

Elijah Horton, six times great-grandfather of Joan Drill

Elijah Horton was born on August 7, 1739 at Peekskill, NY. He married Jemima Currie about 1762. Being desirous of giving his aid in the struggle for Independence, on February 22, 1778 he enlisted as a private in Captain Fox's company of Henley's regiment for a term of three years. He served until November 24, 1779, when he was "invalided" (he became sick or injured).

In 1791 he came to Sheshequin, PA and settled near the river at Hornbrook and resided there until his death.

In 1816 when he was 77 years old the following notice appeared in the Bradford Gazette: "There is now living in the township of Ulster, this county, Mr. Elijah Horton and Jemima, his wife, who have now living, 12 children, 74 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, amounting in all to 109. Mr. Horton and his wife are in good health. He takes care of his stock of horses, cattle, etc., breaks his own colts and cuts his wood. His wife performs the household business without necessity of assistance from younger persons; they, therefore, have no person in their family but themselves. The eldest of their children has living 9 children and 12 grandchildren; the other eleven of their children have all been married and had children."

He died on August 14, 1821 and is buried in Hornbrook Cemetery in Sheshequin Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. His grave is marked as a Revolutionary War Veteran.