Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Horseley S36590 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky 5th Judicial District: Sct.

On this 24th day of July 1821 personally appeared in open court viz. the Jefferson Circuit Court being a Superior Court of law and of record with power to fine and imprison and whose proceedings are enrolled and signed James Horseley aged Sixty years, a resident of Jefferson County in said district, which said County composes the Jefferson Circuit, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States as follows – that he enlisted for during the war in a company commanded by Captain Robert Yancey at Winchester in the State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony Walton White, when it arrived in the southward; the same being, the 1st Virginia Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment – that he enlisted in September 1780 – that soon after he marched to the southward & was at Hillsborough & Santee – that he remained in the South about 18 months – that he returned & was ta[paper damaged and rest of word missing, perhaps "taken"] prisoner at Blandford in Virginia* [* marginal note: "Blandford is a village near Petersburg"] that he served un [paper damaged and text missing, probably "until"] the close of the war –

That his said services were in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – and he solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, to wit one horse, & one plough & gear, about 25 hogs & pigs, one table, one dozen old knives & forks, 9 split bottom chairs, 3 pots & one kettle & oven –

That he has a wife & no children – his wife is aged 50 years & has been sickly ever since his intermarriage with her.

James Horseley

[The court valued the schedule property at \$82.50.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 24, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] indexed under "James Horsley"

I do Certified that it appears from the Size Roll & muster Rolls of 2nd Troop of first Regiment L. Dragoons that James Horsley enlisted 23rd July 1780 for the war & served as Soldier in said Regiment till the Mutiny¹ May 1783.

March 9, '85 S/ J

S/ J Belfield, Major Cavalry

Passed Charles Jones Commissioner

Winchester February 20, 1785

Sir

You will please to settle my Accounts with Edward Valentine as he is empowered by me to Receive the Certificates and Land Warrants that is due me for my service as a Soldier for the War, witness my hand this day above

Test John Clark

S/ James Hosley [sic]

For value received I do Assigned my right of James Horsley's pay and & Land to William Reynolds witness my hand this 31st March 1785

Test D. Valentine S/ Edward Valentine

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¹ Veteran must have been a participant in the mutiny which occurred in Baylor's Corps in South Carolina. E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007, p 104) states: "On November 9, 1782, the 1st and 3d regiments of Continental Light Dragoons were merged into a unit of five troops, nominally commanded by the ailing George Baylor, but actually commanded by Major [John] Swan. The consolidated regiments remained in South Carolina until peace was declared. On hearing of the peace, about half the men elected Sergeant-Major William Dangerfield as their leader, seized the remaining horses, and rode homeward. By their mutiny they forfeited their pensions and bounty lands. The other cavalrymen, unhorsed by the mutineers, were eventually picked up by a troop transport and taken home by sea to collect their discharges."