

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Harlow R4615

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State of Tennessee Washington County: Circuit Court September Term 1832

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powell Judge &c holding the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Jonesboro, Thomas Harlow a resident citizen of Washington County and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That when he was called in this the service he was living in Camden District in the State of South Carolina, and was drafted under Captain John Cook, and marched under him, as a noncommissioned Sergeant, to Charleston, where he remained three months, and thinks the company in which he served, after he arrived at Charleston, was under Colonel Pinckney's command. After the expiration of three months, he received a written discharge from Captain Cook, which has long since been lost. He does not remember the year in which he entered into the service. At the age of about seventeen years, and after his discharge, he volunteered, at Columbia, under Captain Malachi Weston, and from thence proceeded to a point between the Pacolet and Inneree [sic, Enoree] rivers, where they joined the regiments of Colonels Martin & Pogue, and went in pursuit of the Tories under the command of Colonels Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] and Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham], he was present when about two hundred of the Tories under Cunningham were taken prisoner, and was present when Fletcher was brought in as a prisoner. He was among those who took the prisoners to Columbia and was there verbally discharged by Captain Weston. The period of his service on this occasion was about thirteen months. —

That after his discharge, he returned home, and at the age of about eighteen years, enlisted in the Army of the United States, with Captain Brown, and served in the third Regiment of the Continental line under Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson]. That he enlisted in Camden District for three years. That he joined his company at Nelson's Ferry, where he knew Captains Brown, Smith, Joseph Worley, Felix Worley, Captain Goodwin, Major Wise, and other officers whom he cannot now remember. That he remained at Nelson's Ferry two or three months, and then marched under Colonel Thompson to Charleston, where he knew Colonel

Pinckney & General Moultrie. That he remained in the barracks at Charleston about a month, and went under Colonel Pinckney (who had taken the command of Colonel Thompson's Regiment) to Purrysburg on the Savannah River. About thirteen hundred soldiers marched to that place at this time under the command of General Howe. He remained with the Army at Purrysburg about three weeks, and then descended the Savannah in boats to the town of Savannah at which place they remained one night ~~and then went to a Fort called Fort Barrenton, Fort how and sometimes Fort McIntosh on the Altamaha River. At this Fort they stayed about three weeks, and then marched to Fort Tonion on the St. Mary's River, where they remained about six weeks. This Fort was abandoned by the Tories & English before their arrival. During the time they remained at Fort Tomion, a view galleys or ships came there from Charleston, and being sick at the time, affiant was conveyed in one of them from that place to Charleston.~~ And then started on their way to Fort Barrenton. At Midway Meeting House and express was received from Savannah stating that the British were about to take that town, and a reinforcement of eighteen hundred men was sent back under General Howe and Colonel Huger, who joined the troops at Savannah. He was among those who retreated from Cornwallis, Howell & Lord Rawdon, who had about four thousand soldiers under their command and took the town of Savannah. After this affair at Savannah he joined the Army at Midway Meeting House, and went with it to a Fort on the Altamaha River called Fort Barrenton and sometimes Fort how and Fort McIntosh. At this place they remained about three weeks, and from thence marched to Fort Tonion on the St. Mary's River, which was abandoned by the British and Tories before their arrival. At Fort Tonion he remained a few weeks and being sick was conveyed by water back to Charleston from whence galleys or ships had been sent to carry the sick man. He delayed in the hospital at Charleston two weeks, and obtained a furlough for 40 days from Lieutenant Robison of his company. Colonel Thompson in the meantime had resigned and a Regiment was composed partly of his and partly of Colonel Huger's regiments, to be under the command of Colonel Huger. Affiant being unwilling to serve his remaining five months under Colonel Huger, got Colonel Wade Hampton to procure the consent of Colonel Huger that affiant should in list under him for ten months. This he did, but being again sick hired David Wallace to serve as a substitute under Colonel Hampton and received a discharge from him which he has lost.

During the time he served under Colonel Thompson he was present at the taking of Motts Fort in South Carolina, and saw Colonels Lee, Washington & Hampton there.

Affiant was born in the neighborhood of Edenton North Carolina on the 14th of January 1759 as appears from a record now in his possession copied from his father's Bible. He went to South Carolina at eight years of age, and left it the year before Cornwallis surrendered, & moved into North Carolina, where he lived about twenty years and then came to Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state to his knowledge. He has no documentary evidence to establish the correctness of his statements and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The whole period of his service as above described was between three and four years – but his age is such that he cannot remember the names and dates with that accuracy he would desire.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Sworn in open court of September 1832

Test: S/ Jas. Anderson, Clk

S/ Thomas Harlow



[Thomas Brabson and Joshua Royston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]