

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Harp R4624

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State of North Carolina Nash County

On this 9th Day of November 1844 personally appeared before me E H Morgan one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid Mrs. Silvey Harp and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the acts of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838 and the 3rd day of March 1843 and 17th of June 1844 and after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath declare that she is the widow of Joseph Harp who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Continental line of North Carolina, that he entered the Service in the year 1780 for term of eighteen months and served part of his time under Captain Carrington and balance of his time under Captain Rhodes and was under the command of General Caswell as she has often heard him say and that she was married to deceased husband in the latter of the year 1783 after he had served his time out that she was married in a edge of Wake County by one Tanner Alford by publication as was the custom of those days. That her deceased husband died in the year 1822 and that he was about 70 years old when he died and she herself is now 84 years old and she further states that she has procured a Certificate from the Secretary of the State of North Carolina which she offers as proof in connection with her own and that she will submit to such other proof taken in connection therewith as she is advised will Entitle her to a pension, and that her maiden name was Silvey Patterson, and that she gives as a reason for not making earlier application that she did not know until lately that widows were entitled to draw for their deceased husband's and that she now relinquishes all claim to a pension whatever except the present.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year within written before me

Attest S/ Evan H. Morgan, JP

S/ Silvey Harp, X her mark

[fn p. 7: On May 8, 1845, Silvey Harp filed a supplementary declaration which she said she has no record of her marriage nor does she have a record of the births of her children that she was

married she thinks in 1783 in Wake County in the house of Mr. Chamblee by Tanner Alford, Esquire.]

[fn p. 11: On October 23, 1845 in Johnston County North Carolina Burwell Harp, 68, gave testimony that he was a distant relation to Joseph Harp; that he was acquainted with Joseph Harp and his wife Silvey Patterson; that he has no recollection of when Joseph Harp served in the revolution but he had the reputation in the neighborhood of having been a revolutionary soldier and never heard his services doubted.]

[fn p. 25: On July 12, 1845 in Wake County North Carolina, Elizabeth Bolton, 82, gave testimony that she was married in 1787; that she knew Joseph Harp and Silvey Patterson; that they were married in her father's house before she was married herself but precisely how long before she cannot recall.]

[fn p. 40]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers & Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Joseph Harp a private Soldier in said line was allowed by a Board of Commissioners at Warrenton in 1786, the sum of thirty-two pounds ten shillings (£32:10) for his services in said line.

Given under my hand this 30th of October 1844

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

[fn p. 41: On December 25, 1846, in Nash County North Carolina, Joseph & Richard Harp gave testimony that they are the sons of Joseph Harp and Silvey his wife; that they have seen among their father's papers his discharge since his death that it was destroyed by fire with his other papers; that said discharge was signed by one Colonel Thornton.]

[fn p. 5: Power of attorney dated October 8, 1852, filed in Nash County North Carolina by Joseph Harp, stating he is the son of Joseph Harp.]