Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia Rejected Claim of John Winfree VAS1733 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From Revolutionary rejected-claim records in the Library of Virginia.]

State of Kentucky } At a Court holden for Henderson County – State of Kentucky afores'd. Henderson County Sct } on 28th day of first month 1833 personally appeared in open Court John E. Winfree of Henderson Co afores'd. who, being duly sworn on the Evangelist of Almighty God doth say that he is the nephew & heir of John Winfree, a private of the Virginia Continental line, who to the best of his knowledge & belief was slain in battle (as he believes) at the Horse Shoe [see endnote]; that said Jno Winfree left deponent's father, Robert, Isaac & Charles 3 brothers, & Nancy Beasley, Susanna Lesau [or Lesan], & Betsey Harris – 3 sisters, all of whom are dead. Deponent says that he has never received, nor have any others claiming as heirs to his said [illegible word] John Winfree deceased, to his knowledge, any land bounty from the State of Virginia on account of service, rendered in the revolutionary war, by the said John Winfree; nor did the said John Winfree in his life time to the knowledge of this Deponent, receive any land bounty from State of Virginia and further says not – Signed John E Winfree

NOTE: I could find no account of an engagement involving Virginians during the Revolutionary War at a place called Horse Shoe. It is likely that the reference is to the Battle of The Horshoe in present Alabama during the War of 1812.