

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Horrall (Harrall) S17472

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State of Indiana County of Daviess: SS

On this twenty second day of September, 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court of said County of Daviess, now sitting, William Horrall, a resident of the State and County aforesaid, aged seventy-five 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the latter part of August 1776, he volunteered under Captain Higginbottom [probably either James Higginbotham or John Higginbotham], at Amherst Court-house, in Amherst County Virginia where he then resided; that at that time two companies were raised by voluntary enrollment, at a general muster of the Militia of Amherst County, one commanded by Captain Higginbottom, to which he belonged, and the other commanded by Captain Joseph Cabble [probably Joseph Cabell]; that they were marched by the way of Richmond to Williamsburg, where the troops rendezvoused, in the company to which he belonged was attached to Colonel \_\_ Mason's Regiment, and Major Joseph Cabble's Battalion, (the said Joseph Cabble having been promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Major, and his brother Nicholas Cabble Commandant of company); that he continued to serve in said Company, and under the Officers aforesaid, until the expiration of three months, when the time for which he volunteered expired, the troops discharged and he returned home.

That in August or September 1777, he enlisted for the term of six months, with one Thomas Morrison, who was called a recruiting Officer, and was marched by said Morrison to Staunton in Augusta County, where he was placed under Captain Alexander Henderson, Colonels \_\_ Gibson [perhaps John Gibson or George Gibson] and \_\_ Boyer [perhaps William Bowyer]; that the Regiment to which he then belonged formed a part of the Army commanded by General \_\_ McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], and was marched by General McIntosh in pursuit of the hostile Indians, to the Ohio River where they crossed about thirty miles below Pittsburg, that they erected Fort McIntosh, and then continued their march into the interior of the Country (now State of Ohio) until they reached the Tuscahawas River [Tuscarora River], where they built Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], where Colonel Gibson was left with a detachment of the Army, commander of the Fort, and General McIntosh with the remaining troops, including Captain Henderson's Company, returned to Fort McIntosh where they remained until the term of their enlistment expired; when he the said William Horrall was discharged, and reached home in the

latter part of March 1778, where he remained until the year 1780.

That about the latter part of August in the year last aforesaid, he volunteered under Captain John Morrison, was marched from Amherst Court-house to Richmond, thence to Petersburg, where they joined General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade, and that he was attached to the Regiment under the Command of Colonels \_\_ Ueage [?]<sup>1</sup> and \_\_ Randal [? Randall, Randol, etc.], Major Holcom [Holcomb?], where the troops awaited orders to march to James Town, but never received them, and continued in camp at Petersburg, until the term for which he volunteered lapsed (being the term of three months) when he was discharged and returned home.

That, sometime early in the month of January 1781, an express arrived at Amherst Court-house, informing the citizens of the approach of the British under General Arnold [Benedict Arnold], and of the destruction of several public stores at Richmond, and a Foundry and powder Magazines &c at Westham; that he together with 15 or 16 others, volunteered under Lieutenant James Montgomery, and were marched to Richmond, (which the British had left 2 or 3 days previous), from thence to Fredericksburg and from thence to Williamsburg, where they joined the Militia, and were attached to Captain David Shelton's Company; (Field Officers not recollected) that he continued to serve under Captain Shelton, for the term of three months, when he was discharged, and returned home.


And, that in September 1781, he volunteered under Captain John Lovin and marched by the way of Richmond, to Williamsburg, where the Virginia volunteers and Militia rendezvoused, and he was placed under Colonels Richardson [perhaps Holt Richeson] and Randal, Major John Martin, and from Williamsburg he marched directly to York Town, where he continued until the surrender of that post by Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; and that sometime in December following he was discharged and returned home.

That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, but trust that by comparing this narrative, with the events of the period therein stated, sufficient corroborating testimony can be found, to secure to him the pay he now asks; –

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.

He was born as he has been informed and believes in the year 1757, in Albemarle County, Virginia, where his parents then resided; when he was twelve or thirteen years of age, they removed to Amherst County in the State last aforesaid, where he resided until the year 1784, when he removed to Union County, South Carolina; In the year 1809 he removed to Daviess County State of Indiana, where he has ever since resided. He has no record of his age, but has been informed by his parents, and an older Brother who has seen the record, that he was born in the year above stated. He never received a written discharge from the service. He has stated as nearly as he can recollect the manner he was called into service, the different periods when he was called into service, and the manner of his service: and he hereby refers the Court to the Reverend E. Jones, the Reverend R. Hawley, S. Mastin, & W. G. Cole Esqrs. ; And to Judges Murphy and Thompson themselves, for testimony as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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<sup>1</sup>  The War Dept. interpreted this name as "Meage" but the initial "M" does not match other examples of this scribes script found elsewhere in this document. I could not identify a likely candidate for this officer under either interpretation of his name.

S/ William Horrall



[Ebenezer Jones, a clergyman, and Richard Palmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Indiana County of Daviess: Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County and State aforesaid, William Horrall, the within named declarant 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 period below, and in the following grades: That 3 months, I served as a private volunteer under Captain Higginbotham. For 6 months, I served as a private (regular soldier) under Thomas Morrison and Captain Alexander Henderson. For 3 months I served as a private, volunteer under Captain John Morrison. For 3 months and 8 or 10 days, I served as a private volunteer (part of said last term under Lieutenant James Montgomery and the remainder under Captain David Shelton). For 2 months and upwards of 20 days, I served as a private volunteer under Captain John Lovin; which services are more fully expressed in the foregoing Declaration; and I am confident that during the whole period above, I served not less than one year and 6 months as a soldier of the American Revolution; and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ William horroll



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]