

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Horn S7023

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 21st day of November personally appeared in open Court before a Court of Record now sitting Robert Horne [sic] -- a Resident of ~~Iredell~~ Rowan County State of North Carolina 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.

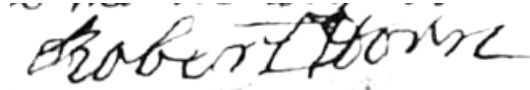
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he entered the service of Captain James Shepherd of Surry County North Carolina, Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] commanded the Regiment and Griffith Rutherford was the General: that he went from ~~Salisbury~~ Surry to Salisbury being drafted, and thence through Charlotte to Camden in South Carolina and thence to Dorchester same State; then to Puvsville [sic, Purrysburg] on Savannah River and then he volunteered for two days and stayed two months under Captain Shepherd, under Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] Continental Officer & Continental Major Nelson -- that he then marched up Savannah River to Augusta, the American Army being on one side of the River and the British Army on the other, skirmishing almost every night during which time he saw the British General Provost or Provo [sic, Augustin Prevost] buried [?] on the opposite side of the River which was in the year (1789)[sic 1779] -- on Saturday the British started down the River, and the American Army crossed over on Tuesday into Augusta, and followed the British Army to Brier Creek, joined General Ashe's Army and on the 3rd of March a battle took place Deponent was in front, and with the others was defeated after fighting from 3 o'clock until dark as they were followed into the lagoons and swamps from which they fought and in which many of our men were drowned. He then joined again General Rutherford getting back over the River as well [as] one was able; returned to the old camps at Purrysburg and was there discharged and returned home -- Deponent in the foregoing service had been drafted for 5 months but from urgent circumstances served 6 months.

In the year 1780 he was drafted for 3 months under Captain Henry Speer, Philips was Colonel, marched to Salisbury, there stayed some time guarding the prisoners taken by Colonel Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens,¹ and with the prisoners marched into Virginia and gave them up to the Virginia troops, being pursued by Cornwallis; Colonel Leneer was the officer to whom we gave up the prisoners, and then he returned home, having received a discharge from the Captain which with the first discharged believing them to be of no use have been mislaid or

¹ The Battle of Cowpens took place on January 17, 1781. Consequently the services must have been rendered in 1781, not 1780 as stated by the veteran.

lost -- The 3rd time he was drafted for 3 months and 1781 in Surry County, served under Captain David Humphries, and Lieutenant Benjamin Humphries, and another brother who was Ensign, marched to Salem North Carolina; thence to the Raft Swamp in said State, and thence to Wilmington, was in several skirmishes and one night killed eighteen of the enemy. The field officers were General Rutherford Colonel James Martin, Majors Baisley [Paisley?] & Gillespie, was dismissed at stony-point and on the bank of Cape Fear River rejoiced at the news of Cornwallis's being taken and was one appointed to fire volleys for the thirteen United States -- This discharge was lost for the reasons above. Deponent also served one month in the Company of the Rangers one month under Captain David Caldwell.

S/ David Horn



[fn p. 7: form of standard supporting affidavit is blank]

Where & what year were you born? Ans. In Delaware State Kent County 1760

Have you any Record of your age? Ans. My age is recorded in my father's family Bible

Where were you living when called into service? Ans. In Surry County North Carolina and now live in Rowan County

How were you called into service? Ans. I was drafted

To whom are you have known in your Present neighborhood? To John Angel Preacher in the Baptist Church whose certificate is here with enclosed -- This Deponent 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 & subscribed this 21st of November 1832

S/ Robert Horn

The Deponent begs leave to refer to Hon. Joseph Reason near Washington D. Col.

[fn p. 11: John Angel [John Ingel], a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Surry County: This day came Carter Hudspeth² before me Josiah Cowles a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that he was in the Army of the Revolution in the company of James Shepherd & that he performed the tour to Purrysburg under General Rutherford of the North Carolina Militia & that Robert Horn was a soldier in the same company & performed his service faithfully and returned home with me and further that the Robert Horn above making declaration for a pension is the same person.

Sworn to and subscribed this 23rd day of August 1832.

S/ J. Cowles, JP

S/ Carter Hudspeth

[Facts in file: veteran died January 4, 1836; file contains no reference to a wife for any children]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Carter Hudspeth S7058](#)