

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harvey R4714

Nancy Harvey

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State of Tennessee Marshall County

On this 10th day of February 1859 Personally Appeared before me A. A. Steele an Acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, Nancy Harvey a resident of Marshall County State of Tennessee aged Eighty Seven years being born December 23rd 1771 – who after being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832, February 2nd 1848, July 29, 1848, and any other acts of Congress made for her benefit, that she is the widow of John Harvey who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution from Virginia: that her said husband served one tour of six months and another of twelve months and according to her best recollection in the year 1780 and 1781: that she is unable now to state correctly the Company and Regiment her husband was in, that she is unable to prove his service by the testimony of fellow soldiers: but has to rely upon the proof of the muster Rolls and the records of the War Department in support of her claims: Her said Husband lived that the time of serving in the Army of the Revolution in Rockbridge County Virginia: and she is of opinion he was a volunteer: but she is not able to state positively whether he volunteered or was drafted: and the precise time of his Joining, and of being discharged from Service: She further states that her husband never applied for nor drew a pension in his lifetime though justly entitled to one: nor has she ever before made application for the pension due her as his widow:

She further states that she was married to the said John Harvey in Franklin County Tennessee by one John Camden, a Justice of the Peace, on or about the first day of August A.D. 1822 that her said Husband John Harvey died in Franklin County on the 13th day of April 1833: She further swears that ever since the death of her said husband she has been, and is now a widow. She was born in Rockingham County Virginia, and her name before marriage was Nancy Houston. She begs the Department to give her all the aid it can in the investigation and allowance of her claims to a pension.

And she further states that she wishes all communications in regard to her claim to be addressed to A. A. Steele of Mooresville Marshall County Tennessee – she refers to the accompanying affidavits for ancillary proof in aid of her claim &c.

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[p 6: Granville H Hogan gave testimony in Marshall County Tennessee that he was born in Sumner County Tennessee in the year 1805; that his father moved from Sumner to Warren County Tennessee in 1823 when he became acquainted with John and Nancy Harvey in 1825; I married their daughter Mucissa Harvey and settled in Franklin County near them and continued to reside there until 1836; that affiant's father Edward Hogan was a soldier of the revolution; that affiant has heard his father and Harvey say they knew each other in the war; that Harvey told affiant that he, Harvey, was 16 years old when he entered the Army for his first tour; that he was in 2 campaigns, one of 6 months and the other of 12 months and the affiant thinks in 1780 and 1781; that affiant has often heard Harvey speak of another soldier who he referred to as quote the foot Tom's Spencer"; that in 1833 Harvey got Mr. Tall to prepare a pension application for him but Harvey died and Tall moved to Tallapoosa County Alabama; "the reason he left Winchester was his son killed his son-in-law Rufus P Anderson"[it is not clear who "he" is in the preceding sentence]; that the veteran's father Job Harvey was also a soldier in the revolution; that the veteran was born in Rockbridge County Virginia in the year 1764; that the veteran had a record of his birth and the marriage and the births of his children written by the veteran in a Bible which the affiant has often seen and read; that the veteran gave a Bible to the veteran's son Leander Harvey who let Samuel J Crockett have it and affiant has no idea of where the Crockett still has it; the veteran's son Leander went off to Texas and died there.]

[p 10: On February 10th, 1859, Mucissa Hogan gave testimony in Marshall County Tennessee that she was born in Christian County Kentucky in 1810 and is now 47 years of age; that her name prior to her marriage to Mr. Hogan was Musicca Harvey, daughter of John and Nancy Harvey; that her father died April 13, 1833 in Franklin County Tennessee; that affiant, her husband, children and her mother moved to Marshall County Tennessee in 1836 and her mother continues to live with her family; that affiant has 2 brothers Layton and Leander and a sister Manirva [sic Minerva?], all children of John and Nancy Harvey; that her father has often told her the following circumstance "my father was drafted, and I though only 16 years old, volunteered and went with him, my mother cried and tried to persuade me not to go."; That in 1833 her father had his pension application drawn up by Michael Tall Esquire a lawyer in Winchester Franklin County Tennessee; that when preparing his papers for his pension application, her father said he did not know a single soldier living who he could get to prove his service but Arthur Hopkins who lived in Kentucky and to whom her father intended to write; that her mother and father lived together for many years before they were married; that affiant was about 12 or 13 years old when her parents were married by Esquire Camden and that is why she has a distinct recollection of their marriage; that affiant was married in 1825 and that her parents were married about 2 or 3 years before; that her parents children were legitimated by act of the General Assembly and the names changed from Houston to Harvey; that this statement is necessary in order to explain the fact that I am 47 years old and her parents have only been married 36 or 37 years.

Mucissa Hogan]

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We Granville H Hogan and Mucissa Hogan would further upon our oaths state that John

Harvey was twice married, first time in Kentucky to prudence Ferrell who died many years before his marriage to Nancy Houston (now Nancy Harvey). His first wife died in Kentucky. He had one son by her, and we have not heard from him in 30 years or more. It is quite probable that he is dead, for he was quite an old man then. Given under our hands this paper where he
10th 1859

Granville H. Hogan

Mucissa Hogan

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State of Tennessee Marshall County: I Malcolm Patterson am sixty-seven years old. I was born in North Carolina. I then moved from Carolina to Wilson County Tennessee. I was in Captain William Lock's company Colonel Coffee's Regiment under General Jackson [Andrew Jackson] in the Creek Indian War of 1813, I have received Bounty Land from the General government.

After the War, I moved to Franklin County Tennessee and lived in the same neighborhood with Major John Harvey of Franklin County. I knew him well. He was always thought to be a Revolutionary Soldier. He claimed to be one.

I was at the marriage of John Harvey and Nancy Houston in Franklin County Tennessee. Esquire John (Jack) Camden married them. I saw them married. It was about the year 1822 to the best of my recollection. Mrs. Mucissa Hogan (her Daughter) and many others were at the wedding. I recollect the occasion well. Harvey's wife was named Houston before their marriage. They lived together many years before marriage and had children. As soon as Harvey's first wife (living in Kentucky died) he married Nancy Houston. They lived together as man & wife until his death which was in the Spring of 1833 to the best of my recollection. For the last 16 years I have been living in Marshall County near Mrs. Nancy Harvey on Cane Creek Marshall County.

She is a widow and has been since the death of her husband: and is living with her son-in-law and daughter Mrs. & Mr. Hogan. She is very old.

Harvey was frequently at my house in Franklin County. I was then a constable. There was a large crowd present when he and Mrs. Harvey were married. He was then a man of fine property.

His widow is the oldest woman I know of in this country. About his being in the Revolutionary War, I knew nothing positive, though it was my understanding he was in the war of the Revolution. He is now dead certain and his widow is living in this neighborhood. February 10th, 1859

S/ Malcolm Paterterson [sic]

Malcolm Patterson

The within affidavit of Malcolm Patterson was sworn to and subscribed by him before me

and I certify he is a man of credibility.

February 10th 1859

S/ A. A. Steele, JP