

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Harwood VAS1433

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

City of Williamsburg Sct.

This day William Stroud Eighty years of age personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the City aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Colonel Edward Harwood deceased formerly of war at County in the State of Virginia, that he knows and remembers perfectly well that he was a Colonel in the revolutionary war in the Virginia State line: that he went into service as a Colonel in the said service sometime in the year 1777, and remained in service until after the capture of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] and the British troops at York Town when he returned home, that he the said Colonel Harwood had command of a Regiment – but what was the number of the Regiment – he does not now remember if he ever knew: Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1831.

S/ Ro. M. Garrett {Seal}

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[From

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House of Delegates of Virginia

The petition of Elizabeth R Hansford, respectfully sheweth: that Col. Edward Harwood her Father was a soldier of the Revolution and served his Country at that period "which tried men's souls," That he was wealthy and has never been paid for his services – that from the sacrifices he made in the War and his goodness to others, nothing of his Fortune remained at his death which happened on or about the year 1807 – that your Petitioner is a widow and has two female children to support – She has for years almost [been] subsisted on the hope that the Patrimony of her Mother consisting of Invalid's Lands, sold by her Father, & for which your Petitioner has been long contending at law, would ultimately be recovered; but in this reasonable Hope she has been entirely deceived and what she has thought was secure to her is now lost forever.

Your Petitioner would further show that during the late War She resided at the Half Way

House between York and Williamsburg, that although she was extremely poor and had but little to give, she divided nearly to her last mouthful, and gave her last Pillow, to the poor and wounded sons of the War, who had gallantly defended Norfolk and Hampton. She is now old, poor and destitute, of everything like comfort. For the Truth of this statement – her situation in Life and her standing in Society, She confidently refers the General Assembly to the Delegates from York, Warwick and James City and the member from Williamsburg. She Prays for such Relief as to the General Assembly may seem proper and as in duty bound will ever pray &c

*Elizabeth R Hansford*

Elizabeth R Hansford's petition  
Day December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1823  
Referred to Claims  
[several lines too faint to discern]  
1824 January 21  
Rejected  
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