

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Harbert S15448

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[A note on the pension certificate states, "original papers sent to N. Goff at Clarksburg, March 18, 1835." The pension application below is apparently a copy made by the pension office of a second application. Nathan Goff was a pension agent who assisted District Attorney W. G. Singleton in an investigation of fraudulent claims from Harrison and Lewis counties. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Clarksburg Augs't 8th 1833

J L Edwards C. P. [Commissioner of Pensions]

Sir I again return Mr Samuel Harberts papers, - you will disscover he now gets for the two six months tours - [illegible word] - Gives dates &c -, - he Mr. H I have no doubt but he served at least 2 years, - but his memory is gone that he cannot gives dates only in the 2- six months Tours, - I hope he may now receive a certificate for one years sevis

Yours &c Nathan Goff

State of Virginia }

Harrison County } Towit.

On the 17th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Harrison County in the State of Virginia, now sitting Edward Harbert in his 72 year of age, 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 7th 1832. That he was born on the 10th day of May in the year 1762 in the County of Burlington in the State of New Jersey, has no record of his age, but so understood from his parents. That in the year of 1775 he removed to the then West Augusta now the present County of Harrison in the State of Virginia, and that in the Spring of 1779 he volunteered at Powers fort on Simpsons Creek, waters of the Monongahela [sic: Monongahela River] in a Company of Rangers as Indian Spy's Commanded by Capt William Robinson and was employed scouting and ranging between Powers fort and the Ohio River a tour of six months. That in the Spring of 1780 he volunteered at Grundy's block house in a Company of Rangers or Indian Spy's commanded by Capt Thomas Read employed in scouting and spying between the said Blockhouse and the Ohio River a tour of six months, that in the Spring of 1782, he volunteered in a Company of Rangers or Indian Spy's commanded by Capt Joseph Gregory and was employed in scouting and spying between Grundys block house and the Ohio River a tour of six months, and he neaver had any writing discharge in all of his tours he served as a private, and while so engaged he was not employed in any sivil persute and the fact is there was not Regular Officers who were with the troops where he served and that he has no documentary evidence to support his claim, but he refers to Isaac Shinn [pension application S7505] and Samuel Harbert [S15447] bouth of this County whos evidence he will try to procure who can testify to his servises. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory. For his morril character for veracity, he refares to the Hon Thomas Morris Senator of the United States, and the Hon John J. Allen member of Congress from this District.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Edward Harbert.

We John Allen a clergyman residing in the County of Harrison, in the State of Virginia and Jacob Coplin residing in the same County and State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Edward Harbert who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that he believes him to be in his 72 year of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier or Indian Spy of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John Allen

Jacob Copland [sic]

State of Virginia }
Harrison County } To wit

Be it know that Samuel Harbert aged 74 years appeared before me Jacob Coplin a Justice of the peace for Harrison County and made oath that Edward Harbert the present applicant for a pension was a soldier or Indian Spy in the year of 1779 at Powers Fort under Capt William Robinson served a tour of six months and that he know the said Edward Harbert was Soldier or Indian Spy at Grundy's Block house under Capt Thomas Read in 1780 and served a tour of six months, and that he knows that the said Edward Harbert was a Soldier or Indian Spy 1781 under the said Capt Read at the block house and served a tour of six months. and he also knows that Edward Harbert was a Soldier or Indian Spy 1782 under Capt Joseph Gragree and served a tour of six months
Sworn to this 7th day of February 1834 Samuel Herbert

Edward Harbert - draws \$80 —

Samuel Harbert Pensioner (see his own statement) is Brother of Edward - States that himself and his Brother Edward done the same kind of services and were at the same stations - and under the same officers. But he is confident that his brother did not do as much service as he himself done by at least one fourth - his Brother Edward is two and half years younger than himself. - he himself was born in 1760 and his brother in 1763 —

Christopher Nutter [W5434] has known Edward Harbert since he was a boy - and if he Edward done any service it must have been very little Indeed -

A true copy- W. G Singleton.

Note. it will be seen by reference to the Declaration and the report in Samuel Herberts case that he alledges to have been in service one year only. he states above that his Brother Edward was in service at least one fourth less time than himself. - Edward of course could not have served according the [one or two illegible words] Samuel longer than nine months, and yet he draws for two years services — I was unable to see Edward. W. G Singleton Nov. 17, 1834

[On the cover of the above report Singleton wrote "Fraud." On the pension certificate it is noted that Harbert was dropped from the pension list on 10 Mar 1835. On 11 Jul 1851 Edward Harbert retained John A. English and another attorney to try to get him restored to the pension list.]

Mr A. J. English
Clarksburg
1^s Sep't. 1851.

Dear Sir, You requested me to give you any information, I possessed relative to Servises done during the Revolutionary by E Harbert, I find by [several illegible words], provided for Samuel Harbert a penson of \$40 under the Act of 7th June 32 - That the Department afterwards Struck his name from the Pension List Roll, desiding the Service he done did not come under the Law, reversing its former opinion as to such service, If the Department first desided Correctly There is no doubt but Mr. Samuel Harbert was intiteled to a pension of \$40. per Annum I Find in the case of E Harbert in Looking over my old memorandums, That he was an applicant for a pension of \$80, - That he done the same kind of Service and about the same amount that his Brother Samuel done, so That if Edward Harbert is intuled to a pension at all it is only \$40 - which amount I have no doubt but Samuel was fully intiteled to, and if he was, of course I believe his Brother Edward, is intiteled to the same amt, as he done the same kind of serves and the same amounts,

I think Samuel Harbert is dead

Very Respectfully your Ob't Sv't
Nathan Goff

NOTE: The file contains a letter dated 10 June 1867 from attorneys still inquiring about Harbert's case.