Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Harvey S16851
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Alabama } On this 25th day of [blank; pension certificate dated 1 Mar 1833]
Lawrence County } personally appeared in open court before John White Esqr Judge of the circuit court for s'd. county now sitting, John Harvey a resident of Lawrence county & state of Alabama aged 73 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 7th 1832 — that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. — that he entered the service as a volunteer in Rowan County North Carolina under Capt. Jacob Eckles in the year '76 on the last of June or first of July; and marched under Genl. [Griffith] Rutherford in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. In this expedition while marching in the advance guard we were fired upon by the Indians & William Alexander one of the spies was wounded in the ancle. I state this circumstance because I have been informed that he has since drew a pension in Tennessee from the war department in consequence of s'd. wound [pension application S361]. When we returned from the [Cherokee] nation we were dismissed on the first of October 1776 without any written discharges. — In the year 1780 I was drafted in the militia in the County of Surry, North Carolina on a five months tour, and marched under Capt — Bostick [Absalom Bostick]. We rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina under Gen'l. Rutherford, and joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates near Rudgeleys mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill], 12 miles from Camden S. Carolina. This I think was about the 12th Aug't 1780. The next day I was detached with about 10 [smudge may obscure a numeral preceding the 10] men to reinforce Gen'l. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] of So. Carolina — after two days march we joined Genl Sumpter on [one or two illegible words] Wateree River. On the next being the 16th Gates was defeated. [Lt. Col. Banastre] Tarleton pursued after Sumpter – on friday 18th he overtook and defeated us near a place called called Rocky Mount [Skirmish at Fishing Creek] – where I was taken prisioner. While the British were marching the prisioners to Camden I made my escape from them and returned home to Surry County N. Carolina. In the spring of 1781 or 2 there was a call for every [illegible word] men to furnish one for 12 months. I substituted for one of this class – Wm. Gowley was hired to take my place, who was accordingly mustered into service at Surry Ct. House N. Carolina. I was then called on no more — That he has no documentary evidece, and that he knows of no person who can testify to his services except William Hughes — I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever. Interogatories of the Court 1st. Where & in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Orange County Virginia in the year 1758 on the 7th Decr. — 2nd. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Ans. none only I have heard my parents say — 3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live. Ans. When I volunteered I lived in Rowan County N. Carolina. when drafted I lived in Surry County where I continued until 1788. I then moved to the state of Tennessee Davidson Co then to Smith County – and lived there until 182[?]. I then moved to this Lawrence County Alabama, where I now live — How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? Ans. All this is stated in my declaration. State the names of some of the Gen'l. officers The troops where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect. Ans. All that I can recollect on this subject I have stated in my declaration. — Did you ever received a discharge from the service? Ans. No. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to character for veracity and good behaviour, your services as a soldier of the revolution– Ans. William Hughes who is alone knowing to my services – John T. Johnson and many others —

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above [signed] John Harvey