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John Holliday-S.39706

Mr. Floyd G. Hoenstine
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Dear Sir:

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, 2^d lieutenant in Captain Robert Clugage'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 1st lieutenant in same company and regiment; August 26, 1776, was commissioned captain and served as such officer in Colonels Edward Hand and James Chambers' 1st Pennsylvania Regiment until April, 1778, when he resigned his commission. Captain Holliday's brother, James Holliday, was 1st 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 to accommodate the soldiers stationed there, his father moved all of his household effects, with the exception of some beds, into an outhouse. The Indians attacked the place and burned the outhouse with all its contents. In August, 1779, soldier's brothers, Adam and Patrick and his sister, Jane, were killed by the Indians in said Frankstown Township.