

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Harris R4660

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State of North Carolina }
Orange County }SS.

On this the 5th day of February 1835. personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, Charlotte Harris (of Lawful age) a resident citizen of the aforesaid County, who being first duly qualified according to Law, maketh the following Declaration in order to obtain for herself and the other heirs of her Deceased Father John Harris, the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th. 1832.

1. the aforesaid Charlotte Harris, exhibiteth to the undersigned Justice a Certificate from the Clerk of Orange aforesaid, in due form setting forth that her deceased father John Harris “departed this life on the 10 day of August 1832. that he died without leaving any widow him surviving, and that he left the following Children to wit, Tempe Harris, Fanny Harris, Claybourn Harris, Elisha Harris, Viney Harris, Susan Harris, and the Declarant Charlotte Harris – All of Lawful age.
2. And the Declarant aforesaid, (Charlotte Harris) in evidence of her deceased father’s revolutionary services, presents the affidavit of Gen’l. Carney Cotton, of Chatham County, wherein the affiant Cotton says, he has frequently heard the deceased say, he was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution – and attached to the militia – was under Col. [George] Lytle this affiant thinks; also is of the impression the deceased told him he was at Ramsey’s Mill [Chatham County NC, site of skirmish on 19 Mar 1781] under Gen’l. [Nathanael] Greene–, and further that said Harris (deceased) was a man of truth and veracity, and that s’d. Harris served in the war of the revolution.
3. And the said Charlotte aforesaid in further proof of her Deceased father’s Revolutionary services, presents the affidavit of John S. Guthrie Att’y. at Law of Chatham County aforesaid, wherein the affiant Guthrie states, that the said John Harris (Dec’d.) applied to him as attorney to draw up a Declaration for him, for pension, some short time before his death – and as well as the affiant remembers, the Deceased told him he served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution, “not less than six nor more than 12 months”:- And the said affiant further states that the said John Harris, was believed to have been a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and a man of truth and veracity.
4. And the said Charlotte aforesaid, produces in further testimony of her Deceased father’s revolutionary services the affidavit of John Boudy [pension application W5858] of Orange aforesaid, (an United States pensioner, under the act or May 15, 1828) wherein the affiant Baudy says, that the said John Harris (Dec’d) frequently told him he was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution – was under Sumpter, at Hanging Rock [sic: Thomas Sumter, Battle of Hanging Rock SC, 6 Aug 1780] – was under Greene at Guilford Battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and with him at Ramsey’s Mills – And well remembers said Harris told him he had served Nine Months.

And this affiant further states, that the aforesaid John Harris (Dec’d.) was reputed to have been a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and a man of truth and veracity.

And the aforesaid Charlotte Harris, further states under oath, she does not know the age precisely of her father, but from the best of her recollection he was in his Seventy first year when he died.

That he had no family record that she recollects of–

That her father was living in Chatham County aforesaid when called into the service.

That when he entered the service he was drafted (she thinks)

That as to his discharges she has no recollection of hearing her (Dec’d.) father say anything.

That she has invariably understood that when in the United States service her (Deceased) father was in regularly organized Corps and called into service by Competent Authority.

And that her father was in the Militia a private of Infantry–

That there is no Documentary evidence of her (De'd) father's services that she knows of— And aforesaid Charlotte, for herself and the other heirs of her Deceased father, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declares (to best of her knowledge) that the name of her Deceased father John Harris, is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state — Sworn to & subscribed the day & date aforesaid. Charlotte herXmark Harris