

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

South Carolina documents pertaining to John Harth SCS2  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from Legislative Records in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History and found online at

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To The Honourable Hugh Rutledge Esquire Speaker and the other Members of the Honourable House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina in General Assembly convened.

The Petition of John Harth of Charles Town Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner had the Misfortune to be included in the Confiscation Act passed by the late Honourable General Assembly, he apprehends, for signing the Address to the British Commanders [welcoming Gen. Henry Clinton into Charleston in 1780]. Your Petitioner begs Leave to assure your Honours, that rash and imprudent step was owing to the artful Seduction of some Men whom he thought his Friends, and to his Ignorance of its obnoxious Tendency, and not to any premeditated Design of injuring the American Cause, for which he always had, and still retains the highest Veneration; your Petitioner exposed his Life in that Cause at the Siege of Savanna [Savannah GA, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779], as a Private in the Charles Town Battalion of Artillery, and performed his Duty in the same Corpse, at the Lines of this Town during the Siege [Charleston, 29 Mar - 12 May 1780], as can be attested by respectable Evidence. Your Petitioner likewise in the Month of May 1781 supplied Col. Lee's Cavalry [Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Partizan Legion] with Boots and Cloathing to the Amount of 210 Guineas, which he has never received, and that at a Time when the Commandant of Charles Town offered a Reward of 500 Guineas to any Person informing against those who furnished the Americans with any kind of goods. Your Petitioner humbly hopes, that these Circumstances, together with his sincere Promise of a future good and inoffensive Behaviour, will have some Weight with your Honours, and induce you to mitigate his Punishment, and as in Duty bound he will ever pray &c. John Harth  
Charlestown/ 21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1783.

We the Subscribers from our knowledge of the general Character and Behaviour of John Harth, are of Opinion if he is permitted to reside in the State of South Carolina, he will conduct himself as a good and peaceable Citizen thereof; And we further believe he was prevailed on to sign the Address to the British Commanders by some designing Men who imposed on his Ignorance and Credulity.

John Ernest Poyas Jun'r.

Christ'r Hart [Christopher Hart]

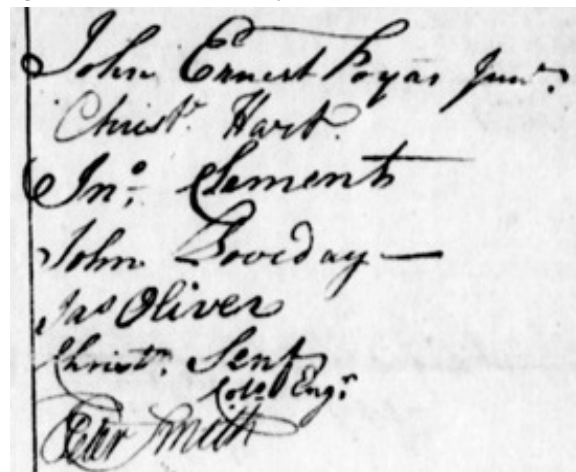
Jno Clement [John Clement]

John Loveday

Jas Oliver [James Oliver]

Christ'n Senf Colo. Eng'r. [Christian Senf]

Peter Smith



A vertical list of handwritten signatures in cursive script, corresponding to the typed names on the left. The signatures are: John Ernest Poyas Jun'r, Christ'r Hart, Jno Clement, John Loveday, Jas Oliver, Christ'n Senf Colo. Eng'r, and Peter Smith.

John Oressett[?] Colo of Militia  
William Watt Capt MI  
James Carmichael  
David Cruger  
John Griggs  
John Webb  
Wm Gondey [William Gondey]  
Gideon Jenings Capt Militia  
J. McCors[?]  
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In July 1781 a Mr. Fitzpatrick furnish'd for the use of Lt. Colo. Lee's Legion fifty odd pair of Boots, and several other articles of Cloathing, which I am inform'd were procur'd in Charlestown on the Credit of Harth & Fitzpatrick; these articles were deliver'd on the high Hills of Santee & brought from town with much difficulty and Risque by Mr. Fitzpatrick, who express'd much zeal for the american Cause. Given under my Hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1783.

Sign'd Jos. Eggleston Ma. P. L. [Joseph Eggleston W8687, Major, Partizan Legion]

Mr. John Harth Supply'd me in Chas.town with the above mention'd goods, and was the only person in town that I made acquainted with what use they were intended for and he assisted me in getting them Convey'd Out of town secretly, and Credited me for the Goods. January 7<sup>th</sup> 1783

Sign'd Wm. Fitzpatrick

a True Copy, the original being given in to the Senate

Charleston 1783

Mr. Jno Harth's Petition  
Committee

Major [Thomas] Pinckney

Mr W. H. Gibbes [William Hassell Gibbes]

Mr E Darrell [Edward Darrell]

Mr [Richard] Beresford

Mr. A. Moultrie [Alexander Moultrie]

Mr J Blake [John Blake]  
Colo Grimkée [John Faucherand Grimké]  
Mr E Rutledge [Edward Rutledge]  
Mr J E Poyas [John Ernest Poyas]  
Colo [Richard] Lushington  
Colo [Charles Cotesworth] Pinckney  
Mr T Savage [Thomas Savage]  
P.172.1783