

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Abram (Abraham) Horton W7778<sup>1</sup> Ditha (Aditha)  
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[fn p. 22]

State of Alabama, Lawrence County

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1834, personally appeared before me James B. Wallace, Judge of the County Court of Lawrence County, Alabama, Abraham Horton, of said County and State aged Seventy four 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 7, 1832: That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. He was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1760 – has a copy of his father's record in his possession. His father moved to Surry County North Carolina when he was about 10 years old – in 1770. He entered the service of the United States, in Surry County North Carolina, as a private, in Captain John Martin's Company of Rangers – continued in said Company two years, to guard the passes of the mountains against the Indians – had many skirmishes with the Indians and Tories, and one at Ramsour's Mill, where we were commanded by Col Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] after two years I served as above, Col Armstrong ordered Captain Martin to discharge his men, for one-years service which he did. He was then out of service, until the British came in at Charleston in the spring of 1779, Col Armstrong ordered a draft to go to Charleston – he was drafted, and placed under the command of Captain Gains and Major Winston – started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and crossed the Yadkin at the Shallow Ford, and joined Genl. Rutherford between Charlotte and the Yadkin River – a detachment then marched down to the Yadkin, to the North of Rocky River, Major Winston was still with us, and on this expedition was commanded by Captain Davidson – we attacked a party of British at Colston's Mills [sic, Colson's]<sup>2</sup>, Captain Davidson received a wound in his right side – the enemy retreated, and we took possession of the place – remained there till Genl. Rutherford came up with the Main Army – Genl. Rutherford then marched to the Cheraws, crossed the Pee Dee [Pedee River] and marched to Camden between the Cheraws & Camden, joined Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] – in a day or two applicant was marched with a detachment of about six hundred men to join Genl. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – we joined him on the Catawba the River opposite Camden, on the morning of Gates' defeat – after getting the news of the defeat, Sumter marched up the Broad River – we went on at a forced march, two days and nights only stopping at noon for refreshments – until we came near the Catawba Ford, and stopped – we were here overtaken by Col Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], and the whole of our men were scattered in every direction through the woods – those that escaped went home – we were out this time five months and 26 days – About the first of September, in the same year, he volunteered as a mounted riflemen under Captain Cox – joined Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] on his way to King's Mountain – fought at that battle, where we were defeated Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and the British – he recollects Col Sevier [John Sevier] and other officers at that place – served this campaign five months – in 1781, in August was drafted, and attached to a company commanded by Captain Blackburn, and marched under the

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<sup>2</sup> July 21, 1780.

command of Col Armstrong towards Moncks Corner-- before we got to that place, the battle of the Eutaw Springs was fought – shortly afterwards the news of Cornwallis's defeat reached us – I served three months in that company. He received a discharge after the battle of King's Mountain – and another at the Eutaw Springs and one from Captain Martin – which were all the written discharges he has received – they are all lost or destroyed long since he does not know how – 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James B. Wallace, Judge of the  
County Court

S/ Abram Horton

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*Abram Horton*

Him as Interrogatories put by the said James B. Wallace, Judge as aforesaid to the applicant:

1. Where & in what year were you born? -- Answer – in Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the year 1760.
2. Have you any record of your age? If so where is it? Answer – I have a copy of my father's record of my age in my possession.
3. Where were [you] living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolution? And where do you now live? Answer – I lived in North Carolina, Surry County – when called into service – I lived in Chatham County in said State near 30 years after the war – then moved to South Carolina, Pendleton District – lived there eight years – then moved to Franklin County, Tennessee, lived there about ten years – then to Lawrence County, Alabama, where he still resides.
4. How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if so for whom? Answer – I volunteered twice and was drafted twice.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect – and the general circumstances of your services. Answer – I have done so in the above declaration as far as my memory serves me.
6. Did you ever received a discharge from the service? And if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer – I received two discharges, one from Captain Cox and one from Captain Blackburn – they are both lost or destroyed long since and one from Captain Martin also lost.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution. I refer to the Rev. John C. Stephenson and Hodge L. Stephenson Esq. for evidence on these points.

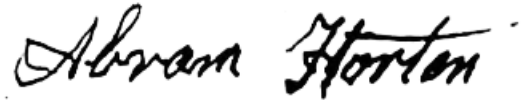
[John C Stephenson, a clergyman, and H S Stevenson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before James B. Wallace, Judge of the County Court aforesaid, the above named Abraham Horton, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequence loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise lengths of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – for one year as a volunteer private under Captain Martin – for five months 26 days under Gains as a drafted militia man – for five months as a volunteer under Captain Cox – and for three months under Captain Blackburn, as a drafted militiamen and for such service he claims to a pension.

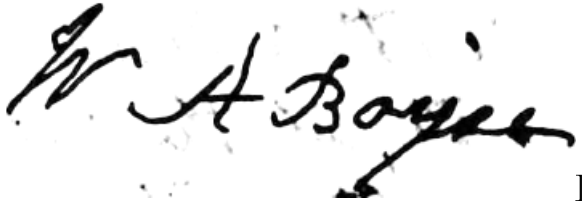
Sworn to and subscribed.

S/ Abram Horton



[fn p. 16: On June 8, 1849 in Lawrence County Alabama, Ditha, otherwise Aditha, Horton, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Abram Horton, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died December 11, 1842 in Lawrence County Alabama; that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service; that they were married by Kajah Clark Esquire in the County of Surry North Carolina; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 39: On June 8, 1849 in Lawrence County Alabama, Rebicca Boyce [Rebecca Boyce], 50, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Abram and Ditha Horton. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Fn p. 42, William A. Boyce, 60, gave testimony that he is the son-in-law of the veteran and his widow.



[fn p. 19: On August 2, 1849 in Lawrence County Alabama, Hezekiah Horton, testified that he is about the age of 70; that he is the oldest son & child of Abraham Horton and his wife Ditha Horton; that his parents were married in the week of Christmas in the year 1777; that his parents raised a large family of children and were members of the Baptist Church; that his father died in the month of December 1782 in Lawrence County Alabama and at the time of his death was a pensioner of the United States. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 13: On May 1, 1856 in Lawrence County Alabama, Dytha Horton, 98, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Abram Horton; she states she married her husband in Surry County North Carolina in 1777; that her name prior to her marriage was Dythy Clark; that her husband died December 11, 1842 and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]