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Pension Application of Ralph R. Horn S38046


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I Ralph R Horn do hear cartify that I Inlisted under Capt Talefero [probably William Taliaferro, company raised in Caroline County] of the 2^d Vir. Regiment Col [William] Woodford commandant on the 16 Sept 1775 as a private soldier & was in the Battle of the Long Bridge [sic: Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775], & was discharged some time in Aug 1776 then sick within a day or two after I got home employed a Doctor who reported a mortification in my mouth was occationed by the effecting of the jaw bone from the drawing of a tooth, I was restoured to health by the first of Nov, ensuing I then joined the nearest troops doing duty which was Capt Alexander Dicks [Alexander Dick R13751] company of marines. after continueing in that company about one month my Capt. got a commission in a state Garison regiment

I then inlisted under him for three years or during the wore; some time in the month of Feb, 1777 I was Ordered on Board of the muskeeter [sic: *Mosquito*] Brig fitted by the State to cruse against the common enemy about the 26 of Feb, Sailed on a cruise & about the 21 March fell in & captured the Snow John bound from Lancaster England to Anteager [sic: Antigua] the saim eavening fell in & Captured the Kings transport ship Noble Capt. Addis Commander from Cork Ireland bound for New York. I was then put on board the ship Noble, & Carried her safe in a french poart We then proceed upon another Cruise & on the 4 day of June the Same year was Captured by the Kings ship Ara, adner [sic: *Ariadne*]. Sir Thos. Pringle [Thomas Pringle], Commander. was landed & committed to Barbados, Joal [jail], the six day of June, Charged with the Crime of high treason Piracy & rebellion, as I was informed, whare I continued untill about the 17 of January 1778. We was then distributed in a fleet of british Ships bound to Jamaker [sic: Jamaica], on arriving their We were Carried on board of a manawor [sic: man-of-war] whare We reported ourselves as prisners & six of us drew 4 british mens rashions, & their were only too opportunities that presented them selves for my escape which I endeavoured to make use off but was detected in both & never returned home untill 1783, & my Capt then give me a discharge & the Government give me a surtificate of 102£ 3^{sh} 10^d which I disposed of for about 1 third of that sum;

[Certified in King William County court 27 Apr 1818]



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in three files, two of which are indexed as Horn, Ralph and one indexed as Horne, Ralph R. Several documents in the files are illegible, including one by Moses Standley (Stanley) W3886, who was a prisoner with Horn. The 28 Nov 1834 petition by the heirs is mostly illegible except for the signatures of Robert R. Horn, Mary Horn, John R. Stuart, Lucy M. Stuart, Ann Horn, Philip C Horn, Martha Horn, and Agnes Horn.]

Ralph Horn inlisted with me in the Marine Service on the 7th Dec'r 1776 & on the [several undeciphered words] to the 7th Feb'y 1777 [the rest mostly undeciphered]

Oct 3, 1783

Alex Dick

Copy/ J Pendleton

We Moses Standley & William Mitchel [William Mitchell VAS716] of the County of Caroline do hereby Certify, that Ralph R. Horne (now of the County of King William & State of Virginia) enlisted with Cap. Alexander Dick some time in the month of December 1776 to serve in one of the Virginia State Regiments for three years or during the War, & that some time in the month of February 1777 was

carried by the said Capt. Dick on Board of the public armed Brig Mosketto & sailed on a cruise, & on 4th day of June following was taken prisoner by his Britanic Majesties Ship Ariadney Sir Thomas Pringle Commander & was kept Prisoner during the war between England & America and after returning to america was discharged at Fredericksburg Virginia in the month of November 1783. Certified under our hands this 20th day of July 1809.

: 1009
Moses Stanley
William Mitchell

Upon the Petition of the Heirs of Ralph Horn marine – State Navy – for bounty land for his services.

The name of Ralph Horn is not on the Army Register.

The proof offer'd by the Petitioners, is that he enlisted in Captain Alexander Dicks Company of Marines, on board the Brig Musquitto, for three years, or during the war. That near the West India Islands he was taken prisoner of war, and confin'd in Jail in Barbadoes about seven months – thence he was remov'd to the Ship Antelope, and confin'd on board that Ship three years – therein sent to England and put on board the Ship Romulus and there confin'd about two years – that he enter'd the service, and was a prisoner together with Moses Stanley – that he was a prisoner until the war ended – the date of his enlistment not particularly recollected. (See the affidavit of Moses Stanley, a credible witness.)

The above facts, which are all of which I have any knowledge, relating to this claim, are respectfully submitted

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Tazewell

John H Smith Com'r &c

Dec'r 13th 1834

NOTE: The federal file includes a query from “Robert B. Horn one of the sons of Ralph B. Horn.”