

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Harvey R4709

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State of Mississippi Copiah County: Personally appeared before the undersigned Daniel H Prosser Judge of Probate and Presiding Justice of the County Court of said County Joel Harvey who being sworn upon the Evangelist of Almighty God did depose in the following words to wit: I do solemnly swear that about the year 1777 or 8, I entered the militia service in the State of South Carolina in the company of Captain William Harris commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes, that I remained in the service of the State of South Carolina about two years and six months, that at the expiration of that time I was disbanded, and discharged, but, that the evidence of my discharge was lost about 17 years ago in the burning of my house, that I have no recollection of the line to which I belonged and at this time that I am wholly unable to obtain a subsistence, but am compelled to live upon the bounty of my friends for support so help me God.

S/ Joel Harvey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th December 1830

D/ Daniel H Prosser, PJ

State of Mississippi Copiah County: Personally appeared before the undersigned Daniel H Prosser Presiding Justice of the County Court of said County Robert Scott¹ – who being duly sworn deposes in the following words, to wit: I do solemnly swear that in the year 1777 or 8, I was a private soldier, in the Regiment of Colonel Hayes, in the militia service of the State of South Carolina, that at that time, while in the service, I became acquainted with a certain Joel Harvey who at that time belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes, and to the best of my recollection belonged to the company of Cavalry commanded by Captain William Harris, that I frequently saw the said Joel Harvey at different times during the war until the battle at the Fort of Ninety Six, and I verily believe that the Joel Harvey present is the same Joel Harvey who I knew in the said Regiment of Colonel Joseph Hayes of the South Carolina militia to the best of my knowledge and belief so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this sixth of December 1830

S/ Daniel H Prosser, P. Justice

S/ Robert Scott²

¹ [Robert Scott W11402](#) According to this veteran's widow, he died in Claiborne County Mississippi on January 13, 1832. Consequently, he did not live long enough to file for his own pension and this may be the only statement of his service given by him.

² Although this affiant did not sign the affidavit with his Mark, this signature appears to me to be in the identical handwriting with the balance of the document. Consequently, I do not think it is his original signature.

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State of Mississippi, Simpson Count: In the Simpson Circuit Court October Term 1832:

On this fifteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Edward Turner presiding judge of said Court now sitting Joel Harvey, a resident of the County of Copiah in the state aforesaid, aged about sixty-eight 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer from the district of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina under the command of Captain William Harris & Col. Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes, Lt. Col. of the Little River Regiment under the command of Col. James Williams] in October of the year 1779 and continued in said service for the space of two years and six months without intermission during which time he was in the following engagements with the enemy, to wit: at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] on Tiger River in South Carolina under Genl. Sumter [Thomas Sumter]; at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] at the defeat of Genl. Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] under Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan]; at the siege of ninety six [May 22-June 19, 1781] under Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene] and also in various other skirmishes of less note. And further that he also marched to Virginia under Genl. Morgan with the prisoners taken at Cowpens. That at the end of his term of service, which was near the close of the war, he received a written discharge from his former Capt. Wm Harris who about that time was promoted to the rank of Major; that said discharge was long time ago burnt with the burning of the affiant's house and that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or to an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory.

Interrogatory:

1st Where and in what year were you born and have you any record of your age?

Ans: I was born July 4th 1764 and my age was recorded in my father's bible.

2nd Where were you living when called into to service and where have you lived since the revolution and where are you now living?

Ans: When called into the service I lived in the district of ninety six in the State of South Carolina; and since the revolution in South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and since 1819 in this State.

3rd How were you called into the service?

Ans: As a volunteer

4th State the names of some of the regular officers of the troops where you served.

Ans: I served nearly the whole time under Capt. William Harris, Cols. Joseph Hayes & Levi Casey, Genl. Andrew Pickens, Sumpter, Morgan & Green.

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; By whom was it given; and what has become of it?

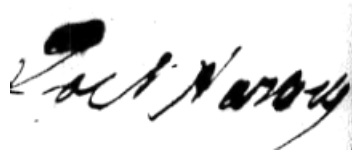
Ans: I received my discharge from the said William Harris, then a Major, which was destroyed at the burning of my house.

6th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your good character for veracity good behavior &c.

Ans: William Massey, Jeremiah Maxwell, and James Norman

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Harvey



S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

[William Morris, a clergyman, and William Massey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Mississippi Simpson County: SS

On this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me William Largent President of the Board of County Police in and for the County of Simpson and State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record, Joel Harvey now a resident of Simpson County and State aforesaid aged seventy years who being unable to attend Court by reason of bodily infirmity and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, supplementary to a declaration made by him at the October Term 1832 of the Circuit Court of Simpson County and State aforesaid on the 15th day of October 1832, hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1779³ he entered said service as a volunteer in the company of Captain William Harris with Lieutenant Martin Martin under Lieutenant Colonel Levi Casey in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes (alias Hays) that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the number or name of said Regiment. That he served in the same under the officers aforesaid being an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority as a private soldier for the space of two years and six months. That said Regiment & company in which he served as aforesaid were volunteers raised, organized and equipped as volunteers comprising the District of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina. That he left said service in the year 1781. That he entered said service as aforesaid at the District of Ninety Six in South Carolina. That during said service he marched from said District of Ninety Six to meet General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and his Army at Tiger River in South Carolina at Blackstocks where a battle ensued between the men commanded by General Sumter on the part of America and Colonel Tarleton of the British. In which Battle General Sumter was severely wounded in the breast and shoulder and Colonel Tarleton retreated. After which Battle at Blackstocks on Tyger River your petitioner Joel Harvey together with said Regiment marched to Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River where they joined General Morgan and afterwards marched with General Morgan and his men to the Cowpens where a Battle ensued between General Morgan & Colonel Tarleton which resulted in Colonel Tarleton's defeat. After which the said Joel Harvey marched with said Corps and the Prisoners taken at the Battle of the Cowpens to the Catawba [River]. Afterwards to wit in the spring of 1781 the said Joel Harvey and others marched to Ninety Six and met and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at that place and immediately afterwards General Green & his men retreated to North Carolina. That after the siege of Ninety Six the said Joel Harvey was in no considerable Battle but in many

³ From the officers he states he served under and the events he describes, I believe that this veteran did not enter the service until sometime after the battle of Kings Mountain in October 1780. I base this opinion on the fact that the officers referred to by this veteran, to wit, Joseph Hayes and Levi Casey, assumed command of the Little River Regiment of militia after the death of Colonel James Williams at the battle of Kings Mountain. Williams commanded that Regiment prior to his death. Also, the battle of Blackstocks occurred on November 20, 1780. Since this is the first engagement referred to by the applicant, it stands to reason that he entered the service sometime prior to that date.

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency £365.0.0
Stg. £52.2.10 1/4

Received the 21st June 85 full Satisfaction for the Above Account in an Indent No. 61 Book T by virtue of a Power of Attorney from Joel Harvey

Pat. Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham]



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State of South Carolina

For a Valuable Consideration Unto me in hand Paid by Patrick Cunningham at or immediately before the Sealing and delivery hereof the Receipt thereof I do hereby Acknowledge and my Self to be fully Satisfied there with I Joel Harvey of the State of Georgia have granted Bargained Sold Assigned Transferred and Set Over: And by these Presents do grant bargain sell: Assign Transfer and Transmit Unto the said Patrick Cunningham his Executors Administrators and Assigns for Ever all my Right and Title Property Claim and Demand; of and into all such Sum or Sums of Money Indents or Public Certificate or Certificates that is Now due me from the Public of South Carolina Aforesaid According to the Returns made thereof by Colonel Robert Anderson in my behalf to the Auditor General and Amounts in the Whole to the Sum of Three hundred and Sixty five Pounds Old Currency as per Account now Remaining in the Said Auditor's Office & appears – And I do hereby request and desire the Commissioners of the Treasury when the Said Account Accounts are finally Addressed by the Governor & Council & returned into the Treasury to Grant or Issue the said Indents or Indents for the Same in the name of the Said Patrick Cunningham his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns for the full Amount Aforesaid for which: I hereby Do Declare this to be there Present Warrant and Authority for So Doing: Witness my hand and Seal this 17th day of March 1785.

Done in my presence

The day and year aforesaid

S/ [undeciphered Christian name] Blasingame, JP

S/ Joel Harvey



[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 61 Book T]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Joel Harvey and Patrick Cunningham.]