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Pension Application of Nicholas Horne S4395

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[State of Tennessee, Knox County]

On the 9th day of January 1834 personally appeared in open court at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for said county and state NICHOLAS HORN a citizen of said county, aged 70 years, who being sworn according to law doth in his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress Papers June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Goochland County Virginia on the 25th day of November 1763 ¹; that he remained there about 8 or 10 years when he moved to Surry County N. Carolina ², where he was living at the commencement of, during the whole continuance of, and for several years after the Revolutionary War; that sometime about the 1st of July 1776, he being then but 13 or 14 but large of his age, he enrolled himself together with three of his brothers, as a volunteer into a company of cavalry commanded by Capt William Shepherd, and with the applicant's brother JOHN HORN as Lieutenant; applicant states that he rendezvoused at one Myers in said county of Surry and his company was attached to a regiment under Colonel Joseph Williams; applicant states that he marched with his said regiment into Virginia and crossed New River came on to the Holston River which he crossed not far from the Long Island, from there he came on to Buckingham's Island in French Broad; applicant states that sometime before he reached this last Island when and where he cannot now recollect, his regiment joined the main army under the command of General Christie, from Buckingham's Island, he crossed to the south side of French Broad and marched on to the Tennessee river, which he crossed not far from the mouth of Tellico River, the army then marched up and down the river and about through the Cherokee Nation, destroying the crops and burning the house of the Indians, in this service a part of the army were employed for several weeks after which many of the Indian Chiefs met General Christie, near the Tennessee River and held a treaty there after which the army marched home pretty nearly along the same scout and applicant was

discharged. Applicant thinks he served in this campaign nearly six months; he recollects it was but a short time before Christmas when he was discharged. Applicant states that sometime in the summer of 1780 he thinks in July he enrolled himself in Surry County (N. C.) as a volunteer into a company of cavalry under his former Captain William Shepherd and under him marched and joined the main army under General Rutherford after continuing with the main army three or four weeks, and marching with them toward Campden, when applicant with his company was detached from the main army and marched under the command of Col. afterwards Genl. Davisson, to dispense a company of tories who were collected at the mouth of Rocky river, after killing some and dispensing the rest of the tories, applicant and the detachment with him joined the main army, applicant thinks in this skirmish Genl. Davisson was wounded in the hip; after disposing of the spoils which had been taken in this scout, by public sale, applicant with his company left the main army and returned home, he thinks he was six weeks in this service; applicant states that sometime after this last campaign he was out against the tories in the county of Surry (N.C.) under his same Captain Shepherd, as a volunteer, for a term of 3 weeks applicant states he was in the army of the United States as a volunteer private, 8 months for which he claims a pension; applicant states that he has no record of his age but from the best information he believes he is as old as above stated; applicant states that he continued to live in Surry County N.C. until sometime in 1814 or 1815 when he moved to the place where he now lives in Knox County (TN). He states that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood. He states that the persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and his reputation for Revolutionary Services are James Badgett, Joseph Jackson, and others. He states that he never got a discharge to his recollection and if he ever did he has long since lost it. He states that he has no documentary evidence whatsoever of his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 9th day of January 1834.

Wm. Swan, D.C.

signed: N. Horne

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We, James Badgett and Joseph Jackson residing in said county do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with NICHOLAS HORNE who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 70 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood in which he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed this 9th January 1834.

Wm. Swan, D. Clk.

Signed: James Badgett
Joseph Jackson

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the investigations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as he states, and the Court further certifies that James Badgett, Joseph Jackson, who have signed the preceding certificate are resident Citizens of this County, that they are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to full credit.

Signed: J. Anderson

Lindsey Childress

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Justices of Knox County Court

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I, Charles McClung, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of the application of NICHOLAS HORNE for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 9th day of January 1834.

Signed: Chas. McClung by his dep. Wm. Swan.

CITATIONS:

1. "The Douglas Register" by Rev. William Douglas, republished by Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc. Baltimore, MD: pg. 216 "Births and Baptisms" John Horn & Sarah Perkins, a Son named Nicholas born Nov 25 1762. Baptized 1763 Mar 31. (pg. 64)
2. 1790 Surry Co NC Census; Nicholas Horn 1 – 0 – 2 – 0 – 2
1810 Surry Co NC Census; Nicholas Horn 00001 * 00010
1830 Knox Co TN Census; Nicholas Horn 0010000001 * 00000010000

OTHER NOTES:

- Nicholas HORN Private, North Carolina Line, \$34.33 Annual Allowance \$102.99 Amount Received February 3 1834 Pension Started Age 70 (1835 TN Pension Roll)
- "U.S. Pensioners, 1818-1872, Tennessee, 1833-1848"
Nicholas Horn, \$57 10p., Comp. to March 1835, 2-2-2-4 Died 23 February 1835, Pd. 2d Gr, 1835.
- "Historical Sketches of North Carolina from 1584 to 1851, Vol. II"
Nicholas Horn listed as a member of the General Assembly of Surry Co NC House of Commons for the years 1802 – 1812, and 1814.
- Surry Co NC Deeds 1799, Book (H-294)
State grant to Arthea Gentry 200 ac ... on the waters of HORN's Mill Creek beginning at said Gentry's former corner to NICHOLAS HORN's Mill, then northwesterly and back to beginning. –
- Nicholas Horne was a son of John Horne and Sarah Perkins of the Goochland Co VA area. He was born 25 Nov 1762 and baptized 31 Mar 1763 in Goochland Co VA. He married Rebecca Badgett, a daughter of James Badgett and Nancy Freeman. Both families apparently moved to Surry/Stokes county region in North Carolina where they lived for many years. When Nicholas removed to Knox Co TN following the Revolutionary War, apparently his wife's family followed as well. Nicholas is listed on TN pension rolls as having died 23 Feb 1835. Nicholas was the 4th gr-granduncle of the transcriber. His known siblings were: Jesse Horne (the transcriber's 4th Gr-Grandfather), John Horne, Richard Horne, Mary Horne, and Massie Horne.