

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Horsley [Horseley] S9354

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The State of South Carolina York District: SS

On this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William D Martin a judge of the Court of Sessions & Com. Pleas for said State now holding the same at York Court House Richard Horsley a resident of the State & district aforesaid who being duly sworn made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Queen Anne County Maryland and that he is now in his 78th year.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia Soldier from the State of Virginia whence he had removed from Maryland in & about the year 1780 in General Stevens' [Brigadier General Edward Stevens'] brigade under the command of Colonel Glenn [Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn] Captain Waddleton's [Capt. Paul Wattington or Watlington of Halifax County Virginia or perhaps his brother Capt. John Watlington¹?] Company of militia. That they rendezvoused at Hillsboro North Carolina which was head quarters there they were met by General Gates & General Stephens. That they marched from thence to South Carolina near Camden where an engagement [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] took place in which General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated in which engagement this applicant was. From thence he went with a detachment to Hogans Creek North Carolina & from thence to Guilford Court House where they were taken under the command of Colonel Morris & there he served out his term & was discharged after a service of five months.

That in the same year of 1780 he volunteered for a twenty days service but served one month which I regulation was to go for three months which was when General Green [Nathanael Greene] was retreating before Lord Cornwallis. This service was performed under Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] & was rendered near Charlotte North Carolina for one month & was discharged.

In the spring or June of 1781 he was again called out into service by virtue of the same original draft and marched to Newsoms Springs Virginia & from thence to York Town [Yorktown] then besieged by the American forces. He was placed again under General Stevens' Command, Colonel Rogers Regiment & Captain Bates [possibly Flemming Bates of Pittsylvania County, Virginia] company of militia here he remained until the capture of Lord Cornwallis after a service of four months.

¹ [John Watlington W4097](#)

That during all this service he was a resident of the State of Virginia Halifax County where he had removed from Maryland. Some years after peace he thinks in 1792 he removed to York District South Carolina where he has lived ever since. That he has now no discharges, that these are lost or mislaid and that he has none nor can he procure any written evidence of service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services. That all his original friends & acquaintances who could testify thereto if living are so scattered throughout the Union that he would be unable to procure their evidence.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court
S/ A. McWhorter, CCCPIs.

S/ Richard Horsley, X his mark

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Examination in open Court of Richard Horseley

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Maryland Queen Anne County Maryland and in the year 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. My age was set down in a book which my brother took off the Georgia.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I was living in Halifax Virginia. From there after the Revolution I moved to South Carolina York District where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was originally drafted & served for the most part under that at various times. I once acted as a volunteer for a month's Service, and never as a substitute.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I served under the command of General Gates, General Stevens, General Washington and one tour acted in conjunction with the 1st Regiment of Virginia Troops

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received three discharges signed by Captain Bates, Waddleton, & Starnes. I have lost them

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I can refer to all my neighbors for my character in any way but shall name the Reverend John Rooker, James Glenn and John Clarke

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Richard Horsley, X his mark

[p 7: James Glenn & John Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10

months service as a private in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]