

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Harrison R1653      Winney Campbell<sup>1</sup>      fn35NC  
Transcribed by Will Graves      4/17/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Overton County Tennessee Sct

Eli Harrison of said County aged past 85 years makes the following statement viz.

That he is the son of James Harrison and his wife Winny Harrison both of whom are now dead viz.

The said James Harrison died in Madison County Kentucky about the year 1708 as well as I now remember. I was not there when he died my residence being here but I heard of it soon afterwards; and went up a few days afterward and found my mother the above named Winny there and that she had married again to one Campbell whose given name I believe was William.

I did not see my mother again until about twenty years since when I heard that she was still alive and I went for her and found her in Estill County Kentucky and that the above named Campbell had died several years before leaving her his widow and that was still his widow.

I brought her home with me to this County where she remained a widow and never married again.

She died at my residence in this County on the 25th day of October 1847 as I well remember but I have no memorandum of it.

We have no record of her age but she was more than a hundred years old perhaps several more –

My parents above named as I always heard and believed were lawfully married in the State of Virginia and I think it was in Amelia County and I expect it has been at least 96 years ago for their 3rd child was 7 years older than I was –

My father moved to Halifax County North Carolina before I was born and settled on Roanoke River where he lived until after the Revolutionary War. – My mother's maiden name was Winney Reddin

My father the above named James Harrison served in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina Troops (Militia I think) for 9 months viz.

---

<sup>1</sup> former widow

He always told me that he served three tours of three months each – I remember very distinctly his starting and his return from the last tour soon after the taking of Cornwallis but whether he was at that siege or not I do not remember.

I think he was under different captains but the names of them I do not now remember except one Captain Harrison who was no kin to him however that he knew of nor do I remember his given name. One of his tours was under General Greene but that is the only commanding or general officer I now remembered –

The only battles I remember hearing him say he was in worthy Battle of Eutaw Springs and the capture of the noted Tory Captain Rugeley. For the exact years and dates of the battles of my father and stepfather I must refer to proof to be obtained in Kentucky near where they died.

My mother after she came to live with me used often to speak of trying to get a pension on account of my father's services in the Revolutionary War as above described but she was told that her second marriage would prevent it so she never tried.

Her second husband the above named Campbell told me when I saw him that he had also served in the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution. I have no memorandum of the marriage of my parents or of my own age –

My parents above named had seven children viz.

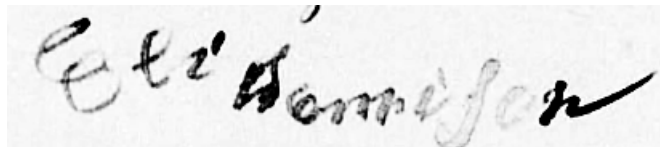
1. Betsy who died in childhood
2. Sally who died in childhood
3. Sally who married Benjamin Moore and they are both dead as I am informed by letter received from their children in Arkansas.
4. Robert Harrison who was living in Maury County in this state when I heard from him last a few years since.
5. Elizabeth who married Thornton Hardin both of whom died in Granville County North Carolina upwards of fifty years ago
6. Eli Harrison this declarant
7. Charlotte widow of William Hart when I heard from her last she was living in Arkansas a few years ago.

I make this declaration for the purpose of receiving such arrears of pension as may be due the surviving children of the above named James Harrison and Winny Harrison his wife – leaving open for future proof whether the above named Robert Harrison and Charlotte be still living –

Witness my hand in Overton County Tennessee on this 21st day of June A.D. 1854. With further remark that unless proof be furnished of the death of Brother Robert and Sister Charlotte the Commissioner of Pensions may take it as granted that I have heard that they are still living.  
2 witnesses

S/ Lark Steward  
S/ Franklin M. Smith

S/ Eli Harrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eli Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 14: certificate dated October 10, 1855 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a James Harrison for services in the revolution.]

[fn p. 30: Ebenezer Park, 78, of Estill County Kentucky, gave testimony that he was familiar with Daniel Campbell about 50 years; that he knew Campbell's first wife and that after her death Campbell married Winny Harrison widow of James Harrison; that Campbell died about 1834 and that 2 of Winny Harrison's sons came and got her; that Campbell was a school teacher by profession and was a one eyed man.]

[fn p. 33: clerk found that Daniel Campbell died about 1822 in Madison County Kentucky; that James Harrison also died in Madison County Kentucky about the year 1807 leaving Winny his widow.]