

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Harrison R14762 VA Half-Pay
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

I certify that Richard Harrison did receive from Oliver Pollock Esq'r. agent for Congress at New Orleans in the years (1776 1777 1778 1779 & 1780) a commission (by authority from Congress or the Governor of Virginia) as a Lieutenant in the army of the United States That he departed from New Orleans in the year 1777 or 1778 (to the best of my recollection) with several other officers and a few volunteers with orders to join Col. Roger Clark [sic: George Rogers Clark] then commanding on the Ohio & Mississippi Rivers and have every reason to believe that he did serve under Col. (since Gen'l) Clarke in his expeditions against Kaskaskia [July 1778] & other places on the Mississippi & Illinois either as a Lieut. or Captain in the Army that I was well acquainted with said Harrison both before his departure from New Orleans and his return after the war to Natchez where he died & left a large family, with one of his sons Philip B. I am personally acquainted

Given under my hand at Natchez this Fifteenth day of March 1833

John Henderson/ formerly Deputy agent for Congress at New Orleans

State of Mississippi } By the Probate Court for said County
Jefferson County }

Whereas Richard Harrison deceased formerly of said County made his last Will and Testament wherein he appointed Patsey Harrison David Ferguson James Truly and William Ferguson for the execution of the same and whereas it is represented to our Probate Court now sitting for said County of Jefferson at the Court House thereof this fourth Monday and 28th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four that said Executors have all departed this life and that there is certain estate of the said Richard Harrison deceased not administered converted and disposed of according to his said last will and testament. Therefore to the intent that said will may be well and truly performed we do give grant and commit unto Philip B. Harrison the administration of the goods chattles rights and credits of the said Richard Harrison deceased unadministered as aforesaid according to the tenor of the said Testator. [The rest not transcribed. The following is appended and in the same handwriting.]

Mississippi Territory 22^d Aug't. 1798

Dr Sir [Maj'r. John Harrison] I have received your kind favor of the 27th August 1797 and observe the contents and agreeably to your request have empowered Capt'n. D. Gano to act for me in your County, have also requested of him for every information and assistance to call on you, which I am certain from your goodness to me when in your country you will do every thing in your power for me which I pray you to do, and give him every assistance in getting it down to me, you can put him in the right tract respecting the business, the lands on Green River, my Illinois Land the Lands of my Brother James deceased the Noole Lenn lands, Rough Creek lands &c. &c. I will do as much for you if you will command me, Mrs Harrison and family joins me in compliments to you Lady and family.

I am D'r. Sir yr. friend & Servant

Coles Creek

R. H. Harrison [initials unclear]

Pension Office/ February 18, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of the late Richard Harrison, who was a Lieutenant of Artillery of the Virginia State Troops, who asks for the difference between the half-pay of a Lieutenant of Artillery, and that of a Lieutenant of Infantry, and that the half-pay may commence on the 1st of January 1782 instead of the first of August 1782. It appears that under the act of the 5th of July 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," he has

