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Pension Application of Isham Harris R4654

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State of North Carolina }

Rutherford County }

On this 8th day of August A.D. 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Isham Harriss a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged eighty four 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 – (the month and day not recollected) as a substitute in the place of _____ Jones who had been draughted in Lunenburg County in Virginia that he marched through North Carolina into South Carolina under the Command of Brigadier General Stevans [sic: Edward Stevens], (name of Captain not recollected). General Stevans joined General [Horatio] Gates at Rugelys Mills near Camden [sic: Rugeley's Mill 12 mi N of Camden SC] – that he was in the Engagement near Camden when Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780] from there he returned into North Carolina and was discharged at Hillsborough in which tour he served six months.

Declarant further states that he was draughted in the year 1781 in Lunenburg County Virginia – that he marched under Captain Walker and joined Gen. Washington near Little York, that he was stationed at Gloucester and remained there until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], in which tour he served six months. He knows of no living witness to prove his services.

Declarant further states that he was born in Charlotte County Virginia in the year 1759. The Record of his age is lost. that he lived in Lunenburg County Virginia when called into service – since the Revolutionary he has lived mostly in Burke County North Carolina but now in Rutherford County North Carolina – that he was called into service once as a substitute and was draughted once.

General Stevens & Colonel Glen [sic: John Glenn] were officers when he was in service.

He received a discharge but does not recollect from whom, and that the same is lost or mislaid.

That he is acquainted with & known by Rev'nd Benjamin Hamilton & William Toney

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity 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.

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NOTE:

Abel Harris and James Harris certified that they had seen Isham Harris's discharges.

Isham Harris's claim was rejected on the grounds that militia tours in Virginia were for three months rather than six months, and evidence of his service was insufficient.

On 1 Jan 1853 Isaac Harris, son and heir of Isham Harris, assigned power of attorney to apply for a pension for his deceased father's services. On 31 May 1854 Benjamin Hamilton, 39, wrote to the Commissioner of Pensions stating that he had known Harris much of his life, and that in the last ten years of his life he had lived on his property and spent much time at his house. He stated that Harris had been reluctant to apply for a pension, saying that he could live without it, but "shortly after that divided off what Property he had among his children and those that was to take care of him faild to do it and the old man became dependent."