

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Harrison R4688

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State of Alabama, Dale County }

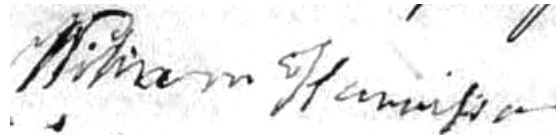
On this 9th Day of November in the year of Christ 1832, Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the peace William Harrison a citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year, unknown, with Michael Watson Capt. of the State troops and served in the fourth Regiment of the __ Line, under the following named Officers: I was under the Command [of] General Pickens, (and have forgotten the name of the Col.) Brannen Commanded as Major. I left the Service, when the association of ^{arms} ^{date not recollected}. I served three years at the first term of enlistment and after the Expiration of the three years aforesaid I Enlisted again under Capt. Watson for the term of three years longer; and after the Expiration of that time, I again enlisted for three years under the aforesaid Capt. and served about One year when the Association of arms took place. I then was discharged. I resided in Edgefield district South Carolina, and marched from thence, to Savannah River near Augusta. I was in the battle at the Utaw Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781],¹ I, generally was out on a Scouting party under my aforesaid Capt. Watson from Augusta to the Congaree River.

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 of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest S/ Lewis Hutchison, JP

S/ William Harrison



[Richard Tillis and Aaron Lockart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

N. B. the applicant further saith on oath that he got his house and papers burnt is the Cause of his not recollecting any more than he does. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Lewis Hutchison, JP

S/ William Harrison

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

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State of Alabama Dale County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace, William Harrison who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for seven years I served as a Regular soldier in the Army of the United States, first tower [tour] three years under the command of the officers specified in my Declaration made the ninth day of November A.D. 1832; 3 years at another time and after the expiration of that term I enlisted three years longer and served only one year, and was discharged. This deponent further saith that he got his discharge and all his papers together with his house burnt. This deponent further saith that he is wholly unable to attend a Circuit or County Court by reason of bodily infirmity, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service all have Deceased or moved out of his knowledge. And for such services I claim a pension. This 22nd day of October in the year of Christ 1833.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Lewis Hutchison, JP

S/ William Harrison

[p 7: A power of attorney executed in Coffee County Alabama by Martha Harrison in which she states she is the widow of William Harris a deceased soldier of the revolution in the South Carolina Regiment. The power of attorney is dated November 23, 1853 and is signed by her mark. P 29: is a second power of attorney, this one dated February 4, 1854 and signed by the widow with her signature as follows



Martha Harrison]

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Comptroller Generals Office Columbia South Carolina may 18 1854

Honorable James Abercrombie

Dear Sir

I have received a letter from Mr. Clemens in which he requested me to examine the Revolutionary Records of this Office for the service of Wm Harrison, and to address my reply to you. Accordingly upon examination thereof I can inform you that the name of Wm Harrison appears in Book T 385 in an Indent for £43.2.10 ¼ Sterling for militia Duty performed as private since the reduction of Charleston. Also in his Account for said amount against the State. Order enclosed in the Account in favor of Arthur Watson acknowledged before George Mae JP. The Receipt for the Indent signed by Arthur Watson's Mark before Thomas Nicholls. For Official Copy of this \$2.00 which please enclose.

Very Respectfully yours

S/ P. S. Jacobs, Dep.. Compt General

June 23rd 1785 Received full Satisfaction for the Above in an Indent No. 385, Book T by Virtue of an Order for William Harrison

S/ Arthur Watson, A [his mark]

Test.

S/ Thomas Nicholls

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South Carolina

Ninety Six District } We Do hereby Empower Mr. author Watson to Receive Our Indents From the Treasurers Office in Charles Town

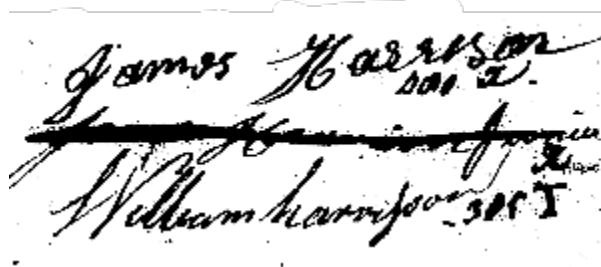
Given under Our hands this 12th of September 1785

S/ James Harrison³

480 X

S/ William Harrison

385 T

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "James Harrison" with "480 X" written below it. The bottom signature reads "William Harrison" with "385 T" written below it. There is a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signatures.

I Do Certify that the Above Orders Were Delivered to Arthur Watson
S/ George Mee, JP

³ [James Harrison SC3664](#)