

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Harris R4663

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 19th day of Februry 1845 came before me Josiah Turner on of the acting Justices of the peace and a member of the Court of please & quarter sessions in and for the said County Mary Harris a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged 83 years who being first Duly sworn acoding to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the acts made for the Benefit of certain Revolutionary widows

That she is the widow of the late Edward Harris who was a private soldier and serjent in the North Carolina Continental line in the ware of the Revolution. That she has often heard her deceased husband Edward Harris speak of serving in the said ware. That to the best of her recolection and understanding her said husband served in the yearly [sic: early] part of the Ware under Capten Cook the length of time she is unable to state That near the close of the ware her husband the said Edward Harris was under the command of Capton Sharp. This Declar't further states on her said oath That she was marred to the said Edward Harris in the year of seventeen hundred & ninety in Orange County North Carolina

This Declarant further states that the said Edward Harris died the year of eighteen hundred and one That she has not married sinc the deth of her said husband Edward Harris but continues his widow.

That she has no Family Register

Sworn to and subscribed on this the nineteenth day of February 1845 before me.

[signed] J Turner JP

Mary herXmark Harris

State of South Carolina }

orange County }

on This the 19th day Febery 1845 personally appeared before me Josiah Turner one of the acting Justic of the peace and a member of the court of please and quarter sessions in and for the said County of orange Mimy Woods a Resident of the aforesaid county & State aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn accoring to law doth on her oath make the following statement in relation to the sevics of Edward Harris in the Revolutionary War and his marriage to Mary Harris who is now applying for a pention for his sevces in the said ware

This deponent states on her said oath that she lives near to and was well acquainted with the said Edward Harris That she remembers that the said Edward Harris left home and was gone some time and that it was said he had been in the war.

This deponent further states or her said oath that from the best of her recolection the said Weward and Mary were married in the year of 1790 seventeen hundred and ninety.

This deponant further states that the said Edward & Mary Harris lived together and had two children before they were maried that the cause of their getting married was that the said Edward Harris applied to the Babtist Church to be admited as a meber but the Cherk refused to reive him in consequenc of his living in a state of a Dultery with the said Mary and that they then got marrid and the said Edward Harris was received in to the said Church This deponant states that from all the circumstances that she can call to mind the said marrage of Edward Harris and Mary took place about 1790 seventeen hundred and ninty at all events they were marrid before 1794 seventeen hundred & ninty four That they did live together as husband & wife up to the deth of the Edward Harris which took place uppers of forty years ago.

That she the said Mary Harris never marrid after the deth of the said Edward Harris but still remains his

widow

Sworn to and subscribed on this the nineteenth day of February 1845 before me Mary herXmark Woods

State of North Carolina }

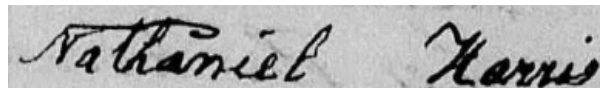
Orange County }

On this the 22nd day of July 1845 came before me Doctor C. Parrish, one of the acting Justices of the Peace & a member of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions in and for the said County of Orange, Nathaniel Harris a resident of the afore said County & State aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to Law deposeth & sayeth that is a neffew of the late Edward Harris whoes widow is now applying for a pension for the revolutionary services of her Dec'd. Husband, that this deponent has often heard his said uncle Edward Harris speak of serving the United States in the said war & that he the said Edward Harris did have the Honor of having been a Soldier in the said Revolutionary War. This deponent further states on his said oath that from the circumstances of his own marriage & the number of children that his said uncle Edward Harris had at that time, that he the said Edward Harris & Mary must have been married before 1794. seventeen hundred & ninety four This deponent states that he himself was married in the year of 1801. eighteen hundred & one & at that time of his own marriage his said uncle Edward & Mary had 7 seven children six of which were said to have been born before they ware married & that he never heard it contradicted but what the said Edward & Mary were lawfully married,

that his uncle the said Edward Harris died in the year of 1801. eighteen hundred & one & that his widow the said Mary never afterwards married but is still his widow.

Sworn to & subscribed on the aforesaid date before me—

[signed] Doctor C. Parrish J.P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathaniel Harris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of North Carolina, } Court of pleas & quarter sessions,

Orange County } February Term, A.D. 1846.

On this the 27 day of February, A.D. 1846, personally appeared in open Court, before the court of pleas and Quarter session, for said County, now sitting Arris Harris, a resident of said County, aged 45 years; who being first duly sworn according to Law, maketh the following affidavit, as supplemental, to the declaration for Pension, now on file in the Pension office, in Washington City, made some time in early part of 1845 by his mother Mary Harris, who has since died.

This Declarant, the said Arris Harris, further stateth upon his said oath, that from the statements of different times, made to him by his mother & neighbours, that he has reason to believe and does believe, that his father Edward Harris, was in the United Service, in the army of the Revolution, and in the North Carolina line.

That he has frequently heard his mother & Neighbours speak of his father's Revolutionary Service, and that his father when in the army served both as Sergeant & Ensign, and to the best of hthis Declarant's recollection it was so said and understood, that he served both in Captain Cook's Company and Captain Sharp's Company but as to the length of time, this Declarant's father served in the army, he does not now remember of hearing it said, what the length of service was.

This Declarant further states upon his said oath, that as far back as he can recollect anything, long before any Idea of pensions was entertained, he remembers of hearing his father's Revolutionary Services spoken of, as he has above set fort,

The Declarant further sets forth that his mother the said Mary Harris did die on the 20th day of April 1845, leaving surviving the following children, to wit: Delia. Ned Harris. Willie. Elizabeth. Mary Harris & Arris Harris. All of Lawful age.

Arris hisXmark Harris

[In other documents the name is spelled "Arlis Harris."]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA/ OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

I WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revoltionary War, that Edward Harris a private Soldier in Capt. Cooks [D. Richard Cook's] Company of the 9th Regiment, entered the service on the 10th day of January 1777 for the term of three years and that he was omitted in Sept'r. 1778. That Edward Harris a Serg't. in Capt. Sharp's Company of the 10th Regiment of the 10th Regiment was mustered in Dec'r. 1782. Given unto my hand this 10th day of March 1845./ Wm. Hill Sec'ry.