

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Harrill (Harold, Harrod) R4634

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Declaration

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828,

or

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, as the case may be the decided to be, by the Honorable the Commissioner of Pensions, or the Honorable the Secretary of War.

State of New Hampshire County of Rockingham: SS

On this __ day of __ in the year of our Lord 1835, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable __ James Harrill alias James Harrod (by which last appellation he passed in the Army) born on the River Roanoke at Halifax, in Halifax County, in North Carolina, in 1757, and now aged 78 years; a resident of Portsmouth in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to law, of doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of one of the above recited Acts, as the case may be decided to be, as aforesaid: –

That he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in the Service until its termination, in the following manner, namely: – That he enlisted in the Summer or Autumn of 1775, he then being about 18 years of age, under Captain John Williams, in the 5th North Carolina Regiment of the line, in the Continental establishment, for and during the War: that Colonel Bunkham [sic, Buncombe] was Colonel of that Regiment. That he remained attached to that Regiment until after the battles of Brandywine and Germantown: in the said 5th Regiment being much cut up and destroyed, he was drafted into the Second North Carolina Regiment of the line, under the following named officers, namely: Ensign Budd [Samuel Budd?], Lieutenant Campaigne [James Campen?(also spelled "Campaign")] and Captain Fenner [probably William Fenner but possibly Robert Fenner] of the company, and Colonel Patton [John Patton or Patten] was at the head of the Regiment: That he was present at the battle of Monmouth, and was stationed at West Point, White Plains and several other places in the State of New York, for upwards of three years, until after the taking of Stoney

Point, on the 15th of July 1779, by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]: – That in the Autumn after that event, viz., on the 13th of October 1779, he marched with his Regiment and other troops, under the command of General Hogun [sic, James Hogun], about 1000 miles to Charleston, South Carolina, and arrived there on the 7th of April 1780; during which time he received no pay excepting one dollar: (In corroboration of his services, he begs leave to state the following anecdote: that when his Regiment received orders for marching for Charleston, they all struck their tents except the company to which Sergeant Glover belonged, and that he persuaded the men not to move until they received their back pay: That the Sergeant was tried by Court Martial and shot near the River Great Pedee.) And that he remained stationed at Charleston and in its environs, until its capitulation to the British, by General Lincoln on the 12th day of May 1780: – That after said capitulation he remained in that City as a Prisoner of war for several months but how long he cannot now recollect: That he escaped from the enemy and for fear of being retaken and shot, he got on board a Spanish Schooner, near that City, and went in her to the Havana in the Island of Cuba: and finding it impracticable to return to his own Country until after the peace, he remained in that Island until after that event: when he took passage in a Spanish vessel from the Havana for Halifax in Nova Scotia; that he married there and remained there about five years; from thence he went to the Gut of Canso in the British North American Provinces, where he resided until September 1835; and that having a son and daughter at Portsmouth New Hampshire he removed to that place, where he intends to reside for the remainder of his life.

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.

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I William Bennett Parker, of Portsmouth, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, a Notary Public, testify, depose and say that sometime in the month of September, last past, I was called upon by ___ Morlay, a person to me then unknown, but who stated himself to be the son in law of James Harrold (in the foregoing declaration named as a revolutionary Soldier) and that his said father in law (also to me then unknown) who was very sick, old and infirm, wished me to call at his house, and take his declaration in order to obtain a pension: – That as soon after as I was at leisure, I called upon said James Harrold, at the house of said Morlay, and took a minute of his services in the war of the revolution: that, William Park was present at the time of my taking the aforesaid minutes: – That after I had has taken a memorandum of his services, I read it over to him, in order to ascertain if it was correct: – and that he, the said James Harrold, then declared it was correct: – I then and there inform said Harrold, that I would draw up his declaration in proper form, and that it would be necessary for him to sign and swear to it but for some Court of record: – That there would be no such Court set in Portsmouth, until the 2nd Tuesday of November next, when the Probate Court would sit; – but, that the Probate Court would sit at Exeter on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, (then ?, ? last past) for one day only: – That if he then felt himself able, I would take him up to Exeter on that day, if he could call upon me, or send me word that he was ready. That several days before the said 14th day of October, I drew out the foregoing declaration, took it to his house and very slowly and distinctly read it to him: that he then declared it was all correct and true, and that he would, if he was able, a company made to exit her and finished it: – That there was present at this last interview, a woman whom I understood to be his daughter, and one or two other women, who were strangers to me, and heard me read the foregoing paper to him: – On the 14th of October, finding he did not call upon me, the next day, I called upon him, and he said he found

himself too sick to ride so far: I then told him the Court of Common Pleas would sit at Exeter on Tuesday the 20th [document ends here]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham County – At the Superior Court of Jurisdiction for the State aforesaid holden at Portsmouth within and for said County of Rockingham hash on the 2nd day of December A.D. 1835 Personally appeared in said Court William B Parker and William Parke and openly and publicly made solemn oath that the within and foregoing affidavits by them severally subscribed our true.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 2nd day of December A.D. 1835

S/ P. Chadwick, Clerk of the Superior Court

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Harrell a private in __ Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 13th May 1777 for three years, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1835

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

Captain Williams was of the 5th Regiment and Captain Fenner of the 2nd Regiment.

S/ Wm Hill Secry of State

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I Thomas Runnels¹ of Portland in the County of Cumberland & State of Maine, aged 74 years last March, on oath depose and say that I was a soldier in the revolutionary Army, and was taken prisoner in the year 1780 at the battle of Camden, and was carried to Charleston South Carolina: & was kept there a prisoner over two years that during the time I was a prisoner at Charleston there was also a prisoner there, whose name I think was James Harreld, alias Harrill, alias Harrod, who was captured a short time before I was, and who remained a prisoner I thing [sic, think] during all the time that I did: I did not know him in the Army, but became acquainted with him while we were prisoners together as aforesaid; I am now a pensioner under the act of 1832. – I belonged to the 5th Maryland Regiment. I have never seen said Harreld , alias Harrill, alias Harrod since we separated at Charleston, in 1782, until last September; and I know that the man whom I saw and Portsmouth last September, is the person I have attended to above, & who was a prisoner of war with me at Charleston as aforesaid, in 1780.

Portland July 11th, 1836

Attest: S/ Charles B Smith,[JP]

S/ Thomas Runnels, X his mark

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I Daniel Sellars² of Guysborough in the Province of Nova Scotia, depose and say; that I was well acquainted with James Harrold or Haril or Harrod; I became acquainted with him on the march of the North Carolina Troops from the northward to Charleston South Carolina in the Revolutionary War, where he and I were taken prisoners at the capitulation of Charleston by General Lincoln. I also saw him frequently whilst we were both prisoners at Charleston South

¹ [Thomas Reynolds W6104](#)

² [Donald \(Daniel, David\) Sellers \(Sellars\) R9376](#)

Carolina – new I do not know how long said Harrold served, nor what Regiment he belonged to; but I recollect seeing him as aforesaid. I am informed by his son, that said Harrell has now lately deceased.

I was also well acquainted with him, since, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for about fifty years, when he talked with me about his service in the American Revolutionary Army.

Witness

S/ W. B. Parker

S/ Daniel Sellers, X his mark

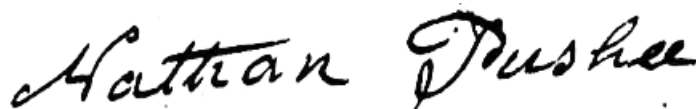
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Nathan Pushee³ of Antigonishe in the Upper District of the County of Sydney and Province of Nova Scotia Farmer, maketh oath and saith. That he was born in Massachusetts in the County of Worcester in the United States of America in the month of October in the year of our Lord 1758. That in the month of May in the year of our Lord 1775 – He deponent enlisted in the American Army at Cambridge and in said service in the engagement at Bunkers Hill [Bunker Hill] when Colonel Gardner deponent's Commander was killed on the 17th day of June in the year last aforesaid. That Deponent having Enlisted for a limited time which expired – He again in the year of our Lord 1777 enlisted in a Regiment of Cavalry, called Lady Washington's commanded by one Colonel Baylor [George Baylor] – That deponent remained in said service until the year of our Lord 1780 or thereabouts when he was taken Prisoner at a place called Monks Corner [Moncks Corner] in South Carolina. That deponent was detained a Prisoner by the British at Charlestown in South Carolina about eleven months. During which time he deponent became intimately acquainted with one James Harrill also a Prisoner, and at that time a private Soldier belonging to the American Army. And Deponent further saith that a great number of years ago being at Manchester in the Lower District of the County of Sydney aforesaid – he had an interview with the said James Harrill, who informed deponent that he lived at a place called Oyster Pond in Manchester aforesaid Distant from deponent's place of residence about forty miles. And Deponent further saith that during the time the said James Harrill lived at Oyster Pond, he frequently heard from him and Deponent further saith that the said James Harrill had a family of children as he has been informed and believes. And Deponent further saith that he hath been informed and believes that the said James Harrill left Oyster Pond aforesaid last year and are stated to some part of the United States of America and there died. And deponent further saith that he hath been informed and believes that a son of the said James Harrill sometime last year left Oyster Pond aforesaid and proceeded to the United States of America and that since being there he has written to his friends in Manchester aforesaid.

Sworn to before me at Antigonishe in the Upper District of the County of Sydney and Province of Nova Scotia this 27th day of May 1836.

S/ John **Thomas** Hill, NP

S/ Nathan Pushee



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I Catharine Morley, testify, depose and say that I am the daughter of James Herrald, lately deceased, that I was present when William B Parker read to my late father, a declaration which I understood said Parker had drafted for my father to sign in open Court: That after he had read it

³ FPA W13835

my father observed it was all correct and true, and that after Mr. Parker had left he observed "that is the man who knows how to do a thing well." That my father died on Tuesday last the 27th and was never well enough after Mr. Parker saw him, to go up to Exeter to swear to his declaration in Court.

Witness

S/ William Park

S/ Catharine Morley, X her mark

I William Park aged 69 years testify and say, that I was present when James Harrold gave it W B Parker at the Minutes of his service in the Revolutionary War, that after said Parker had taken the minutes aforesaid he read them over the said Harrold and said Harrold declared they were all correct and true.

S/ Wm Park

[fn p. 57: unsigned, undated note in the file reads:

"Elizabeth Griffin, widow of John Griffin dec'd, residing at Belfast, Main; – Alexander Harrold, resides it Guysborough, County of Sidney, Nova Scotia, Margaret wife of John Darroh [?], resides at last named place; Ann wife of John Leary of same place; – Mary wife of Michael Lyons of same place, Catharine wife of William Morley resides at Portsmouth New Hampshire, James Harrold at last named place.

(7 children)"