

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Horn R5225

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

On this 5th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Elkanah Bush, C. L. Fox & James Dejarnett Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting Aaron Horn a resident of said County of Madison aged Seventy-two 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 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1778 he joined Captain __ Riddle's [probably Captain Isaac Ruddle whose name is sometimes also spelled, Riddle, Ruddell or Ruddel] company on Holston [River] he thinks in the now County of Washington Virginia, which was raised as he understood to protect the Western Country against the British & Indians. He joined as a volunteer, but whether the Company belonged to the state Troops of Virginia or not, he is unable to say – he has understood it did – The company was marched to Kentucky & reached Boonesborough Fort which is in the now County of Madison aforesaid in the spring of 1778. He continued to do duty in Captain Riddle's Company as a Soldier in said Fort for a considerable time & until Captain Riddle returned to Virginia or was appointed to command at some other Fort in Kentucky – that he, applicant, then joined & was transferred to a Company commanded by Captain John Holder – that afterwards Captain David Gass was his Captain and he also served in Captain Starne's Company – Colonel Calloway [perhaps Richard Callaway], he thinks was Colonel when he first reached the Fort at Boonesborough – he was subsequently killed by the Indians. Old Daniel Boone after he escaped & returned from his imprisonment with or among the Indians acted as Colonel. Applicant was also under Colonel Bowman [John Bowman] in 1779, he thinks it was; in his expedition across the Ohio against the Indians. He continued at the Fort at Boonesborough, his best recollection is till 1783, Except when out on Campaigns or in Scouting parties against the Indians. He sometimes hunted for the Fort, was sometimes out as a Spy – when at the Fort he performed military duty as a soldier duly enrolled – He states that he served from the spring 1778 more than two years as a private, a volunteer, in the Army of the revolution under the several captains & officers as he has before stated & for such service he claims a pension. He states that he does not recollect that he ever had any written discharges, if he ever had, they have been long since lost. He has no documentary evidence to prove his Services – but can prove them by Joseph Proctor & Matthias Horn of Estill County Kentucky. He states that he was born in Baltimore in Maryland in the year 1762, removed to Virginia when young with his parents and was residing on Holston in the now County of Washington Virginia when he joined

Captain Riddle's Company. Since the close of the Revolutionary war he has resided in Madison County aforesaid near the old Boonesborough Fort. He has no record of his age. Thomas S Branston, a clergyman, & Gabriel Duncan all well acquainted with him and can testify concerning him & the belief of his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Aaron Horn, X his mark

[Thomas S Branston, a clergyman, and Gabriel Duncan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Estill County: Sct.

This day April 23, 1834 personally came before the subscriber Benjamin Stranghn a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Estill aforesaid Joseph Proctor¹ a resident of said County & made oath in due form of law that in the year 1778 he came from __ County Virginia as a soldier in Captain Riddle's Company to the Fort at Boonesborough Kentucky – that Aaron Horn came along at same time as a soldier in said Company and continued to do duty as Soldier at Boonesborough in said Fort during the Revolutionary War – he served part of the time in Captain John Holder's Company & some time in Captain David Gass Company & was a while in Captain Starns Company Colonel Calloway & Colonel Benjamin Logan were the Colonels in Kentucky at that time & old Daniel Boone – Said horn served part of the time in said Fort & part of the time was out on Campaigns as a hunter & Spy for the Fort. He has resided at & near Boonesborough sent 1778 & is a man of good character.

S/ Joseph Proctor, X his mark

State of Kentucky Estill County: Sct.

This day April 23, 1834 personally appeared before me Benjamin Stranghn a Justice of the peace in & for said County of Estill aforesaid Matthias Horn² a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law states in the spring 1778 he came from Virginia as a soldier in Captain Riddle's Company to Boonesborough in Kentucky – that Aaron Horn of the County of Madison Kentucky came out with him in said Riddle's Company as a soldier at same time – that said Aaron Horn continued at said Fort during the whole of the Revolutionary War after spring 1778 – He was sometimes out on Campaigns against the Indians – sometimes out as a Spy & a hunter and when at the Fort performed military duty – he served in Captain John Holder's Company & according to witness' best recollection served also in Captain Gass & Starnes Companies – Said Aaron Horn now resides near said old Fort at Boonesborough where he has resided since the close of the Revolutionary War – he is a man of fair character.

S/ Matthias Horn, X his mark

State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

On this 8th day of April 1835 personally appeared before me Henry B Hawkins a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Major Oswald Townsend³ a resident of said County and being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath – That he came from Virginia to Kentucky to the Fort at Boonesborough in the now County aforesaid in the year 1775 – that he was then about eighteen years of age – that in the year 1778 he knew Aaron Horn, now resident

¹ [Joseph Proctor S11270](#)

² FPA W10110

³ [Oswald Townsend W605](#)

in the County aforesaid & living near where the old Fort at Boonesborough stood & who is an applicant for a pension – he knew him as a Soldier in the Fort in the year 1778 & from that time to the close of the Revolutionary War – that said Horn performed military duty at the Fort & was frequently out on scouts and Campaigns against the Indians & was always considered a good Soldier – He thinks the military Services performed by Horn entitle him to a Pension as much as any soldier at Boonesborough. His recollection is that Horn was regularly enrolled at Boonesborough & performed military duty under several captains – Captain Holder, Captain Buchanan, Captain Gass, & others

S/ Oswald Townsend, X his mark