

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Horton (Horten) W367

Nancy

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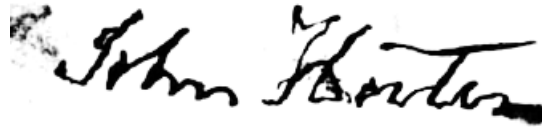
State of Tennessee, Greene County

On this 24th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court John Horten [sic] and before the Justices of same to wit, of Pleas & Quarter Sessions made & subscribed the following declaration to wit that he is aged Sixty nine years and [is a] resident of Green [sic, Greene] County, was born at White Plains in the State of New York from whence his father removed to Wilkes County North Carolina where when subject to perform military duty in the spring of the year 1780 the month not exactly recollected volunteered under Captain Lenoir to go against a body of Tories assembled at a place called Ramsour's in the State of North Carolina, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] had the command, & after the putting to rout the said Tories returned home being ten days in service. That in the same fall, he again volunteered to go against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who was on his march to the up Country his Captain was Joel Lewis & Colonel Cleveland and under said officers marched from Wilkes until they fell in with the Virginia & other troops under Colonels Campbell [William Campbell] & Sevier [John Sevier] near to King's Mountain, and was in said engagement, in which the British Army was principally killed & taken prisoners, Ferguson himself being killed; that on said campaign he entered in April 1780 & was discharged November following; that before the British had advanced to the up Country at King's Mountain he was in service in that Country below, against Tories, but under Cleveland as before stated joined the Army under Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Campbell near the head of Cane Creek Catawba where they made their officers & appointed Campbell to be chief command [sic]. After the close of his said campaign he obtained a discharge from Colonel Lewis which he has lost being seven months and more in that service. That in 1781, February, he volunteered under Captain Neely of the horse to go to intercept Cornwallis, and scoured the Country for one month & return home. That he was under Col Crockett & Lt. Pickens, got no discharge. That on the 1st April 1781 he substituted for his brother William who was drafted for a three months tour, and enrolled himself under Captain Joseph Looney in Botetourt County Virginia, marched to Pattonsburg through Rockfish gap, Charlottesville &c to Richmond, under the command of Genl Campbell (who died on said campaign) and he served from first April to the 10th July & was discharged by Captain Looney which he has lost. Said tour was a few days over three months though the call was for three months. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which to support his claim and knows of no person by whom he can establish the same at this late period. He states that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that Revd Stephen Brooks and Allen Gillespie are persons well known to him, & can testify as to his reputation of having served in the Revolutionary war, that he has no record evidence of his age, that there is a minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts of reputation of service. He served eleven months & ten days in the Revolution for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 24th April 1833.

S/ Me. Payne, D. C.

S/ John Horton



[Stephen Brooks, a Minister of the Gospel, & Allen Gillespie, JP, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On March 4, 1839 in Greene County Tennessee, Nancy Horton, about 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Horton a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$37.77 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him November 25, 1791; that her oldest child was born May 27th 1793; that her husband died January 22, 1835 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 12: copy of a marriage bond dated November 25, 1791, in Greene County Tennessee to John Horton and William Houston, bondsman, to secure the marriage of John Horton to Agnes Houston.]

[fn pp. 5-6: family record]

Births

James Hughston son of John and Agness Hughston was Born'd June 7th 1737

Hannah Hugton was B'd October 31 1758

John Hugston was Born'd January 10 1760

William Hughston was Born'd May 28 1763

Rachel Jo Hughston was Born'd September 22 1765

Births

of the children of John and Nancy Horton

John Horten and Nancy Horten their Daugheter Gemima Horten was Born'd in the yeare of our Lord May 27 of 1793

Tabitha Horten was Born'd in September 9 Day 1795

Mary Horten was Born'd October 29 Day 1797

Joseph Horten was Born'd in the yeare of November 5th Day 1799

Adah Horten was Born'd Decmeber 27 Day 1801

Marriages

Joseph and Orpha Horton was marred July 30 [?] in the year of our Lord 1832

William and Phebe Horton was marred May 19th in the year of our lord 1836

Mary Ann Eliza Wever [?] and William Horton was Marred on the Thirdsay the 16th day of September 1841

[fn p. 16: On April 12, 1855 in Green County Tennessee, the widow, about 81, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she was married in Green County North Carolina (now Tennessee) in the year 1791 by Mr. Wear, JP, and that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Houston.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 10 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]