

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Van Horne W4091 Dorothy Van Horne PA
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, Isaac Van Horne, of Zanesville in the County of Muskingum in the State of Ohio, do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Captain in the second Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

Witness my hand this 7th day of June, in the year 1828. Isaac Van Horne

Zanesville 7th June 1828

Sir I have the honor to enclose to you herewith my last Commission as a Captain in the 2nd Reg't. Pennsy'a Line in the Army of the Revolutionary War and other evidence shewing that I am entitled to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 15th May last 1828 and in conformity with your instructions as contained in the National Intelligencer of the 31st Ult: to facilitate examination in the War department as to my [one line illegible]

I entered the Army in the beginning of the year 1777 [last digit illegible] as an Ensign in Capt. Jno. Beaty's Comp'y Colonel McGaws Regimt, and was made prisoner at Fort Washington 16 Nov 1776. remained a prisoner in New York & Long Island untill May 1778 when I was exchanged. soon after I went to Head quarters Valey forge [Valley Forge PA] to join the army again, but found no vacancy in the Regimt. during the summer a Committee of the old [undeciphered word] repaired to the army and newly arranged the same in which arrangement I was restored to my rank, by the recommendation of Col McGaw & others, then, when I rejoined [?] the army in the 6 Reg't. then commanded by Col. Jos'h Harmer [Josiah Harmar] remained in [undeciphered word] service until after the [rest of line and another illegible] agreement between Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne & myself terminated in a leave of absence to Pennsy'a by Gen'l. Wayne.

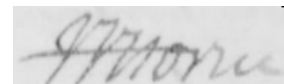
I had been Commiss'd a Capt. Lt. from 1st Oct'r 1779 and at the time Gen'l. Waynes Borgaid [sic: Brigade] Marched to the aid of Gen'l. LaFayette in Virginia in 1781 the Capt. Lieut. were ordered to the Recruiting Service, preferring however to be with the army in active service, I made an arrangement with adjutant Huston [?] of the Regiment to remain on the recruiting service in my place whilst I volunteered to perform the Adjut's. duty in the Regim't in which the field officers concurred and flattered me with a promise of the first vacancy for promotion on account of it, yet I never got my rank as a Captain until after I returned to Phila. from the Capture of Lord Cornwall at Yorktown Virg'a. [19 Oct 1781] my Commis'n as Capt. was dated 10th June 1781 at the time Capt. McClelland resign'd of the 2^d. Regm't and which I claimed soon after his resignation From that time to then and after the war I was on the Recruiting [?] service under the direction of the late Gen'l. [Richard] Humpton, Humpton had lost the command of his regiment after the battle of Green Spring, or Jamestown [6 Jul 1781] in which one of the Regiments was reduced, shortly before the siege of York.

Owing to the [parts of two lines illegible] service after the siege of York nor during my being a prisoner

Supposing a receipt may be necessary I have placed my signature in blank at bottom of the certificate, to be filled in [?] I have the honor to be

Sir, your Obed't. Hum'l. Serv't.

JVHorne



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

To Isaac Van Horn Esquire Greeting.

We Depositing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valor, Conduct and Fidelity DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Captain in the Second Pennsylvania Regiment in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the tenth day of June 1781— You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Captain by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do Strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders, as Captain. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, or a Committee of the States.

Witness. His Excellency John Hanson Esq President of the Congress of the United States of America at Philadelphia the Sixth day of March A.D. 1782 and in the Sixth Year of our Independence. [signed] John Hanson President

By Order of Congress
B Lincoln Secretary of War

State of Ohio } SS.

Muskingum County }

On this third day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me, Corrington W. Searle, President Judge of the fourth Judicial District of Ohio, in which is included this County, Dorothy Van Horne, a resident of Zanesville, in the said County of Muskingum, aged eighty three years, who being first duly sworn (she, the said Dorothy Van Horne being prevented by bodily infirmity from appearing before the Court), according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": That she is the widow of Isaac Van Horne, who was a Captain in the second Pennsylvania Regiment of the Army of the Revolution (as is evidenced by his commission, dated the 6th day of March 1782, signed by John Hanson, President of Congress. that to the best of her knowledge and belief the said Isaac Van Horne entered the service of the United States as Ensign in January 1776, in Capt John Beatty's company, of Col. Sam'l. McGaw's regiment of the Penn. line: that afterwards he assisted in erecting Fort Washington on the Hudson: that he was taken prisoner of war on the surrender of the Fort in the fall of that year, and remained a prisoner until May 1778, when he was exchanged: Afterwards he served as Lieutenant in the 6th Penn. Regiment, according to a commission dated the 10th of April 1779, signed by John Jay President of Congress, taking rank as Lieutenant from the 15th of Feby. 1777: That he was promoted to Capt. Lieutenant by commission bearing date 1st Oct 1779, signed by Sam'l. Huntington President of Congress, ranking as such from 1st of July 1779. On the 6th of March 1782 as aforesaid he received a commission as Captain in the second Penn. regiment ranking as such from the 10th of June 1781. That he was in the engagement at Jamestown under Gen'l. Wayne, when with seven or eight hundred troops, he encountered the whole British army under Cornwallis. That he left the service at the close of the war. That he resided in Bucks County Penn. when he entered the service. The deceased officer was a pensioner under the act of the 15th of May 1828 entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution." That he continued to draw his annuity up to the period of his death to wit: Feb'y. second 1834.

She further declares that she was married to the said Isaac Van Horne in the City of Philadelphia in the autumn or winter of (1784) (the precise day not recollected) seventeen hundred and eighty four; that her husband, the aforesaid Isaac Van Horne, died on the second day of February eighteen hundred & thirty four; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz: at the time above stated: That she was never

afterwards married – and further she declares she has no knowledge, in consequence of the great length of time since elapsed and her great infirmity, of any person who was present at the wedding of herself & the said Isaac Van Horne: That there is no record of the marriage other than the following, contained in an old Dutch testament, to wit:

"Isaac Van Horne & Dorothy Marple being married, the first of their offspring was a daughter Jane, born the fourth day of Sept. 1785." the above is in the hand writing of the deceased Isaac Van Horne. She further states that there is no record in Pennsylvania of their marriage to her knowledge. She further declares that they lived together as man & wife from the period of their marriage up to the time of the deceasing of said Isaac Van Horne. That she drew from the Department at Washington the residue of his annuity after his death, from the 3rd of Sept 1833 to the period of his death, as his widow.

[signed] Dorothy Van Horne

State of Ohio }

Muskingum County } SS.

On this nineteenth day of Nov'r. 1838 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Muskingum, Bernard Van Horne, a resident of Zanesville in the County of Muskingum, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration: that he is the son of the aforesaid Isaac Van Horne dec'd. & Dorothy Van Horne, widow of the said Isaac Van Horne; that he does now and always has lived in the family of said Isaac Van Horne and since his decease in the family of his mother the said Dorothy; that the old Dutch Testament mentioned in the Declaration of the said Dorothy is now, and has been so long as he can recollect, in possession of the family; that the record of the marriage quoted in said declaration of said Dorothy is in the hand writing of his father the said Isaac – in conjunction with the family record, all in the hand writing of the said Isaac; That he also has in his possession a memoir of the said Isaac, drawn up by said Isaac many years before his decease in his own hand writing, from which the following is extract–

"the Regiment having marched to the Carolinas, I was ordered by Col. Humpton to recruit for the regiment, and continued recruiting until peace 1782-3, which terminated my military Career. Being through exposure in a very feeble state of health, I had recourse to medicine, a strict regimen, traveling & recovering slowly, I took my father's farm — soon after I settled on the farm I married the widow of Isaac Marple &c." That the commissions referred to in the declaration of said Dorothy are in his possession; and further that said Isaac Van Horne died on the second day of Feb'y. 1834 [signed] B. Van Horne

NOTE:

The family record in the “old Dutch testament” cited above is transcribed as follows:

Barnat Vanhorn was born the 13 day of June in the year of our Lord 1730

Sarah Vanpelt was born the 14 day of october in the year of our Lord 1731

Barnat Vanhorn and Sarah Vanpelt was Married the 17 day of January in the year of our Lord 1753

Barnard Vanhorn Died the 11th Jan 1778

Isaac Vom Horne & Dorothy Marple being Married. The first of their Offspring was a Daughter Jane Born the 4th day of Sept'r 1785

Sarah was Borne the 27th day of August 1786

Polly was Borne the 26th day March AD 1788

Isaac was Born the 18th day of August 1789

Eliza was Born the 30th day of November 1791

Samuel was Borne the 13th day of May AD 1793

Patience was Born the 17th day September 1794

Cynthia was born the 4th day of February 1796

Barnam was born the 22^d day of January AD 1798

Isaac was born th 13 day of January in the year of our Lord 1754

Joseph was born the 21 day of January in the year of our Lord 1757

Franklin was born the 13th day of March 1800

Joseph Jeff^m was born 21st April 1802

Isaac Vanhornes Book

A document in the file states that Dorothy Van Horne died 15 Sep 1843. A letter by Amasa Van Horne dated 13 Jun 1856 states that he was the executor of Dorothy Van Horne, deceased, who lived in Muskingum County for 37 years and in Bucks County PA before then. A document dated 28 Jun 1856 lists the surviving children of Isaac and Dorothy Van Horne as Sarah Van Horne; Jane Van Horne; Eliza Van Horne, wife of Dr. John Hamm; Bernard Van Horne; and Capt. Jefferson Van Horne stationed at Fort Stanton, New Mexico.