

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Harris R4685

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Fourth Judicial circuit

Shelby County Sct.

On this 20th day of June 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Circuit Judges in said state, personally appeared Joshua Harris, aged sixty years, resident in the County of Shelby, in the said circuit, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Late act of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Joshua Harris entered into the regular Continental line and service sometime in the fall 1778 in the company commanded by Capt'n Wallis [sic: Andrew Wallace] who was killed at the Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] and was succeeded by Captain Stripling [sic: Sigismund Stribling], the regiment commanded by Col. Campbell. that he continued to serve in said Corps and service of the United States untill the spring of 1780 [sic] when he was discharged from service at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] in the State of N Carolina – that he was in the Battles of Guilford Court House – Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 April 1781] & the Seige of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 June 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances (having lately lost the Piece of Land he lived on at Law) – and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support– he further states that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, and that he has long since lost his discharge from service, having sent it to the War department to draw his pay by a Mr. Ramsey, who he has never seen nor his discharge since that time

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

Shelby County Court July Term 1820.

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record of probat & common law Jurisdiction Joshua Harris aged sixty one years resident in the County of Shelby & said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows– that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the fall 1779 for the Term of eighteen months & continued until the spring 1781. he served in the Company commanded by Col. Campbell of the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment. That he was at the Battle of Guilford courthouse, Campden & the Seige of Ninety-six &c. he further states that he made application by his Declaration dated 26th of June 1819 for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & received his pension Certificate dated 20th April 1820 No. 16739. he has not drew any part of his pension money. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818. & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner Disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to Diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contract or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. he further states that he is old & unable to do hard Labour. he has a wife & four children living with him his wife is old and sickly & his children two sons & two daughters his oldest son about nineteen years of age, his other son about twelve years, his oldest Daughter about thirteen years of age, his other daughter about eight years of age. he follows the occupation of farming his oldest son is at present of some service to him in his

occupation the rest of his family helpless & himself a cripple—

The following is a Schedule of his property . To wit

One mare & two colts worth about fifty dollars his stock of hogs worth about thirty dollars. Two cows & five calves worth about thirty five dollars some cooking utensils & table furniture worth about ten dollars, plows, axes & hoes worth about ten dollars, four head of sheep worth about four dollars, making his property all together worth about one hundred & thirty nine or forty dollars. Joshua Harris

NOTES:

On 22 Nov 1825 Joshua Harris applied to have his pension transferred, having moved to Ripley County, Indiana.

On 7 Feb 1844 Martha Harris, 73, of Johnson County IN, applied for a pension stating that as Martha Harrell she married Joshua Harris in Washington County, East Tennessee, on 20 Nov 1788, and he died on 6 Nov 1841. As proof of marriage she submitted a family record transcribed below said by William Harris to have been written by Richard Harrell about 1819 in a book entitled *Dialogues of Lucian*, as certified by Jesse Harris. The book was returned to a descendant, Philip Harris at Franklin Post Office, Johnson County IN. On 1 June 1844 Milly Harrell, about 74, of Ripley County IN, stated that Joshua and Martha Harris were married "in about two years from the time that I was married and I was married in my Nineteenth year."

Martha Harris Was Bourn March 26 1770

Her Children

Elizabeth Harris Was bourn September the 22 1790

Rachel Harris was Bourn May 21st 1792

Jesse Harris Was Bourn december 20 1793

Casanner Harris Was Bourn February th20 1796

John Harris Was bourn January 13th 1798

Sarah Harris Was Bourn May 9th 1800

William Harris was Bourn February 10th 1802

Martha Harris Was Bourn march 16th 1804

Lusindea Harris Was Bourn January th9 1806

Joshua Harris Was bourn August th11 1808

John Harris His Book

Lettice Harris was bourn February 22th 1811

James Harris was Bourn January th13 1815

A document in the file certifies that Martha Harris died on or about 2 Sep 1844 leaving the following children: Jesse Harris, Joshua Harris, Rachel Kephart, Martha Harris, and Lettis Utterback.