

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Horn S5535

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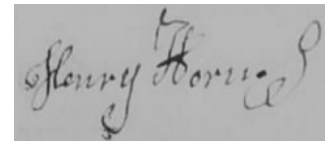
On this twenty eighth day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alexander Thomson Esq President and his associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Henry Horn a resident of St Clair Township in the county of Bedford and state of Pennsylvania aged seventy four years, who being first duly affirmed according to law doth on his said affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June AD 1832 That he enlisted some time in the year 1777 [see endnote] into the Legionary Corps of Gen'l. Pulaski and served in the troops of horse in said Corps & That he enlisted in Lancaster Pennsylvania. That after his enlistment they marched to Little York Penna. where they laid some time training & recruiting, after they left york they marched toward Harrisburg and then up north river to act as he understood in concert with the Northern Army – After their return down the river it being late in the season they went into winter quarters. That in the spring they marched to Long Island [sic] and during their stay there, were attacked one night by the British as they were encamped in and about a barn [at Little Egg Harbor NJ, 5 Oct 1778] – and this applicant recollects that he leaped a paling fence to which their horses were fastened, and was the first to give the alarm to the General and also that on that occasion a col. of Infantry [Baron de Boze] and a number of privates were killed – and that in the morning the troop followed the enemy and drove them to their vessels. Sometime afterwards the Legion marched from Long Island [sic] through Maryland, Virginia & North Carolina into South Carolina and near Georgetown in South Carolina this applicant was taken sick and was left behind That he understood an engagement took place between the Legion & the enemy a few days after he was taken sick near Georgetown and he also understood some time afterwards that both the Gen'l [at the siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] and Colonel Kowatch of the Infantry [Michael Kowats at the Old Race Track near Charleston SC, 11 May 1779] were killed.

Applicant also states that the term of his enlistment was for one year at the end of which time he received a discharge from Col Kowatch; but in consequence of the offer to him of a Captain's commission by Gen'l Pulaski, he was induced to continue in the service, and had remained two months longer, when he was taken sick – making altogether fourteen months service – he having returned home after he was sufficiently recovered.

Applicant further states that he had his discharge about seven years since, but it has since by some means been lost or mislaid and cannot now be found and that owing to his advanced age, many particulars of his service, especially dates & names have passed from his memory.

That he was born in Germany near Hesse Castle in the year 1758 and was sixteen years old when he came to America. He has no record of his age – after he left the service he went to york County Penna – that he removed thence to Virginia and afterwards to Bedford County Penna where he has resided for the last thirty years. There is no person in his neighbourhood knows anything of his services.

He also 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



NOTES:

Congress authorized Count Kazimierz Pulaski's Legion on 28 March 1778. A payroll for the

company of Grenadiers commanded by Capt. James, Chevalier de Segond (BLWt65-300) dated at York PA on 19 March 1779 shows that Henry Horn's pay commenced on 2 April 1778.