Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Horrell S2322 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County Sct.

On this 16th day of September 1833, Personally appeared before the County Court of Pulaski County, being a Court of Record, Established by the Constitution and laws of Kentucky, James Horrell, a resident of said County of Pulaski & State of Kentucky, 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 the said James Horrell entered the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, under the following named Officers and Served as herein below stated,

1st he enlisted in the Pack Horse Service for five months in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia, my then place of residence under Captain Alexander Henderson on the 19th day of September (year not now recollected, but it was in the same year that General Burgoyne was taken) [Battle of Bemis Heights or Battle of Saratoga II, October 7, 1777] Commanded by Colonel Lockard of Botetourt County Virginia, marched with the Pack Horse from said Botetourt County Virginia they are receiving our loading [?]¹ to the main Army, which was stationed at Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River, from thence Crossing the Ohio River, to Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], in Company with the main Army, said Army was commanded by General Laughlen McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], of the Regular Service, and from thence leaving the Army the Pack Horse Company returned to a Major Tate's at Bull Skin [?],² near Winchester in Virginia, where the said James Horrell as well as the rest of Captain Henderson's Company of Pack Horse remained to recruit there Horses, belonging to the Service, until his term of duty expired (to wit) five months was then and there Discharged, receiving a Discharge from his said Captain Henderson. – And returned to my residence in Amherst County Virginia aforesaid.

Afterwards time not now exactly recollected, but was in the fall of the same year his first Tour of duty expired, Turned Out a Volunteer as a Militia man in said County of Amherst to perform a tour of Duty of thirty days, was marched to the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia, and was placed in the Companies of Captains Ballenger & Pamlet, commanded by

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Major Taylor [Francis Taylor], to guard the British Prisoners & Hessians and remained at that place in said service till my said tour of thirty days expired and were relieved by other Companies of Militia and was Discharged, and returned Home to my residence in Amherst County Virginia. Afterwards in said County my residence, time not recollected being young and uneducated, turned out as a Volunteer under Captain David Shelton of the Virginia Militia to perform a tour of Duty of 40 days, was marched to Williamsburg Direct from Amherst County to serve as a Guard at that place and there continued till my time or term of forty days expired, and was Discharged by my said Captain Shelton, and from thence returned to my Home in said County of Amherst, Afterwards order of Governor Jefferson [Thomas Jefferson] of Virginia to raise men, at the time Richmond was the siege by the British Army, time not now recollected but upon that col, he the said James Herrald [sic], turned Out as a Volunteer Militia man in Amherst County Virginia under Captain James Montgomery of said County of Amherst, of the Virginia Militia for thirty days was marched from thence to Hunter's Ironworks and thence to Richmond, got there after the enemy (i.e. [?], the British Army[)] had left that [place], and remained at Richmond until his said Tour expired in the service of the United States, and was relieved by other Companies of Militia, was discharged by my said Captain James Montgomery, and returned Home to my residence in Amherst County Virginia. Afterwards the said James Herrald Volunteered in the same County Amherst time not recollected but was a very short time before the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], to perform a tour of duty of thirty days, under Captain John Morrison, of said County belonging to the Regular Army, marched to Richmond, and from thence to Petersburg, and there served as a Guard, till his said term of thirty days expired and was Discharged by said Captain Morrison, and then returned to my residence in Amherst County, and afterwards and lastly, time not recollected, but was in the month of August or September, and in the same year that Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] surrendered at York [October 19, 1781], Volunteered in the said County of Amherst under Captain John Lovin of the Virginia Militia to perform a tour of duty of Sixty days, was marched from Amherst to Hobb's hole, from there to James River from thence across to James Town and from thence to Williamsburg where we joined the main Army Commanded by General George Washington. Remained at that place till the American Army marched to and Stormed Pigeon Hill and was in that engagement. Afterwards was marched to York, at which place performed various duties or services and was then Discharged serving out my said term which expired a very short time before the surrender of Corn Wallace, at that place and then again returned Home to my residence in Amherst County Virginia. – This Affiant James Horreld states that all of his Services of which mention is made in his Declaration above stated was performed with an Embodied Corps called into service by Confident Authority, and as he understood and believed, and still believes and for and during the time said Services was performed by him as stated in this his Declaration he was not employed in any Civil Pursuit, but was employed entirely in the Defense of his Country, in the Various ways stated by him herein aforesaid. And the said James Horrell further states on his oath that he has no witness, or witnesses in this State by whom he can prove his services as stated above, at this time, But that a few years since, there were several persons by whom he could have Established his said services, but they have departed this life. – And he being very young at the time he performed said Services and illiterate, and careless with all, has lost or so mislaid his several Discharges for his Services performed as above stated and has not seen them for many years, he states that in all his Tours of duty performed he was nothing more than a Common soldier. –

He was born in the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia on the 7th of May year

not recollected.

He has no Record of his age his age was recorded in his father's family Bible and he understands and believes said Bible at this time is in the care & possession of a Sister in law in the State of Ohio. He lived in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia at the time he was called or entered the Several Services as stated in his above and foregoing Declaration and continued to reside there till the 9th of February after the surrender of Cornwallis year not recollected, from thence removed to Burke County North Carolina where he continued to live till I removed to the County of Lincoln Kentucky which has been upwards of thirty years, where I resided upwards of two years, then removed to my present residence in Pulaski County Kentucky where I have resided ever since. He volunteered to perform the several services as stated by him in his Declaration.

He states the name of Laughlon McIntosh of the Regular Army, who was a General & Captain John Morrison also of Army and at this time is unable to name the name of any of the other Regular officers being very young. He states he has no Documentary Evidence whatever of his Services, and at this time knows of no person or persons by whom he can prove his Services, having lost his Discharges of which he has made mentioned in his Declaration. He states he is known to Charles Cooper clergyman and John Whites in his present neighborhood who can Testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State or Territory, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Horrell, X his mark

[James Cooper, a clergyman, and John Whites gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: Power of attorney dated April 29, 1853 executed by Mary Elder, daughter and only child of James Horrell, deceased, who died February 21st, 1839 while a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$31.66 per annum; that he died leaving a widow who he married after the year 1800 but who has been dead several years. She signed the power of attorney with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.76 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 10 days in the Virginia militia.]