

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Horn ¹ W664 Elizabeth Horn f42VA
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State of Kentucky Sct.

Knox County Court, December Term 1823

On this 8th day of December 1823, personally appeared in Open Court (being) a Court of record by the Laws of Kentucky, having power to fine and imprison being the County Court of Knox, Christopher Horn, resident in said County aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, the 1st May 1820 and the 1st March 1823. That he the said Christopher Horn, enlisted in Staunton in Virginia in 1775 for two years in Captain John Hays Company in the ninth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Mathews, that he served nearly two years in said Regiment was at the Battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] they were all cut to pieces and scattered, when he again enlisted at the Valley Forge, for three years in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Captain Spotswood Dandridge of the third troop in the First Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Bland [Theodorick Bland], that he served in said Regiment until 1780 in January, he was discharged in Halifax Town in North Carolina, that he was at the Battles of Savannah [probably the Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779], Bryar Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779], Charles Town [probably a reference to the actions in defense of Charleston from the attempted invasion by forces under the command of Augustine Prevost in 1779] and many other small engagements not now recollected, that during all his service aforesaid he belonged to the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he lost his discharge. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 to wit

1 Sorrell Mare worth	\$25.00
1 Small Sow Shoat worth	1.24

¹ BLWt34931-160-55

100 acres of land very poor and in dispute at 165.00
\$191.25

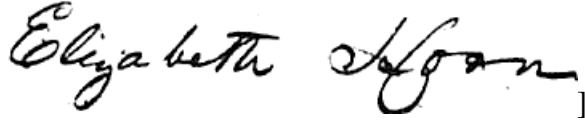
S/ Christopher Horn

My Family consists of a wife and 3 children, my children are young. I am by pursuit a Farmer and I owe more money than my property would sell for in cash, and I stand in need of the assistance of my property [sic] for support.

S/ Christopher Horn

[pp 25-27: certificate signed by a large number of alleged residents of Knox County Kentucky attesting to the character and reputation of the veteran as a revolutionary war soldier.]

[p 5: On May 23, 1853 in Knox County Kentucky, Elizabeth Horn, 72, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Christopher Horn, I revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died in Knox County Kentucky March 9, 1837; that she was married to him in Knox County Kentucky in the month of December 1817 by the Reverend Blackgrove Hopper; that she remains a widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Horn". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background. The first name "Elizabeth" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Horn" is written in a slightly smaller hand to its right. There is a small vertical line or mark at the end of the signature.

[p 10: On April 28, 1855, in Knox County Kentucky, the widow, giving her age as 74, applied for her bounty land entitlement. This document she signed using her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 8th, 1823, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853.]