

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Horton W7809 Jane Horton VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 June 2020.

At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia the 9th day of June 1818

Samuel Horton, an inhabitant of said County & Citizen of the State personally appeared before this court being a court of Record, and made oath that he enlisted in a Corps raised to guard the prisoners taken at the capture of Gen Burgoyne's army [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], which Corps of Guards was then commanded by a Capt. Taylor [sic: Col. Francis Taylor], that after his discharge from that service he enlisted in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons then commanded by Colo. Anth'y W. White [Anthony Walton White W6477] on Continental establishment, that he served in that Regiment until it was disbanded at Nelson ferry in So. Carolina in the year 1783, that during sd service he was wounded in an action with the Indians in Georgia [probably at Sharon, 24 May 1782] at which time he was under the command of Genl. [Anthony] Wayne and finally that he is now in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support

Henry Bowyer [W5859] being sworn says he was a Lieut't. & adjutant in the first Regim't of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment in the army of the revolution, that he knew the above mentioned Sam Horton to be a soldier in sd Regiment, that shortly after the Siege of York in Virginia in the year 1781 [28 Sep - 19 Oct] sd. Horton marched in a Troop belonging to that Reg't. from Petersburg in Virg'a. to So. Carolina & from there to Georgia under Genl Wayne, and continued in that service until sd Reg't. was disbanded in 1783. this deponent was present when sd Horton received his wound above mentioned.

Virginia

Botetourt County, to wit,

On this 11th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County, Samuel Horton aged about 60 years, who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration (in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820) That he the said Samuel Horton enlisted under Captain John Hughes [VAS1652] at the Siege of York in Virginia in the year 1781. That the year after Genl Burgoyne & his army was captured, he enlisted with Captain Burray [sic: Garland Burnley BLWt1885-300; see endnote], and served eighteen months, and was discharged at Winchester in Virginia. That he was discharged from the service the last tour of his enlistment from Colo White's Corps of Cavalry at Nelson ferry on the Congaree river [sic: Santee River] in South Carolina, at the end of the war, which will appear by his original Declaration dated as appears from his Pension Certificate No 9845 the 27th April 1819 And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by Gift Sale, or in any other manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provision of an Act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States of America during the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 – and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any Property or Securities or Contracts, or Debts due to me nor have I any income other than is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed

Schedule — One pot One small oven a small skillet Six knives & forks Six small pewter plates, five Earthen Ditto, a wash tub, an old earthen Crock Six cups & saucers a small pail & old water can three small tin cups a small tray, two old mattocks one hoe, a small cooler an axe, a butcher knife, and that he has a wife & three children & is not able to support them.

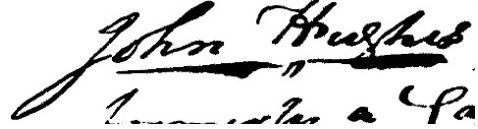
Samuel hisXmark Horton

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Gloucester Aug't ye 8th 1793

I do hereby Certify That Samuel Horton was inlisted for dureing the war that he was in service, in the 1st Reg't of Dragoons April 82, and to the best of my knowledge continued in the said Reg't to the end of the War.

John Hughes
formerly a Capt in
the 1st Reg't L. D.



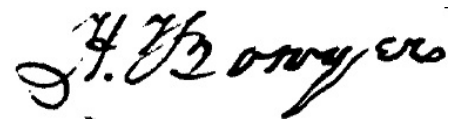
[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Horton, Aden.]

State of virginia County of botetourt SS [14 Aug 1825]

Samuel Horton being duly sworn on the evangely of almighty god doth say that he did [illegible] fredricksburg virginia into the company commanded by Capt Harrison in the 2 regiment commanded by Col poterfield [Charles Porterfield BLWt1 145-450?] in the virginia line on continental establishment for the term of three years. deponent further says that he served faithful in the said lin until the expiration of his said term of enlistment and that he was honorable discharged at york town in virginia but does not recollect the officer name by whom discharged deponent does not recollect the dait of his enlistment or the date of his discharge deponent further says that he reenlisted [illegible] york town virginia on or about the 1st day of october 1781 into Captain John Houses [sic] Company of light dragoons, 3 regiment Commanded at that time by Col Anthony White in the virginia line on continental establishment for during the war and says that he served faithful in the said line until the expiration of the war and was honorably [several illegible lines] of fair complexion. dark hair. dark eyes [several illegible words] born and raised in Nansemond County virginia [the rest undeciphered] Samuel hisXmark Horton

Virginia Botetourt County Sct,

This day [15 Aug 1825] came Henry Bowyer before me a Justice of the peace in & for said county; who being first sworn deposeth & saith that he was a Lieutenant & Adjutant in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment; that he new Samuel Horton as a private soldier in said Regiment from the year 1781 untill the year 1783 (inclusive) when he was discharged at the last period in So. Carolina, or he was Furloughed at that time with the rest of the sold of that & the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons, that & the 1st Regiment having been consolidated previous thereto. The said Samuel Horton is the same man who is no a pensioner of the United States



NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Sam'l Horton/ age 17/ height 5' 6"/ brown hair/ dark eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born in Nansemond County/ residing in Albemarle County/ drafted in Orange County for 18 months on 29 Mar 1781. Sized on 27 Apr 1781. Formerly served 2½ years in Taylor's Regiment of Convention Army Guards.

Samuel Horton is listed in the company of Garland Burnley as having been discharged on 11 April 1781. <http://revwarapps.org/b84.pdf>.

A declaration by Jane Horton, aged 74, in Craig County on 6 Aug 1853 states that Samuel Horton, her late husband, died in August 1829 or 1830. An application for bounty land dated 13 April 1855 states that she was born Jane Swan[?] and married Samuel Horton in Gloucester County in 1815.