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Pension Application of Henry Harris S16399

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State of Kentucky }

Madison County } S.S.

On this 21st day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Christopher Harris, one of the Justices of the County Court for the County of Madison aforesaid Henry Harris a resident of said County aged 90 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 7h 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided in Orange County, Virginia, - that early in the War, he thinks in 1776 he volunteered & went on a campaign against the Cherokee Indians- & was absent about 6 months - the names of his officers he cannot recollect - that he afterwards moved to Henry County, Virginia, & went as a volunteer on a tour into North Carolina against the Tories & was absent about 3 months – Early in 1781, as he thinks, he went out as a volunteer in the Militia & marched into North Carolina in order to join Genl [Nathanael] Greene - was absent about 3 months & returned & immediately again volunteered in the militia & was in the service about Jamestown & Yorktown till a few days before Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – he thinks he was in command of Gen. [Robert] Lawson last tour he was out – & knows he went home a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis in consequence of sickness – he states that his memory has failed him very much of late – that he knows he served the four tours he has stated, but the names of his officers & most of the particulars have gone from him- That he has no documentary evidence in his possession of his services - - He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -

Henry Harris

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid – Chr. Harris a Justice as afsd

Nancy Estiss also made oath before me at same time that she is the daughter of Henry Harris, who has signed the above declaration, that she is sixty two years of age – that she well recollects that her Father was in the Revolutionary War – that she recollects her mothers sending a Horse for him to come home on in consequence of his being sick – She further states that she believes him to be 90 years of age from what she has always understood & from the Bible record – that she believes the forgoing statement of said Henry Harris, her Father, to be true & that he rendered services as therein stated – that she has often & again heard him make same statement in her younger days – & that he has always been consistent in his account of his revolutionary services – That said Henry Harris has resided about 36 years in Madison County aforesaid – where she has resided about same time.

Nancy Estiss

Elisha Estiss also made oath before me Chr. Harris a justice as aforesaid at same time that he has known Henry Harris who has signed the forgoing declaration ever since the revolutionary war & before that he was raised in same neighbourhood Henry County Va. & well recollects said Harris was a soldier of the Revolution, that his, deponent's Father, was out at same time - that he believes the Statement or declaration of said Harris true from witness's personal knowledge & from having heard said Harris often repeat same statement – that it has always been understood & believed that said Harris was a soldier of the Revolution by his acquaintances - that he believes him 90 years of age. Witness states that he is between 62 & 63 years of age –

[signed] Elisha Estes

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On this 1st day of February 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas J. Branston one of the Justices of the Madison County Court aforesaid Henry Harris a resident of said County aged 90 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration supplementary to his declaration made before Christopher Harris one of the Justices of said Court on the 21st day of July 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that by reason of his great age & the consequent loss of memory it is not in his power to detail the particulars of his service as a soldier of the Revolution – but his best recollection is that he served four Tours as a private in the militia in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war & in these Tours that he served not less than fifteen months – he believes he served at least that long & for such service he claims a pension. He states that Capt Bollinger his best recollection is was his Capt in the last Tour which served. He cannot recollect the names of his officers upon the other Tours further than he has stated. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish his services, except Elish Estiss & his wife Nancy Estiss. They know that he was a soldier of the Revolution – their testimony has been taken. He states that he was bom in Orange County Virginia in the year 1742 in June 16 – that he has a record of his age in an old bible in his possession. The names of his officers & the particular circumstances of his service have in a great measure left him & he cannot be more particular than he has been. That he has no discharge & does not recollect that he ever had any. He states that Thos. J. Branston a clergyman & Henry Dillingham are his neighbours & can testify concerning his character & the belief of his services.

Henry hisXmark Harris

NOTE: Christopher Harris stated "that although bearing same name there is no connexion between him & said applicant."