

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis L. Harper R4628

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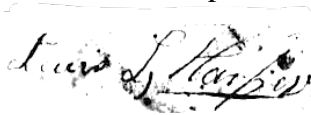
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State of Mississippi Amite County} On this 17th day of June 1834 Personally appeared before the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court of said County, Lewis Littleton Harper, a Resident of Wells Creek Precinct, in the County of Franklin, and State aforesaid, aged sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn as the law directs, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 – That he entered the Service of the Army of the United States in the year 1781 – and served in the Militia Regiment of Cheraw District, South Carolina, under the following named Officers – viz. General Francis Marion, Colonel __ Hardin [William Harden], Captain Claiborne Hinson [Clayburn Hinson]– that his service commenced in the month of July of said year, and ended (as well as he now recollects) in the month of October following; That he served as a private militia man for the term of three months – That at the time of his entrance into Service he lived in Marlborough County in the State of South Carolina – That during the term of his service he was engaged in scouring the Eastern part of the State, to the intent that the Tories and British might be prevented from uniting at any of the important points of that part of the State, that he was present at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],¹ and was well acquainted with Colonel Peter Horry the then Aid of General Marion. The declarant states as the reason for making this Declaration out of the County of his Present Residence, that the time for the latter period is not more than eighteen months; that he is unable, there, to obtain such Traditionary evidence of his Service as is required by the Pension Department; and that the only Persons living in this State who have any personal knowledge of his services reside in Amite County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest S/ E. M. Davis, Clerk

S/ Lewis L. Harper



[Grief Whittington, a resident of cyan Hill Precinct in Amite County, and William Van Norman, of the town of Liberty, gave the standard supporting affidavit.

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Probate Court of Amite County to Lewis L Harper aforesaid to which, he did on oath, make the answers annexed to each respectively – viz.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Marlborough County South Carolina in the year 1765.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have in my possession a Bible in which was recorded my age, and which I believe to be correct and a transcript of the original family Register of my father's family.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. When called into service I lived in Marlborough County South Carolina and after the Revolutionary war in the same place till 1819 – then I removed to the State of Mississippi, and have lived in Amite County till about 18 months passed, and now live in the County of Franklin.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. During my services I believe that the forces under General Marion consisted of one Regiment commanded by Colonel Hardin as before stated; – and being engaged for the most part in scouting & detachment, I had no opportunity of knowing other officers or regiments; was acquainted with Colonel Lee [Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee] who commanded "the Legion."

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I received a discharge given by order of General Marion; but did not long keep it; I do not now recollect how it was lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

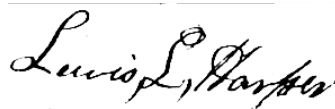
A. I name Grief Whittington & William Van Norman, both of Amite, where I lately lived and am better known than in Franklin County where I reside

State of Mississippi Amite County} On this 18th day of November 1834 Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court of said County Lewis L Harper, resident of the County of Franklin (and late of Amite County) in the state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement as an amendment to be appended or annexed to a Declaration made and subscribed on oath by him in open Court at June term thereof 1834, made in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, and which Declaration has been placed on the files of the Pension Office in Washington City – as appears by a letter from the "Commissioner of Pensions of July 22nd, 1834 – the above declarant states as follows: –

That Previous to the Period of his enlistment as a militia man, and also to his being drafted as stated in his declaration, he the said Lewis L. Harper, rendered Militia Service as a volunteer in Scouting parties on various occasions, in aiding to suppress the inroads of Tories made in the vicinity of Marlborough Courthouse in the District of the same name in South

Carolina – those services he states were rendered at intervals, under the command of Colonel Morris Murphy [Maurice Murphy], and in the company commanded by Captain Claiborne Hinson. The date of the commencement of such service, he does not now recollect; nor can he state precisely the duration of each tour or route; but believes that the aggregate amount of his voluntary service was not less than nine months, rendered previous to the terms stated in the declaration above referred to. The said Declarant states on oath that his reason for making this Statement in the County of Amite, is because it is the place of his late residence and that of the residence of the witness whose certificate is hereto annexed.

S/ Lewis L. Harper

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I, Grief Whittington² residing in the County of Amite in the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with Lewis L Harper, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing statement, and the Declaration to which it refers – that I believe him to be 69 years of age, and that I believe that he served the term specified in said declaration; and further that I do know and recollect that he rendered militia service as a volunteer previous to his being drafted into the service as stated in his declaration – the length of time previous to that period that such service commenced, I cannot state, but am of opinion it was not less than one year – the service so rendered was at intervals, as stated by him, in scouting and securing the vicinity to repel the inroads of Tories and that on one occasion of this service I was myself in his company, commanded by Captain Claiborne Hinson under command of Colonel Morris Murphy – and I also recollect, that when said Harper was enrolled as a militia man, he with myself belonged to the Corps commanded by said officers.

S/ Grief Whittington

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² [Grief Whittington S7883](#)