

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Harrison R4676 Mary Ann fn88NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 4/17/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[fn p. 4]

State of North Carolina Surry County

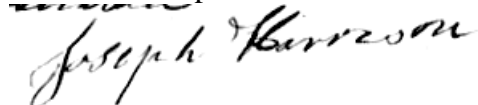
On this 9th Day of May 1836 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Surry Joseph Harrison a resident of said County, being seventy-one years old on the 18th instant. And being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Joseph Harrison enlisted for the term of twelve months as a substitute in the place of, and for, William Harrison about the 1st of March in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina at Surry Courthouse in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, and that he with the rest of the Regiment was ordered to meet at Salisbury in the County of Roan [Rowan] which they accordingly did, and from there they went to a place called the Laboratory one mile east of Salisbury a place for the Soldiers to stay until they were ready to march to headquarters, and before the Regiment marched, Colonel Armstrong ordered him the said Joseph Harrison with three others to aid & assist the Quarter Master George Elliott who was stationed in the town of Salisbury in the service of the United States, and that he continued to serve under the said Quarter Master twelve months the term for which he enlisted, and then applied to said Elliott for a discharge which he refused to give not being authorized to do so but gave him a furlough to go home, he did so and met with Colonel Armstrong at Surry Court house who gave him a discharge which he kept a long time until as worn as scarcely to be intelligible which for his own satisfaction he copied and kept which was in the following words (This may Certify that Joseph Harrison served as a substitute in the place of William Harrison in the 12 months service the time he was enlisted for and is now discharged this 6th day of March 1782. John Armstrong Lieutenant Colonel of North Carolina line. [D])

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following all the

reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension, he understood that none could obtain a pension but those who were as poor they were ready to become a County charge, he truly was poor but by his own exertions had made out to live without calling on his Country for help, he however said in his Claim for a pension some years ago and made the necessary statements to the best of his knowledge and ability that he was then in indigent Circumstances, that he has made a second application Stating in that his great necessity for help, And this is the third Application to obtain that assistance from his Country which (in old age and infirmity) he so much needs and considers to be his just right.

He further states his Children has all left him except one daughter who stays with him to wait on her mother who has been much afflicted for twenty years a great part of her time unable to do any work. He further states that he has resided in Surry County North Carolina for the last forty years and that the following is a fare [fair] schedule of his property (to wit) seventy acres of land valued at \$50 one mare one saw four shoats & 3 pigs worth \$8, 9 sheep worth \$9, 2 small Steers worth \$8, some old household & kitchen furniture worth say \$25, some old working tools worth say \$20 and about \$10 due him making in all about \$130. I am holding in just debts to the best of my knowledge about \$55 and I never have at any time by gift sale or in any other way whatever Disposed of or parted with any part or portion of my property whereby to enable me to claim a pension, nor have I any income of any kind whatsoever other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

S/ Joseph Harrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Joseph Harrison".

[fn p. 7: On February 14, 1840 in Surry County North Carolina, Mary Ann Harrison, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Harrison, a soldier of the revolution; that she married him in Bedford County Virginia November 25, 1791 as shown by a record in the family Bible; that she lived with her husband Jo Harrison until she had 3 children to wit Nancy, Froshy [?] & Sally; that she removed with her said husband to Surry County North Carolina where she now resides; that her husband died August 16, 1839; that she had by her said husband 12 children as shown in the family record; all her children are alive except Mary Ann who died December 9, 1815

fn p. 11: family record

Maryan Harrison was born the 23rd of April 1815 and deceased the 9th day of the same year December

John Harrison was born the 18th of April 1817

Lucinda Harrison was born the 8th day of November 181[last digit obscured and illegible]

Joseph Harrison was born in May 1765 18

Maryan Gregory was born the 14th day of February 1772 married the 25th day of November 1791

Nancy Harrison daughter of Joseph and Maryan his wife was born February the 5th 1792

Frankey Harrison was born March the 10th 1794

Salley Harrison was born February the 18th 1796

Udoshea Harrison was born March the 23rd 1798

William M Harrison was born December the 3rd 1799

Betsey Harrison was born May 27 1802

Matilda Harrison was born August the 5th day 1804
Mariman Harrison was born December the 18th 1806
Joel Harrison was born May the 9th 1809
Sophia Harrison was born the 9th day of December 1811

[fn p. 77]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 7th May 1833

Sir

I have carefully examined the musterrolls and Warrant book in this office for evidence of the service of Joseph Harrison in the Army of the revolution, but find none. There was a Joseph Harrison enlisted under Captain Blount as a private was promoted to Sergeant in 1777 and deserted in 1779, but I don't suppose he is the present applicant.

I am respectfully Your Obedient Servant
S/ Wm Hill

James L Edwards Esquire
Commissioner of Pensions

[fn p. 83: affidavit dated January 18, 1836 given in Gallia County Ohio, by Ann Lawless stating that Joseph Harrison served a 12 month term in the Army of the revolution as a substitute for her father William Harrison.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 4th, 1836, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]