

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Simeon Harris S15871

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[A note on Harris's pension certificate states that the original papers in the file were sent on 13 Mar 1835 to W. G. Singleton, District Attorney, as part of his investigation into a large number of fraudulent pension claims mainly from Lewis and Harrison counties in present West Virginia. See the pension application of David W. Sleeth for further details.]

Simeon Harris draws \$20—

on the 1st day of November 1834 Mr. Harris stated that he was born in Hardy County Virginia [formed from Hampshire County in 1786] and was in his 73 year of age, he was drafted when sixteen years old in the Summer previous to the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] (thinks in May of that year) – and marched from Hardy County to Berry's Ferry (on the Shenandoah River) under Capt. James Cunningham, thinks Bullett[?] was the Lieutenant, Col. Dick fell in with them at Berry's Ferry and took command – the Frederick Militia also joined them at that place. – they all went to Fredericksburg – Williamsburg and across the Pamunkey River, continued in that region of country for awhile & then returned to Fredericksburg where he was discharged and went home before Cornwallis was defeated. admits that he was in service only three months in this tower. The above is all the service done on the East side of the Allegany [Allegheny] Mountains. Some two or three years after the above Service he moved to Randolph County – (this was after the war was over) and was in service against the Indians – the statement now given was in substance the same he gave J. Camp[?] & Adam Bean – who wrote his declaration. they kept all the the money drawn except \$25.

In Witness that the forgoing statement is true I hereto subscribe my name Nov. 1, 1834

Test

Simon Harris

Nathan Goff }

John Harris }

A Copy. W. G. Singleton

David Holden of Randolph Cty says Harris called on him to get his advice as to his Harris right to a Pension and stated his services, from which statement he ascertained that Harris had no claim whatsoever & so told him — Mr. Holden further states that it is a matter of General notoriety that Harris was a Lieut of a Tory Company during the Rev War

NOTE:

Harris's first name is spelled Simeon on his pension certificate and presumably the original papers. The spelling of Simon is evidently Singleton's error.

Mr. David Houchin, Librarian at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, kindly provided me with notes given to him by Ms. Terry Ward of Daughters of the American Revolution, which were compiled by an unknown researcher from documents at the Philadelphia depository of the National Archives and Records Administration (RG21 Records of the US District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia Clarksburg Misc. Case Papers Criminal 1834-37 Box 1 E-10-05-06-3). The notes state that Harris was born in 1761 at Danton's Fort in Hardy County, then moved to Tygart Valley. Singleton prosecuted him "for false swearing and for recovering money paid on false papers," with the last summons being issued 2 Sep 1839. James McCany, Adam Baird, David Holder, Isaac Booth, Jacob Keller Esq., Archibald Earl, Nathan Goff, and Jesse Philips testified. Harris was adjudged to be entitled to a pension.