

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Hornbeck W10120

Hannah Hornbeck

f90VA

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The State of Indiana: Sct.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Resident Judges of the Judicial Circuits of this State personally appeared Abraham Hornbeck aged 61 years resident in Spencer County in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath 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 he the said Abraham Hornbeck enlisted for the term of two years on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1776 in the County of Hampshire in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Colonel Abel Westfall of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1778 when he was discharged from service at the Valley Forge on the [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the Battles of the taking Burgoyne [Battle of Bemis Heights or Saratoga II, October 7, 1777] and skirmishing 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.

Sworn to and Declared before me the day and year aforesaid

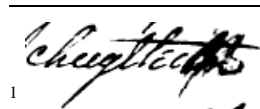
S/ R. Daniel [Judge]

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State of Indiana Spencer County & Circuit Court: SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record for the said State, and County Abraham Hornbeck, aged sixty-four years a resident of said State and County; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows; that he enlisted in the year 1776 on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Company commanded by Captain Abel Westfall in the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, on the Continental establishment; that he served under said enlistment two years, that he was discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania by Captain Van Swearingen that he was

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at the taking of Burgoyne and in several skirmishes, under Colonel Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan]: that the date of his Original Declaration is of the Month of May 1819 according to his best recollection & that he has never received a Pension.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed "to wit" one half quarter Section of Land, towards which only \$80 has been paid; one horse, a few hogs, one ten gallon kettle, one Dutch oven, one cooking pot – one pewter dish, 3 pewter plates, one tea kettle, one set of cups and saucers; a few knives & forks, 4 chairs, 2 plows, one hoe, one mattock, 4 old augers, 3 chisels, 2 cows years, & a few spoons; that he is by occupation a Farmer, but not able to follow it by reason of Age, and infirmity: that his family consist only of himself and Hannah his wife, the latter aged 58 years, and considerably infirm.

S/ Abraham Hornbeck, X his mark

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State of Indiana 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit

I John F Ross President Judge of the Circuit and State aforesaid do certify that this day the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1824, James Taffe<sup>2</sup> of sound mind and memory appeared before me and being duly sworn on oath states that he is acquainted with the above named Abraham Hornbeck and knew him in the revolutionary war in the service of the United States in the Virginia line and that said Hornbeck's Statements in his declaration above respecting the time of his service is true and further saith not. I do further certify that the said James Taffe is a credible witness and a man of good character for truth and veracity. Given under my hand the day and date above.

S/ J. F. Ross

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Green County State of Indiana February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1824

I do hereby Certify that the within mentioned Abraham Hornbeck Enlisted in the service of his Country at or about the time stated in this Declaration and as is Stated in Captain Abel Westfall's Company in Colonel Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment that he Engaged in the year 1776 and continued in the Service until the Expiration of the term of two years when he was legally discharged from the Service as stated in the Declaration. I being an officer in the same Company and was [indecipherable word] acquainted with all his Transactions while in Service almost from the first to last only when Detached for a time from the Regiment and therefore and therefore According to the best of my Memory everything that is Stated is the truth and nothing but the truth.

S/ Cornelius Westfall<sup>3</sup>

Ensign in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

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<sup>2</sup> [James Taff \(Taffe\) S36825](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Cornelius Westfall S36842](#)



[pp 23-25: A letter summarizing the contents of this file contains the following additional information:

*...He [veteran] died there [Spencer County Indiana] November 16, 1834.*

*Abraham Hornbeck married Hannah Cleaver, the eldest child of William Cleaver, name of her mother not given. She was married April 3, the day she was 19 years of age; the year in which she was married is not shown. They were married at the house of her father at Popular Neck,"Nelson County, Kentucky, then the state of Virginia. The widow, Hannah Hornbeck on September 19 1842 gave her age seventy-eight years, and was then living in Spencer County, Indiana, with her granddaughter, Hannah Romine. The widow, Hannah Hornbeck, died in Spencer County, Indiana, December 14, 1842.*

*The following data in regard to the children of Abraham Hornbeck and his wife, Hannah, or also shown: William and Daniel, the eldest two, there is nothing further relative to them. Elizabeth, that third child, was born about 1783, married \_\_ Gentry, date not shown, and died September 3, 1825. Mary or Polly, who was fifty-three years of age in 1846, she married James Sallee, December 7, 1809; they were residing in the state of Illinois in 1846 and there affidavits were made in that year and Bureau County, Illinois.*

*Mary (Polly) Sallee was the only child who survived their mother, and the pension due the widow, Hannah Hornbeck, was paid her.*

*The above-noted granddaughter, Hannah Romine, was in her thirty third year in 1842, and the wife of John Romine.*

*Mrs. Letitia Cleaver, born May 24, 1776, was a resident of Marion County, Kentucky in 1845, stated that the widow, Hannah Hornbeck, was the sister of her husband, she did not give the name of her husband. John Hornbeck, born January 9, 1778 in Hampshire County, Virginia, made affidavit in 1845 in Bullitt County, Kentucky, and stated that the soldier, Abraham Hornbeck, was his own cousin."*

*The following also appears:*

*Abraham Sallee born September 5, 1810*

*Jane Sallee born July 1, 1812*

*Oliver Sallee born November 16, 1814*

*Elizabeth Sallee born October 8, 1816*

*William J Sallee born December 7, 1818*

*Phebe Sallee born October 19, 1821*

*Hannah Sallee born November 30, 1832.]*

[signatures of person mentioned above:

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John Hornbeck

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Hannah Kominer

[p 4: Family Record of the Sallee family:

James Sallee and Mary Hornbeck  
he was married December the 7 1809  
Abraham Sallee was born September  
the 5 1810  
James Sallee was born July the 2  
1812  
Oliver Sallee was born November  
the 16 1814  
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December the 7 1818  
Phebe Sallee was born October  
the 11 1821  
Hannah Sallee was born November  
the 30 1832

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 26, 1824, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending December 14, 1842 when she died.]