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Pension Application of James Harris R4657

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Province of Nova Scotia }
Guysborough towit }

James Harris of Guysborough in the lower district of the County of Sydney in the Province of Nova Scotia Farmer maketh Oath and Saith that he is a native of Virginia in the United States of America, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine entered as a private Soldier in a Battalion of the American Army which was commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth, 3rd Virginia Regiment]. That he this deponent served in the said Battalion as such private Soldier until the Siege of Charlestown in South Carolina where he was taken prisoner by the British Troops [12 May 1780] and remained in prison for about eleven months thereafter.

Sworn to before me at Guysborough this thirteenth day of April AD 1836

W. F/ Des Barres/ Not. Pub.

James hisXmark Harris

Daniel Sellars of Guysborough in the lower district of the County of Sydney in the Province of Nova Scotia Farmer maketh Oath and saith that he is well acquainted with James Harris the deponent named in the foregoing Affidavit and first became acquainted with him at the Siege of Charlestown in South Carolina, at which time the said James Harris was a Soldier in the American Army. That the said James Harris was taken prisoner by the British Troops at the siege of Charlestown aforesaid and remained in prison there for about eleven months. And this deponent further saith that the said James Harris hath to his knowledge resided at Guysborough for fifty years and upwards and is now there living on the day of the date hereof

Daniel hisXmark Sellars

Province of Nova Scotia } [15 Nov 1852]

COUNTY OF Guysborough } Be it known that before me Edmund Henry Francheville one of Her majesty's Justices of the Peace for said County personally appeared John Harris aged 67 years, who being duly cautioned and then sworn in due form of law, states that he is the son of James Harris who was a revolutionary soldier in the State of America who resided in Nova Scotia from the year 1784 untill the time of his death and that he died on the tenth day of May 1851 and that his mother, named Hannah Harris died on or about the twentieth day of July 1819 and that they were married in the year 1784 and that they were residents of Guysborough in the Province of Nova Scotia and that they resided there until their deaths, and that he resides in Tracadia in the same County and that furthermore [the rest is power of attorney to F. E. Hassler of Washington, DC.]

John hisXmark Harris

Witness: Edward Harris Jordan

Witness: E H Francheville

NOTE: American Revolutionary soldiers who settled in Nova Scotia had generally switched to the British side. After the surrender of Charleston many American soldiers joined the British army to escape horrible conditions aboard prison ships. Action on James Harris's claim was suspended until he obtained certification before a court of record in the United States. There is no record in the file that he ever did so.