

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Horton S16419

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court March term 1833

On this 4th day of March 1833 Personally appeared in open Court – it being a Court of record now sitting Isaac Horton a resident of the said County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aforesaid aged seventy years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to avail himself of the benefits of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as follows to wit –

That he entered the service under the command of Captain George Pierce – attached to the Regiment of Colonel Pacely [John Paisley] – & the Division of General Davidson in Surry County in the State of North Carolina as a private militia volunteer Soldier that he marched down below Charlotte in North Carolina under the aforesaid officers from whence returned through Charlotte pursued by the British to Salisbury – where the British Army was for I while stationed

That when the British left Salisbury this deponent with and at command of his officers aforesaid pursued them to the Catawba River where they crossed at nations Ford – that from thence they were marched to Sugar Creek as he thinks in Rowan County – where they were stationed until he was discharged – that he received a written discharge which has been since stolen from him – That said term of service continued three months.

That a very short time after returning home he again volunteered under the command of Captain John Morgan – Major McDowell – attached to General Morgan's Division – and marched to South Carolina and was on duty at the battle of the Cowpens. That after said battle he was employed to guard the prisoners to the barracks in Virginia. After which he was again discharged which discharge in writing was lost as aforesaid.

That soon after his returning home he was drafted and under Captain Morgan aforesaid attached to Colonel Pacely's Regiment & General Davidson's division – marched to some Ford on the Catawba [River] when the British attempted to cross said River – that a Battle ensued in which General Davidson¹ was killed. He does not recollect the name of the place – when this tour expired he was again discharged – and returned home –

That he again volunteered soon after his arrival at home under Captain James Gaines – Colonel Smith & General Rutherford – and under their command marched to or near Wilmington – was in no engagement during this term of service – which continued as ordered [?] three months when he was again discharged regularly – in writing – that during the said last term of

¹ General William Lee Davidson was killed February one 1781 at Cowans Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina.

service he acted as a Sergeant.

That soon after he again volunteered under Captain Gaines – Major Winston – & Colonel Armstrong and marched to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Guilford Court House that he deponent was dispatched from the main Army with some horses the day before the Battle of Guilford – as he returned he met with Captain Kell [James Kell?] who was marching to attack Fannin [David Fanning] a Tory Captain at Lindley's Mills – in or near the line of Guilford County – that he together with his Associates were persuaded to join Captain Kell and were with him in a battle fought with said Fanning – that they defeated Fanning² – after which he again joined General Greene – and was with him at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]– Soon after which he was again discharged in writing – which discharge he lost as well as all others that he received – as above stated to wit – they were stolen from him.

That at the Close of the war old when he was last discharged he settled in Surry County aforesaid where he lived 2 years – from thence he moved to Spartanburg in South Carolina where he also remained 2 years – thence to Pendleton in the State last aforesaid – married and remained there 30 years or upwards – from thence he removed into Hall County in the State of Georgia & lived there 7 years – from there he removed to his present residence in the State of Georgia & County of Gwinnett aforesaid.

The affidavits of David Southerlin appended will establish the truth of what he states in relation to 2 of his above tours or terms of service – the other terms he has no evidence to establish except his own oath.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Horton, X his mark

[Silas King, a clergyman, and Jalen Ivey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Gwinnett County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said State and County Isaac Horton who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – or as to the precise periods of the war in which he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – and as near as he recollects at & during the following periods of the war. For 3 months I served as a private volunteer militia soldier in the year 1780. That for 3 months I served as a militia volunteer private soldier in the year 1781. For 3 months I served as a private drafted militia man in the year 1781. For 3 months I served as a Sergeant of militia in 1781 or 82. For 3 months I served as a private militia volunteer soldier in the year 1782 and for such service I claim a pension. And further amendment to his declaration and in answer to the objections made by the War Department to said declaration the deponent answers and says That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the County of (he believes) Bucks in the year 1763.

² It is difficult to make sense of this claim by the veteran. The engagement at Lindley's Mill did not occur until September 1781, at which time the veteran states he was in SC at the battle of Eutaw Springs. It is known that David Fanning and his men were surprised somewhere in Alamance County on March 15, 1781 by Whig militia commanded by Capt. Jacob Duckworth. Since the veteran says the engagement he was in with Fanning was close to the time of the battle of Guilford Courthouse (March 15, 1781) and since no other engagement with Fanning is known to have occurred near the same time as the battle at Guilford, perhaps the veteran was at the engagement between Duckworth and Fanning on March 15, 1781. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_alamance.html

That he has a record of his age given him by his father. That Noah Strong Esquire – Jesse Crompton – John White and many others of his neighbors together with the clergyman & citizen who have certified for him can testify as to his veracity and as to their belief of his revolutionary services – and he further states that since making his original declaration he has found it inconvenient on account of his age and infirmity and a distance to his witnesses to produce any positive testimony as to his aforesaid services except his own oath.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September 1832.

S/ Isaac Gilbert, JP

S/ Isaac Horton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]