

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Horton (Whorton) R5239      Jaley Horton      f41VA  
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Virginia to wit

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court the State aforesaid personally appears Robert Horton aged sixty-six years resident in the County of Culpeper in the said State who being by me first duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That the said Robert Horton enlisted in Captain John Thornton's Company 9<sup>th</sup> February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by said Thornton, third Regiment of the said State Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the \_\_ day of February 1778 when he was discharged from service in the State of Pennsylvania at the Valley Forge that he was in the battles of York Island,<sup>1</sup> White Plains or Kings Bridge [October 28, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of Colonel Thornton now enclosed.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year first aforesaid  
S/ H<sup>h</sup> Holmes [Hugh Holmes]

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State of Virginia, Culpepper County to wit

John Thornton of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before me John S Slaughter a Justice of the peace for said County & State aforesaid, and being duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that he the affiant enlisted Robert Horton alias Whorton on the month day February 1776 into his Company as drummer, which said Company commanded by him this affiant as Captain was attached to the third Regiment raised in Virginia on Continental establishment, and that during the service of the said Horton alias Whorton, that he this affiant saith that the said Horton alias Whorton's name was spelt by him this affiant Whorton, which appears fully to him this affiant on reference to his Company roll, then made in the service of the United States on Continental establishment which this affiant saith is now in his possession, and that the said Horton alias Whorton continued to serve in the said Corps in the

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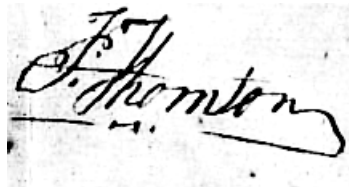
<sup>1</sup> Probably the battle of Hall him Heights, September 16, 1776 and

service of the United States on Continental establishment until February 1778 at which time this affiant saith that he the said Robert Horton alias Whorton was honorably discharged the service of the United States at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1819

S/ John S Slaughter

S/ J. Thornton<sup>2</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Thornton", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 8: On September 27, 1837 in Muskingum County Ohio, Jaley Horton, 83, a resident of Falls Township in Muskingum County Ohio made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Horton, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the fall of 1778 during the service of said Robert Horton; that they were married in Culpeper County Virginia; that he died April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1820 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1837 in Muskingum County Ohio, Eleanor Wood gave testimony that she distinctly recollects the marriage of Robert Horton to his wife Jaley, now an applicant for a pension; that Robert Horton died in Culpeper County April 13, 1820; that his widow remains such and has not remarried but now lives in Muskingum County Ohio.]

[p 5: On September 27, 1837, Mary Anderson gave testimony in Muskingum County of Ohio that she is the daughter of Robert and Jaley Horton; that she remembers her father drew an annual pension of \$96 in the City of Richmond until the day of his death which occurred on April 13, 1820; that her mother drew the arrears of pension due her father at the time of his death; that her parents lived in the state of Virginia, Culpepper County. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> [John Thornton BLWt1870-450](#)