

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Harris R4652

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State of Tennessee }

White County } Towit-

On this 12 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of White and State aforesaid, Benjamin Harris a resident of said County aged about seventy 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 provision made by Congress in an act passed June 7th 1832 -

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated- He entered the militia service for three months, in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia. He does not remember the name of his Captain, Lieutenant, or Ensign. he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. Lucas. He served out his time was not in any battle and did not receive any regular discharge, but was mustered out of service as it was then called- He returned home to Brunswick County- It is proper here to mention that he was drafted when he entered the service as above mentioned- He cannot remember the date of his service- He was again drafted for three months- he was attached to the company of Militia from Brunswick County commanded by Captain Turner Bynum. He belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col Duval, Maj [William] Boyce, was Major in said Regiment. The adjutants name was Booker. The Regiment to Regiment [sic] to which he belonged was stationed the whole time in the County of Isle of White [sic: Isle of Wight VA]. At the expiration of his three months he was dismissed or mustered out of service and did not receive any written discharge- He was not in any battle either term of service- He has no documentary evidence by which the foregoing facts can be established- Nor does he know of any living witness by whom the same can be proved. -

Answers to the questions propounded by the War Department.-

1st. To the best of his knowledge he was born in the year 1762 in Southampton County Virginia.

2nd. He has no record of his age.

3rd. When called into service he lived in Brunswick County Virginia.

4th. He has already stated how he was called into service.

5th. He has no recollection of having been acquainted with any of the regular officers - nor can he be more explicit as to the general circumstances of his service.

6th. As above stated he never received any regular or written discharge. Since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Rutherford County North Carolina - from thence he removed to Greenville District South Carolina- from there he moved to the County of White Tennessee where he now lives and has lived ever since.

He refers to the following individuals who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution - (viz) Rev'd. James Anderson, William Glenn, Nathan Haggard Esq and Jesse Lincoln -

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

NOTE:

On 21 Mar 1853 Mary Ann Carland, 48, applied for a pension stating that her father, Benjamin Harris, died on 21 May 1834, and his widow, Rutha Harris, died in Macoupin County IL on 25 Sep 1845, and that they had been married in North Carolina before 1800. She named as other children in addition to herself Betsy Terry and Amos Harris, other children having died before Rutha Harris. Benjamin Harris

and Gilbert Harris of Christian County IL One Rachel Thomas stated that she had known Benjamin and Rutha Harris in Rutherford County NC. certified that Rutha Harris never received a pension. The file includes a copy of Benjamin Harris's will dated 25 Apr 1834 and proved 13 Oct 1834. It names his wife, Rutha Harris, and the following children and grandchildren: son Amos Harris; daughter Betsy Jeffers; William Harris and Benjamin Harris, children of his son Benjamin Harris; Nancy Ann Harris, daughter of Starling Harris; Wooton Harris and his children Benjamin Harris and William Harris; Betsy Harris, wife of William Harris; his daughter Lear Rutledge; his son Silas Harris.