

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Harrison R4687

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State of South Carolina Greenville District

On this 19th day of March A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me Lewis McBee Ordinary for the district and within the State aforesaid Reuben Harrison a resident of said district aged ninety-two years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He declares that he volunteered in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War soon after the Declaration of Independence, the day month and year that he volunteered and entered the service he does not now remember. That he volunteered in Surry County North Carolina and was in actual service in that State in said War in a company commanded by Captain William Hardwire (or Hardin) and Colonel Richardson Owens for the period of nine months. The Continental regiments or Companies which composed the Regiment to which he was attached he does not now recollect. But that he remembers the Officers above Stated and privates, Samuel Stewart, Charles Stewart, Kit Kirby, and Henry Kirby who belonged to the same company with himself. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

~~Sworn to and subscribed before me~~ In the presence of

S/ Thos. H. Paris

S/ Reuben Harrison, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Luther him McBee, Ordinary

[Joseph Powell & Peter Caudle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by the court to Reuben Harrison Applicant for pension

Int. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer to 1<sup>st</sup> Int. I was born in Granville County North Carolina on the 15th day of

October 1760

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer to 2<sup>nd</sup> Int.: I have no record of my age at this time. I had a Bible in which my age was recorded which Book my son Washington Harrison took with him when he removed to the State of Georgia about 18 years ago.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer to 3<sup>rd</sup> Int.: I was living when I volunteered in the Service in Surry County State of North Carolina after I left the service I removed with my father to Tennessee and from thence to Kentucky and lived in forts and fought the Indians about 4 years. From thence I removed with my father to the State of Georgia where I resided 3 years. From thence I removed to what is now Greenville district South Carolina and have resided here for upwards of 60 years.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer to 4<sup>th</sup> Int.: I volunteered in the service

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer to 5<sup>th</sup> Int.: I knew Colonel Richardson Owens, Captain William Hardin (or Hardwin) Lieutenant Thomas Carlin, 2nd Lieutenant Kit Kirby. The name or number of the Continental and Militia Regiments or the name or number of the Regiment to which I was attached I do not now recollect. We marched to different places = the name post or stations "I cannot now recollect in Surry and other Counties in that section of North Carolina, and I do not know that any name was given particularly to them. I was sent by Colonel Richardson Owens with a letter to Colonel Benjamin Cleveland from Flower Gap Surry County North Carolina to let Cleveland know when he Owens would advance upon the Tories, and on my way was captured by the Tories who maltreated me and threatened to hang me. "A Tory by the name of George Roberts took made by both arms and shook me so severely to make me disclose my business. After which he made preparations to hang me. But his stepson a young man interceded with him to let me go on account of my youth. "The letter I had between the paper and the body of the crown of my hat which had been raised, the letter slipped in and their fastened down. After I was discharged by the Tories have proceeded to Cleveland's delivered him the letter, and returned in safety to the Army at Flower Gap.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer to 6<sup>th</sup> Int.: I did receive a paper from Colonel Richardson Owens which I suppose was a discharge. The purport of which I do not know as I cannot write, nor read writing, But it was lost or mislaid many years ago

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

revolution.

Answer to 7<sup>th</sup> Int.: Major B. F. Penny, attorney at law, Colonel David Hoke Clerk of the court of Common Pleas, Colonel G. F. Towns, Mr. Peter Cauble, Samuel Mauldin, Esquire, Vardry McBee Esquire, all of Greenville Village South Carolina