

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Harpole R4632

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term A.D. 1832

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful James M Martin, Benjamin H Billings and David C Hibbitts presiding Justices of the court of Pleas and quarter sessions for Wilson County aforesaid at the Courthouse in the town of Lebanon; Adam Harpole aged about 72 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That in August 1774 he volunteered under Captain John Skidmore, Lieutenant Robert Davis and Ensign Nicholas Harpole in Augusta County in the State of Virginia and was marched from thence to the big Kanhaway [Kanawha River] and down the same to the mouth to a place called Point Pleasant where we met the Indians and had a battle [Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774] in which we were successful. In this battle we had eighty killed and wounded. We were about fifteen hundred strong and were commanded by Colonels Charles [Lewis] and Andrew Lewis. From thence we were marched near to the town of Chillicothe and peace being made with the Indians we were then marched home and dismissed and did not receive any written discharges.<sup>1</sup> He served in this tour something more than three months; That in the fall of the year 1777 he again volunteered under Captain John Skidmore Lieutenant Frederick Keaster and Ensign Robert Minnis in the County of Augusta and the State of Virginia and was stationed better than 2 months at a place called West-Fall Station [probably a reference to Jacob Westfall's Fort located a quarter of a mile south of present day Beverly in Randolph County West Virginia] in Tiger's Valley [Tygart Valley] in the State of Virginia and upwards of fifty miles from the place where he volunteered. He was

Stationed here for the purpose of preventing the incursions of the Indians. While stationed here we had no fighting and after the lapse of the time above specified he was again dismissed and returned home. He did not receive any written discharge for this term of service. That he again volunteered in October in the year 1781 in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia under Captain James Stinsen [probably intended to be spelled "James Stinson"] Lieutenant Andrew Trumbol [perhaps intended to be spelled "Andrew Trumble"] and Ensign Ashley. His Regiment

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<sup>1</sup> Since the Battle of Point Pleasant occurred prior to the commencement of the American Revolution, this veteran's first tour of duty would not have been recognized as service during the revolution.

was commanded by Colonel Willis and was marched to the barracks of Winchester in Bartley [Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia where we were stationed for the purpose of guarding the British Prisoners which were taken at Little York. After remaining there two months he was discharged and at that place received a written discharge but has lost it by the burning of his house. He has no record of his age but thinks he is about the age above specified. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his actual service. He has been told by George Franklin that he was acquainted with Lieutenant Robert Davis told him that (Harpole) was a soldier of the revolution and had served under him. After the war he lived in Pendleton County Virginia until the year 1792 when he removed to Sumner County in this state where he lived until 1801 when he moved to Wilson County where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Andrew Harpole, X his mark

I George Franklin a resident of Wilson County and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Adam Harpole who has subscribed the foregoing declaration; and that I was also acquainted with Robert Davis who informed me that he was a Lieutenant in the revolutionary Army and that Adam Harpole was a soldier in his company at Point Pleasant. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> September 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date above written.

S/ Josiah McClain, Clerk

S/ George Franklin



[John Jarrett, a clergyman, and Thomas Bradley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On September 29, 1854 in Davidson County Tennessee, Sampson Harpole, 46, filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son and heir of Adam Harpole, an applicant for a pension under the 1832 act. He signed this document "Samson Harpole"

premises.



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