

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Horn R5232

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[Note: For some reason the following declaration is not found in either of the Fold 3.com or HeritageQuest.com indices. It was found as part of the file of Matthias Horn W10110. The page numbers given below refer to the pages in the file of Matthias Horn.]

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State of Kentucky County of Simpson: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court of Simpson County, now sitting, Nathan Horn a resident of Simpson County and State of Kentucky, aged Seventy-one 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He was born in the County of Nash and State of North Carolina on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1762 and resided in said County until the latter part of the year 1778 when he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man under General Ashe [John Ashe] and served five months and received a regular discharge which he has lost. From North Carolina he was marched through South Carolina to Georgia and was in the Battle at Briar Creek on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1779 and swam the Savannah River with a number of others at that defeat. He recollects the names of some of his Officers during this Campaign, among whom were Major Henry Horn (his uncle), Captain Edward Clinch and Lieutenant William Hall, who were his immediate commanders, also Sergeant Lancaster, who was killed or drowned did at the defeat at Briar Creek and he said Horn appointed in Lancaster's place.

Shortly after the Engagement at Briar Creek he received his discharge and returned home to Nash County, North Carolina where he remained until late in the Autumn of the year 1779 when he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a light horse company and served two years under the following Officers, Colonel John Joseph Clinch, Captain Howell Ellin [Howell Ellen], Captain John Bond [a/k/a, John Bonds] and Captain John Jones, under these men he served alternately, as he and his company were confined to the suppression of Tories in the County of Nash and the adjacent Counties in North Carolina, thirty of whom his company took at one time and conveyed to Halifax Jail, North Carolina.

He knows but one man now living who served with him in the light horse company, whose name is Albrittain Drake<sup>2</sup> and whose certificate is here with enclosed and made a part of

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<sup>1</sup> pp 27-48 of the file of Matthias Horn W10110 filed on Fold3.com under the Virginia veterans

<sup>2</sup> [Albrittain Drake W8676](#)

this declaration. He further states that said Drake entered the service about one year before he said Horn volunteered as a light horseman and left the service about one year before he said Horn did. He well recollects to have served out his full period of service, being two years which expired soon after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], but whether he received a discharge or not he cannot now recollect. He acted as Trumpeter during a part of his term of service as light horseman. He was therefore engaged in the service of his country five months as a drafted militia man, during which time he was engaged in no civil pursuit, and two years as a volunteer Light Horseman, during which time also he engaged in no civil pursuit, but was constantly and uninterruptedly engaged in the service of his Country. After the war he removed from Nash to Montgomery County in North Carolina where he resided until the year 1808, in which year he removed to his present residence in Simpson County Kentucky. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathan Horn, X his mark

[Richard Owings, a clergyman, and Joel Appling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Muhlenberg County Sct.

This day came Albrittain Drake personally before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he knew Nathan Horne [sic] in the time of the revolutionary war in the Army of the United States in the North Carolina Troops that he the said Horne was in the Service a considerable time, in the Light Horse Service that he lived in Nash County North Carolina at the time he entered the service, and served in the Light horse company from that County that this affiant was in the service with said Horne. Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832

S/ Strother Jones, JP MC

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State of Kentucky County of Simpson Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Nathan Horn who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: – for five months I served as a drafted militia man: For two years I served as a volunteer Light horseman, one of which I served as trumpeter; and for such service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1833

S/ Nathan Horn, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Simpson County Sct.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Simpson Circuit Court now sitting Nathan Horn who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his original declaration for a Pension exhibited in this Court & sworn to on the 22 day of May 1833 – He makes oath that when he

entered the service in 1779 as stated in his original declaration aforesaid, he first volunteered for three months & served under Colonel Hunter [probably Thomas Hunter], of Nash County North Carolina, who was called Colonel of said County & he served under Captain John Jones & under the same officers he immediately after the termination of the aforesaid service served another tour of three months – This service was performed in the County of Nash & the adjacent Counties – Immediately after this last service ended he volunteered for three months at a time & served six months of three months each immediately succeeding each other until Colonel John Joseph Clinch & Capt. Howellen Ellin [sic, Howell Ellen] & Captain John Bond, this service was likewise performed in the County of Nash aforesaid & adjacent Counties during four of the last aforesaid tours of duty he was Trumpeter to the Company in which he served.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Nathan Horn, X his mark