

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Harper R559

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The State of Texas County of Hopkins

On this 14th day of January A.D. 1856 Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and state aforesaid Sarah Harper aged 79 years a resident of Hopkins County, County & State aforesaid, the surviving widow of William Harper deceased who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of William Harper deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Parker in the Regiment of ___ commanded by ___ in the war with Great Britain in the year 17___. That her said husband entered at ___ in the State of Virginia on or about the ___ day of A.D. 17__ for the Term ___ years and continued in actual service in said ___ for the Term of ___ years and was discharged at ___ on the ___ day of ___ A.D. 17__ as will appear by Muster Roll. She further states that she was married to the said Harper in the State of Georgia on the 25 day of December 1776 filed one the Reverend being a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Rawls. And her said Husband died in Louisiana on the ___ day of ___, 1811. And that she is now a widow at the date of executing this her declaration. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension Money to which [she] may be Entitled to under the Act Approved ___ 18__ Allowing Pensions to revolutionary Soldiers. She further states that she has not sold pledge or mortgage her right to the Claim she now applies for up to this date.

S/ Sarah Barrett

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