

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ptolemy Harsborough VAS1425

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The Heirs of Ptolemy Harsborough asked that they may be allowed the proportion of land allowed a soldier who enlisted for three years in the Revolutionary War & who died while in service.

Rejected 9th of July 1834

Petition for Bounty Land

The Heirs of Ptolemy Harsborough – soldier Continental line

Two Respectable witnesses to wit Hezekiah Hargrove and George Purvis testify that they were well acquainted with Ptolemy Harsborough; that he enlisted in the regular Army under Captain Samuel J Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell]; at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, for three years; that he marched away with the said company & never returned home. – They understood, he died in the service.

This claim seems to be well sustained by proofs.

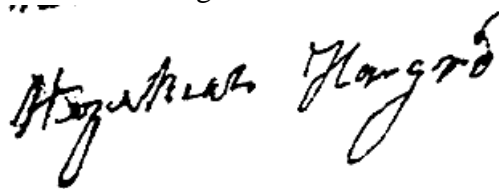
Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

The Deposition of Hezekiah Hargrove who is a native Virginian.

The affiant says that he was well acquainted with Ptolemy Harsborough who enlisted in the Regular Army under Colonel Samuel J Cabell, then Captain Samuel J Cabell, who raised a Company of Regular soldiers about the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Said Harsborough enlisted for the term of 3 years. He always understood that said Harsborough died in the service but whether he was slain by the enemy or sickened and died he never learned.

S/ Hezekiah Hargrove¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hezekiah Hargrove". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Hezekiah" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Hargrove" is written in a slightly smaller hand to its right. The signature is positioned above a vertical line that serves as a separator.

[Attested May 29, 1834 in Nelson County Virginia]

¹ Probably the same man as [Hezekiah Hargrove S5481](#)

The Deposition of George Purvis

This affiant says that he was acquainted with Ptolemaic Harsborough who enlisted as a regular soldier for the term of 3 years under Colonel Samuel J Cabell, then Captain Samuel J Cabell, sometime about the commencement of the Revolutionary War. The term for which said Harsborough enlisted was 3 years. He marched away with the Company & never returned. He understood that he died in the service but whether slain in battle by the enemy or whether from a spell of sickness he never understood.

S/ George Purvis²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Purvis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Attested May 29, 1834 in Nelson County Virginia]

² Probably the same man as [George Purvis W2691](#)