Forge.

The soldier gave as his reason for resigning his commission that he wished to assist his father, who, with his family, was then residing in Frankstown Township, Bedford (later Huntingdon) County, Pennsylvania, on the frontier. A station was kept at the house and in order