

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Horner S8682

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 29th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting, it being a Court of Record, Thomas Horner, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 72 years, on the 7th day of February last 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. This declarant states that directly after General Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780], at Camden in South Carolina, he volunteered as a private, in a company commanded by Captain William Jamison at the Town of Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina, for the term of three months; and that during that time his said company was employed in guarding the Town of Hillsboro against the [indecipherable word] of the Tories in the neighborhood – in traversing the adjacent country as far as Deep River in Chatham County in the State aforesaid in pursuit of Tories. That afterwards & before the close of the war, the precise time this declarant does not recollect further than that it was in the winter season, this declarant volunteered as a private again for the like term of three months, at the said Town of Hillsboro, in a Company then commanded by Captain Jacob Richards – And served during the said term under the said Captain Richards in part under Captain Long John Taylor in part and under Captain James Pearl who had been a Continental Captain. This declarant states he was appointed Sergeant in each of the aforesaid Companies, in which he volunteered on the several occasions aforesaid, shortly after he volunteered. That during the last term of service, for which he volunteered as aforesaid, his company was employed arduously in guarding the said Town of Hillsboro, and the prisoners which had been taken against the Tories in the neighborhood under the command of the Tory Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. This declarant states that about the end of his said second term of service, peace was concluded between the United States and the British Government. That if this declarant ever received discharges at the end of the terms of service above described, he has no knowledge of them. The declarant was born on the 7th day of February 1760 in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina, where he had always lived. He hath a record of his age at home. He is known to major John Taylor, Prustly [?] H. Mangum, Doctor James Webb & Doctor James S. Smith. He hath no documentary evidence of his service – nor does he know of any person or persons, whose testimony he can procure, to testify to his service, except Nathaniel

Clark<sup>1</sup> & James Cheek,<sup>2</sup> whose affidavits accompany this declaration.

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 any agency of any State so far as he hath knowledge.

Sworn to in open Court 31st of August 1832.

S/ Thomas Horne



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North Carolina Orange County

James Cheek, after being duly sworn according to law, before me, one of the Acting Justices of the Peace for said County, maketh oath, that he was in the service of the United States for three months, with Thomas Horner, at Hillsboro North Carolina engaged in defending the Town & guarding the prisoners taken from the enemy: and that it was just before the close of the War. Sworn to & subscribed this 31st August 1832

S/ James Cheek Sr



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State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On the 29th day of August 1832 Nathaniel Clark personally appeared in open Court and made oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Horner during the Revolutionary War, and served with him in the North Carolina Militia in Orange County in the company commanded by Captain William Jamison for the term of 3 months the service was in guarding the Town of Hillsboro and the prisoners that were there. He does not recollect the year when the service was performed but thinks it was sometime shortly after Gates defeat. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Nathaniel Clark, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Moore County: Personally appeared before me Samuel C Bruce one of the acting Justices of the peace, in and for the aforesaid County of Moore, George Horner of said County, and after being duly sworn, upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith as follows (to wit)

That Thomas Horner, a few days after Gates defeat at Camden South Carolina, volunteered under Captain William Jimmison [William Jamison], and served a tower [tour] of three months, as first Sergeant in said Jamieson's Company, at Hillsboro, Guarding the town and Jail, which Jail was full of Tory prisoners – also that the said Thomas Horner, and myself, to wit, George Horner volunteered, under a man by the name of Jacob Richards, and after a few days John Tailor [John Taylor] of Hillsboro took command for a few days, when James Purrel a Continental Captain, took command of said Company and commanded until the expiration of the 3 months, which was about the close of the war, at which time, the said Thomas Horner, served as first Sergeant in said Company – and further this deponent sayeth not.

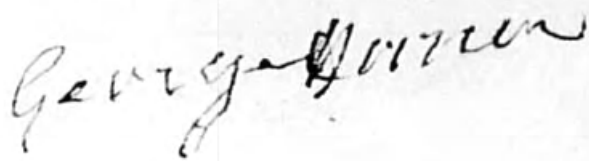
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<sup>1</sup> [Nathaniel Clark W1387](#)

<sup>2</sup> [James Cheek S8190](#)

Sworn to and subscribed before made the 16th day of November 1836  
S/ S. C. Bruce, JP

S/ George Horner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Horner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some overlapping letters. The signature is centered below the typed name.

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 30th day of December 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Thomas Horner a resident citizen of the aforesaid County now in the 76 year of his age and an United States pensioner whose payment has been suspended for additional proof –

who being first duly qualified according to Law maketh on oath the following statement, To wit:

That sometime in the summer or the fall of the year 1780 there was a draft in the aforesaid County of Orange for three months militia men to guard the Jail and town of Hillsboro when this affiant volunteered for the said term of Service and entered upon duty as well as he can now remember on or about the 25th of August of that year (1780). The others that served with him are under the impression it was some earlier of this however this affiant is certain it was but a few days after Gates defeat.

The Company to which he was attached was under the command of Captain Jamieson.

We were all of said three months employed in guarding the public Jail and Town – the Jail contained a great number of Tory prisoners. It was apprehended at the time that the disaffected men who were very numerous would attempt to rescue the prisoners. We were for this tour called out by the proper authority and were a legally organized Corps. During this three months tour this affiant acted as first Sergeant – was appointed to this post by his Captain and had a warrant from Captain Jamison to act as first Sergeant. – This tour he proves by Nathaniel Clark. He also and proves by George Horner that he acted as first Sergeant the said tour. That it ended on or about the 25th of November 1780, as he believes. At the expiration thereof he received a discharge for his 3 months from Captain Jamison and returned home.

2. On or about the first day of February 1782 there was again a call for militia forces to Guard the said Town and public Jail the term of Service in this tour as the premier was three months – when this affiant volunteered for said Tour.

Jacob Richards was Captain – Thaxton Colonel:

In this tour I acted as first Sergeant in said Company Captain Richards appointing me to that post and giving me warrant therefore – in this tour as in the first we were in a legally organized Corps & called into service by competent authority

Our duty was to guard the public Jail and Town from the Tories. In this Service I remained till the expiration of my three months which was about first day of May 1782 – in this tour Richards soon resigned his command and was succeeded by Captain Taylor who also resigned in a short time – when we were first under the command of James Purrell a Continental Captain and served under him till the expiration of my three months tour and was by him duly discharged and returned home.

This tour this declarant proves by George Horner –

The affiant George Horner also proves that in this 3 month tour in 1782 said Thomas Horner was first Sergeant in said company.

He was born in the County of Orange aforesaid on the 7th February 1761.

That he has a record of his age.

That he was living in the aforesaid County during the war and has been living there ever since.

That when he entered the service he volunteered both tours –

That his discharges are now lost.

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 and subscribed before me on this the 30th day of November A.D. 1836

S/ H. Parker, JP

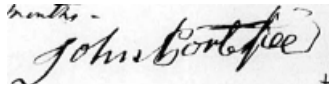
S/ Thomas Horner

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 30th day of November 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, John Porterfield<sup>3</sup> a resident of the said County who being first duly qualified maketh oath that he served a three month tour in the militia in guarding the town of Hillsboro in the fall of 1780 in Captain Jamison's company and remembers that Thomas Horner of said County served as a militia man in guarding the town all of said 3 months.

S/ John Porterfield

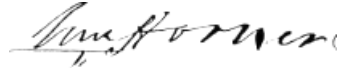


[fn p. 10: On October 16, 1858 in Orange County North Carolina, Richard Holeman, 51, filed a claim stating he is the son in law of Thomas Horner, a soldier of the revolution, by virtue of having married Horner's daughter Lucretia; that Thomas Horner died May 10, 1844 leaving a widow Sara Horner whose maiden name was Sarah Fuzzell; that they were married on the 7th of February 1793; that Sarah remained the widow of Thomas Horner until her death March 1, 1858; that Sarah Horner died leaving 3 surviving children, namely, William Warner, Jefferson Horner oath of Granville County North Carolina and Lucretia, the wife of the claimant; that Sarah Horner never applied for a pension to which she was entitled as the widow of Thomas Horner and he seeks to recover that pension in behalf of the heirs of Sarah Horner.



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[On October 11, 1858, in Orange County, North Carolina, William and Jeff Horner appointed Robert Holeman to act in their behalf in pursuing a pension claim



[fn p. 3: copy of a marriage bond issued in Orange County North Carolina on February 7, 1893

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<sup>3</sup> [John Porterfield W1995](#)

to Thomas Horner and Thomas Redding to secure the marriage of Thomas Horner to Sarah Fuzzel.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia; on March 6, 1833, the pension was increased from \$30 per annum to \$60 per annum.]