

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Application of Battle Harrison BLWt2374-200

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[p 3: Power of attorney dated October 1, 1845 and filed in Fayette County Pennsylvania by John Harrison in which he empowers his attorney to pursue a claim for 200 acres of bounty land on his behalf as the heir of his uncle Battle Harrison as a Lieutenant who was killed in the battle at the surrender of Fort Washington on the 16th day of November 1776 at which time he was a Lieutenant in Colonel Stephenson's Rifle Regiment assigned to the quota of the Virginia Continental establishment. He signed this document with his mark.]

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District of Columbia Washington County: SS

At and Orphans Court Held in and for said County on this 28th day of October 1845 on motion of Henry Northop, it was proven in open court to the satisfaction of the Court by the deposition of Captain Bedinger and a certificate from the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia that Battle Harrison was a Lieutenant of the Virginia line of the Army of the Revolution and was killed at the surrender of Fort Washington on the 16th of November 1776 and it was further proven by the letter¹ of Battle Harrison from Columbus Ohio, and by the deposition of Crawford and Ann Springer² that William Harrison who was killed in Crawford's defeat [June 4-6, 1782] was the eldest Brother of Lieutenant Battle Harrison and that John Harrison now living is the eldest son of the said William Harrison, all of which is ordered to be certified.

S/ Nathaniel Pope Cousin

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Berkeley County Virginia: SS

Personally appeared Henry Bedinger³ aged eighty-four years and about seven months before me Tilotson Fryatt a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, and being duly sworn according to law saith that Battle Harrison entered Captain Hugh Stephenson's Company of Volunteer Riflemen about the first of June 1775, raised in said County, that he marched in this Company, with this deponent, to the Siege of Boston, that at the expiration of one year for which he had engaged or soon thereafter he was regularly discharged, then returned to Berkeley, was there appointed a third Lieutenant in Colonel Hugh Stephenson's Regiment of Riflemen, and annexed to Captain William Brady's Company of said Regiment, that on the 16th of November 1776 said Battle Harrison was killed in the Battle, and surrender of Fort Washington – and

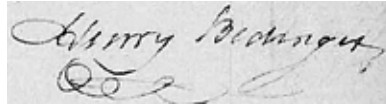
¹ No such letter is contained among the documents in this file

² This affidavit is not contained among the documents in this file

³ [Henry Bedinger S8059](#)

further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of July 1838

S/ Henry Bedinger



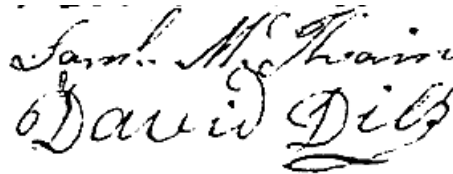
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Harrison County Sct.

The deposition of Lawrence Harrison⁴ of said County taken before us the Subscribers two of the Justices of the peace therefore this 6th day of September 1786. This deponent after being duly sworn on the Holy evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth & saith that his brother the said Battle Harrison mentioned in the above power of attorney⁵ that the said battle Harrison went out at an early period of the late war as a Lieutenant in Colonel Hugh Stephenson's Regiment & was killed at the taking of Fort Washington in the year 1775 or 1776. That the said Battle Harrison never was married, that when he was killed he left three brothers then living to wit William Harrison, Benjamin Harrison⁶ and this Deponent, that William was the elder of the three, that the said William Harrison⁷ was killed by the Indians at Colonel Crawford's defeat in the year 1782 leaving the above named⁸ Andrew Harrison his eldest son & heir at law & further this deponent sayeth not – Given under our hands this the day & year above written

S/ Saml. McThain [?]

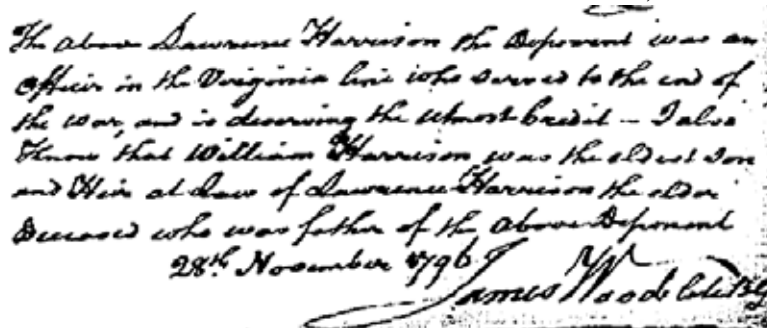
S/ David Dils



The above Lawrence Harrison the Deponent was and Officer in the Virginia line who served to the end of the war, and is deserving the utmost Credit. I also know that William Harrison was the eldest son and Heir at law of Lawrence Harrison the elder deceased who was father of the above Deponent.

28th of November 1796

S/ James Wood, late BG



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⁴ Probably the same man as FPA W4223

⁵ this document is not among those in this file

⁶ VAS1409 in this database

⁷ [William Harrison R10017](#)

⁸ this must be a reference to the power of attorney which is not among the documents in the file