

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rowland Horsley R5235

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7 1832

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838, personally appeared before me J. R. Dickenson an acting Justice of the Peace for said County of Sumner & a member of the County Court of said County the same being a court of record, Rowland Horsley a resident of the said County of Sumner & State of Tennessee, aged about eighty-four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he was born in Hanover County Virginia, & his father moved with him to Albemarle County in the same State when he was very small & there remained until 1816 when he removed with his family to Sumner County Tennessee, where he has ever since & does now reside. He was born on 25 December 1755 according to an extract from his father's family Bible now in his possession. In the winter or spring of the year 1778 a call was made by the proper authorities upon the Citizens of Albemarle where he then resided for volunteers for the Service of the United States for the term of twelve months. The object for which the said troops were required was in the first instance to guard a number of prisoners that were sent to Charlottesville & such other services as might be required of them. He volunteered under this call & entered the service for the term of one year. Burnice Brown was the Captain of the Company to which he belonged. Does not recollect the names of the other Company officers if there were any others, except that he was himself orderly Sergeant. The company to which he belonged was not attached as he now recollects to any Regiment, as their said Company was deemed sufficient for the service required, to wit, to guard about 80 some odd prisoners, there were among the prisoners three Tories namely Captain Guttridge [Guthridge?], Leven Townsend & James McCan (a little Scotchman). He continued in this service ten months, when the said prisoners were removed to the barracks erected about three miles from Charlottesville for their reception together with several thousand prisoners sent there for safekeeping. He was then regularly discharged together with his whole Company & excused from the other two months. He thinks he got a written discharge but the same if he did is now lost or destroyed. He then returned home where he remained until the fall of 1779 when a call was made for men to collect & carry cattle to the Army – there were three Companies Organized for that purpose – he attached himself to the one commanded by Captain Francis Toliver [Francis Taliaferro?]. He went into North Carolina & collected 228 cattle and drove them to Washington's Army at Philadelphia. The said Company only volunteered for an indefinite time – until the cattle could be delivered at such point as they might be ordered. He continued in the service

under this engagement for three months & was then again regularly discharged, but whether in writing or not he cannot now remember, but if in writing it is lost or destroyed. He then returned home & went out no more except that in a call for volunteers he enlisted & after traveling with his company one day towards the Army the orders were countermanded & they returned. So he declares he was in actual service thirteen months, ten months as orderly Sergeant & three months as a private.

On his return from each engagement he was paid at the rates of between seven & eight dollars per month in Continental Money by the public Pay master John Moore. For the amount of his pay he received \$3 in specie; that is he sent it to Richmond & got a certificate for four dollars in specie, but sold that for three dollars rather than attend to it. That is all he has ever received for his services. During the said tours he attended to no other business but devoted his whole time to the public service. He has no documentary evidence of his service & is not now know of any person living by whom he can prove the same.

He applied to a law year (Colonel D. M. Sanders) soon after the passage of the Act of 1832 to prepare his papers who did so but in consequence of some defect in the papers he did not succeed & his papers were returned for amendment, which was attended to by declarant, but soon after that his said attorney died and he does not know what has become of them. After he became disabled in his feet so that he could not ride without great pain, & has not till now succeeded in getting an attorney to come to his house to prepare his case. This is his reason for the lateness of this application. He is now unable to travel to town without great pain & some danger.

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 to his knowledge.

S/ Rollin Horsely [sic, sic], X his mark

[Bazzel Floyd, a clergyman, and William Scoggin gave the standard supporting affidavit.

*Bazzel Floyd*  
*William Scoggin* ]

[p 2: On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853 in Sumner County Tennessee Tolbert Horsley filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son and administrator of Roland Horsley [sic]; that his father died in June 1846 leaving a widow, Nancy who lived April 1847; Nancy left the following children surviving her: Tolbert, John, Charles, Sarah Irby, being all of the children of their father Rowland Horsley [sic]; that Charles Horsley lives in Arkansas; Sarah Irby & John Horsley live in Wilson County Tennessee; he authorized William H. Solomon of Gallatin County Virginia as his true and lawful attorney to pursue the claim of his father for a pension.

*Wm H. Solomon* ]