

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Horton ¹ W7777 Mary Horton f64VA
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State of Ohio Jackson County:

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Please now sitting Joseph Horton a resident of Jefferson Township in Jackson County, Ohio, aged about seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That sometime in the year 1779, when he resided in Augusta County Virginia, he volunteered in a Militia Company commanded by Captain James Tate, who was under the command of Major George Morford [sic ?] – That his Company & to others under the command of said Major were raised for the special purpose of going against the Savages and guarding the frontier – that they marched from Augusta to Greenbrier County to a place called the Savannah Fort, where he thinks he served at least two months, when he was dismissed, without any writing as he recollects of – That sometime in the forepart of the month of March 1781, at Augusta County aforesaid, where he still resided, he volunteered in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Alexander Telford, who was under command of Colonel Samuel McDowell – that he marched through the Counties of Rockbridge, Botetourt, Bedford, Pittsylvania & into Guilford in North Carolina – that he was in the battle of Guilford Court house fought he thinks on the 15th of March 1781 where he was taken prisoner by the British – that he was marched as a prisoner to Wilmington where he was kept for a long time prisoner and until he escaped and returned home on the 8th day of July following –

That a few days after he returned home, he again volunteered in a company of Mounted militia commanded by Colonel Samuel McCutcheon [Samuel McCutchen], who was under the command of Colonel Bowyer [William Bowyer] of Augusta; That they marched towards Jamestown and had a small Engagement at a place called Hot Water [June 26, 1781], which lasted about half an hour – that after a service of twenty days, he was dismissed, and returned home – That afterwards and sometime in the spring of the year 1782, at Staunton in Augusta County Virginia he enlisted for three years or for during the War, in the Company commanded by Captain Labrun [perhaps an attempt to identify Capt. Le Brun de Bellecoeur], who was under the command of General Armong [Charles Armand Tuffin, marquis de la Rouerie]; That he was a

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member of a Horse Company attached to said General's independent core [Corps] – They went from Staunton to Winchester, from which place after a few months, the exact time not recollected, they marched to Little York, where after a service of 16 or 17 months under said enlistment, he was discharged, by writing, which he is now unable to produce, it not having been seen among his papers for forty-five years past. That during this period he was in no considerable battle – That he has no documentary evidence of his said service, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, excepting the testimony of Jonathan Milltollen [?], who served in the same company with him during his aforesaid enlistment & whose Affidavit accompanies this Petition – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State. That he was born in England and immigrated to this country after the commencement of the Revolutionary War in an American ship called *Potomac*, built on the Potomac River, he has no record of his age; That he resided in Augusta County Virginia until about 36 or 7 years since, when he moved to Greenbrier County Virginia, where he resided for 6 or 7 years, when he moved to Kanawha County Virginia where he resided for about the same length of time, when he moved to Ohio & to the same neighborhood in Jackson County where he now resides, where he has resided for about 10 years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18th of September A.D. 1832

S/ Joseph Horton, X his mark

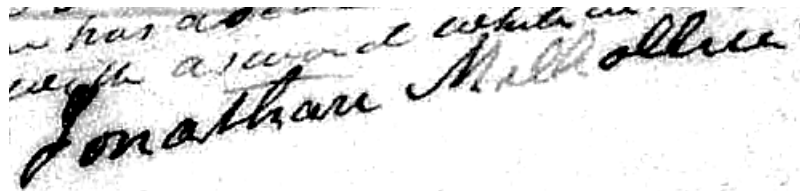
[Theophilus Blake, a clergyman, and Joel Arthur gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Ohio Clark County

This day personally came before me A. Blount a Justice of the Peace within and for said County Jonathan Millhollen² who after being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith – that he served as an enlisted or regular soldier towards the latter part of the Revolutionary war in the American service and that one Joseph Horton served in the same core and at the same time with him as an enlisted Soldier fifteen months and upwards as a private in what was called Colonel Armand's Core, one Shafner [perhaps George Schaffner] being Major and Lebrun Captain Decature Lieutenant and Murdoch Cornet – Third Troop affiant further states that he believes that said Joseph Horton always discharged his duty as a good soldier and was regularly discharged and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed by me August 23rd, 1832. Affiant further states that Joseph Horton has a scar on his cheek which he saw him receive with a sword while in the Army.

S/ Jonathan Millhollen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Millhollen". Above the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to say "has a scar on his cheek which he saw him receive with a sword".

[p 7: On February 12, 1853 in Scioto County Ohio, Mary Horton, widow of Joseph Horton, applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Horton, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Scioto County of Ohio on or about July 4,

² [Jonathan Milkollin S16971](#)

1828; that her husband died in Jackson County June 11, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: Certificate dated March 4th, 1853 from the clerk of the Probate Court of Scioto County of Ohio that records in his office show that Joseph Horton & Mary Jenkins were married July 4, 1824 agreeable to a license issued by John R Turner Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$83.61 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for 15 months and a private of Infantry for 6 months and 10 days in the Virginia service. His pension was subsequently increased to \$100 per annum. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 3rd, 1853.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Joseph Horton is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private Dragoon of Armand's Legion in the service of the United States for the War.

Council Chamber

May 21st 1790

Beverly Randolph

Samuel Coleman

The Discharge upon which the above Certificate is founded has endorsed thereon and assignment from Joseph Horton to John Thadle [?] and from John Thadle to John Hamet. May 21st 1790

Samuel Coleman