

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Herndon Haralson (Heralson) S1828

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State of Tennessee, Haywood County

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Lawrence McGwin, Benjamin G. Alexander & Jonathan J. Jacobs the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Herndon Haralson a resident now of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy four years on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October last, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. About the last of January or the first of February 1781, and at the time when General Greene [Nathanael Greene] Archibald Murphee him retreated before Lord Cornwallis through North Carolina into Virginia, he was then between 23 and 24 years of age living in the County of Caswell, North Carolina. That he then kept the Clerk's office, and was the Deputy of Archibald Murphey the then Clerk of the County Court of said County. At that time said Murphey was a Major and commanded the Militia in the army of General Greene. On the retreat of General Greene, the two armies passed immediately by the Clerk's office. A few days however before the armies passed, he removed the records, concealed them secretly and safely; at the Request of Col. William Moore, the then Colonel of said County he received a Captain's commission and in a few days raised a complete volunteer Company of Mounted Militia, all equipped with Guns, and some with Swords, who joined Col. Moore's Regiment and was immediately attached to General Greene's army. Lord Cornwallis about this time retired to Hillsborough and the Tories in that neighborhood were embodied on Haw River under the command of one Col. Pyle; information of this circumstance having been received, Genl. Pickens and Col. Lee, including his this applicant's company, being dispatched, attacked them on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of February, Defeated and completely cut them to pieces.<sup>1</sup> A few days afterwards he fought the battle of Whitesell's Mill [sic, Wetzel's or Weitzel's Mill]<sup>2</sup> on the Reedy fork of Haw River and a severe skirmish on the Alamance Creek;<sup>3</sup> was on duty in the neighborhood of Guilford Court House when that battle was fought (tho not immediately in the Action).

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<sup>1</sup> February 25, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_haw\\_river.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html)

<sup>2</sup> March 6, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_weitzells\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_weitzells_mill.html)

<sup>3</sup> I'm guessing this is a reference to the action at New Garden Meeting House March 15, 1781 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_new\\_garden\\_meetinghouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_new_garden_meetinghouse.html)

That when Lord Cornwallis moved on to Wilmington in North Carolina and Genl. Greene to the South, he, sayeth a part of his company was discharged. He immediately completed a new company by recruiting in place of those discharged; joined the Army again. This deponent was then placed under the command of Col. Wooten of the Militia of North Carolina and marched to the South. When they were encamped at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina, this applicant saith there were three companies of Mounted Militia of which his company was one which formed what was then called the Marshall Corps of Genl. Greene's army and was commanded by Major McClary. That while lying there, there were three British officers taken prisoners by Genl. Marion and sent up to Genl. Greene. They were Paroled to remain with him this applicant (as an American officer, that by that parole they remained with him in the neighborhood of the army til Genl. Greene marched to attack the British at the Eutaw Springs. He was released from the charge of the British officers; called in and took again the charge and command of his company and marched with the Army, before, however, they attacked the enemy at the Eutaw Springs,<sup>4</sup> Major McClary was taken sick and left the Army. The command of the Marshall Corps as Major was given to him, this declarant by a command from the hand of Genl. Otho H. Williams, then Adjutant General of Genl. Greene's army and the corps now placed under the command of Col. Malmedy, a Frenchman. Under this commission the applicant saith that he fought in the battle of Eutaw Springs in September 1781 in this action there was about four hundred prisoners taken and immediately placed under his charge and by the orders he received was marched to Salisbury in North Carolina and that he was discharged about the last of October but on what day of the Month he cannot recollect having served about nine months. This declarant cannot be certain about dates but he is certain that he served nine months.—After the conclusion of the War this declarant returned to the Clerk's office of the County Court of Caswell County where he was doing business for Col. Murphey as before stated when he entered the service where he continued until the fall of the year 1784 when he went to the Town of Petersburg in Virginia and entered into business as a Clerk in the Mercantile House of Donnal and Frazure where he remained three years. Then he returned to North Carolina again; married and settled in the County of Person and was Elected a member of the General Assembly of said State every year for six or seven years; after which he was appointed Clerk of Superior Court in said County, and continued to Act as such two or three years, when he moved to Pittsylvania County, Virginia where he remained two or three years; when he returned to North Carolina and settled in Chatham County where he remained until the year 1820, when he removed to Tennessee and lived in Rutherford County in said state one year. He then removed to the neighborhood of Jackson Madison County where he remained with his family until the Spring of 1826. He then removed to Haywood County near Brownsville where he has ever since been and now resides. This declarant was born in the year 1757 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October. This he learnt from the Register in his Father's Bible, but he does not now know where said Register is.—He refers to the affidavit of his Brothers Lea Haralson and Paul Haralson which will be procured and sent to the department in due season; besides which he knows of no positive proof. He neglected to preserve his commission and the discharge which he received and he knows of no documentary evidence which can testify to his Service. The Declarant refers to the Statements of the Reverend David O. Shalluck, a minister of the Gospel in the Town of Brownsville and County of Haywood and of Blackman Coleman of the same County who

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<sup>4</sup> September 8, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

have testified as to his Character for Veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. The Declarant also refers to the Honble. Daniel L. Barringer of the House of Representatives and to the Hon. Wylie P. Mangum of the Senate as to his Character for veracity while a Citizen of North Carolina and of their belief as to his services of a Soldier of the Revolution. This declaration is all made out and him prepared by this declarant on his recollection of his services and written by himself and 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.

S/ H. Haralson



Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. G. Alexander, JP

[David O. Shattuck, a clergyman, and Blackman Coleman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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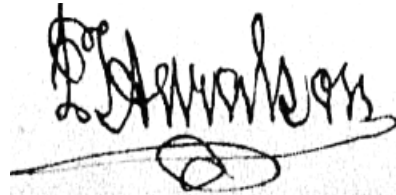
State of Illinois Randolph County: Sct.

On this Sixteenth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared Paul Haralson aged seventy-two years before me James Hughes an Acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that his Brother Hearndon Haralson now a citizen of Haywood County State of Tennessee, but then a Citizen of the County of Caswell North Carolina in the month of January or February 1781 obtained a Captain's Commission and raised a volunteer company of mounted militia, and as this affiant believes was attached to or belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore of said County of Caswell, that said Regiment and company marched to and joined the Army of General Greene. This affiant further states that at the time of recruiting the Company he agreed to join providing he could get a horse which he was not enabled to do until some time as he believes late in the month of June when he procured a horse, equipped himself and followed after said company and overtook them and enrolled himself in Company of said Hearndon Haralson somewhere South of Charlotte and in the neighborhood of General Greene's encampment. This affiant then continued in said company and fought in the same under the command of said Hearndon Haralson at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. The said Hearndon Haralson with his Company was ordered in charge of the prisoners taken at said battle and marched them to Salisbury where this affiant with the balance of the Company were discharged as this affiant believes in the month of October or November making a Tour for said Hearndon of nine months.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 16th day of October A.D. 1832

S/ James Hughes, JP

S/ P. Haralson



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State of North Carolina Caswell County

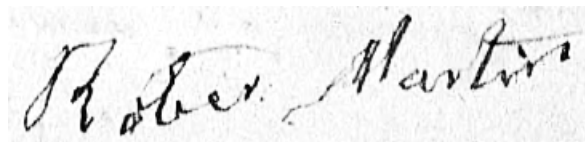
Personally appeared before us Thomas D Johnston and Thomas W Graves two of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County and State Robert Martin<sup>5</sup> and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and saith as follows, To wit: That in the year 1781 in Captain Herndon Haralson raised a Volunteer Company of mounted militia or Light horse; in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina; That in this Company this affiant was a Lieutenant; that they were marched to South Carolina; and the said Company commanded by the said Captain Haralson was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs; about this time this affiant resigned his Commission and was discharged from service on account of his situation and the loss and injury to his property; The resignation and Discharge being sought and obtained at the request of this affiant. This affiant cannot state how long the said Captain Haralson remained in Service; further than this that he found him in service and left him in service also.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 31st day of August 1832.

S/ Thomas D Johnston, JP

S/ Robert Martin

S/ Thomas W Graves, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Martin". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

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State of North Carolina Caswell County

Personally appeared before us two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Jonathan Starkey<sup>6</sup> of lawful age and being duly sworn according to law doth declare and state as follows: That he was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and well recollects Herndon Haralson in said War; That he the said Haralson, was a Captain and commanded a Company of Volunteers of Light Horse or what was then called Mounted Militia; That during the time he (the said Haralson) was commanding the said Company; this affiant Volunteered under him and served one tour & was with him at the memorable action of Eutaw Springs; that the said Captain was a Brave and Skillful officer and rendered great service to his Country. This affiant has heard and believes that the said Haralson was at the capture of Tories under Colonel Piles [John Pyle] and was the chief and principal officer who cut them to pieces; though this affiant was not with him at that time. This affiant also states that when the Prisoners were taken at Eutaw Springs that the said Haralson was the officer under whom they were placed for safekeeping – & that he marched them to Salisbury & there confined them though this affiant was not with him at that time; This last fact this affiant does not know of his own knowledge but has heard & did then here so and believes to be true; for he was well pleased at that time of hearing of the conduct of his Gallant Captain; That the said Captain as he has heard & believes was in the war more than one tour, but how long this affiant cannot state.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 10th day of October 1832

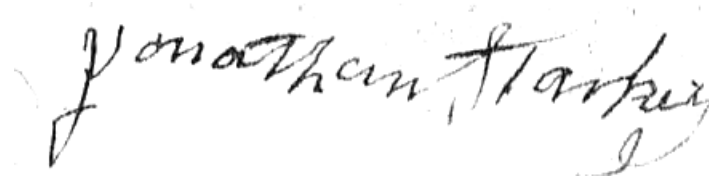
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<sup>5</sup> [Robert Martin W1907](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Jonathan Starkey S7612](#)

S/ JR Clark, JP  
S/ James Rainey, JP

S/ Jonathan Starkey



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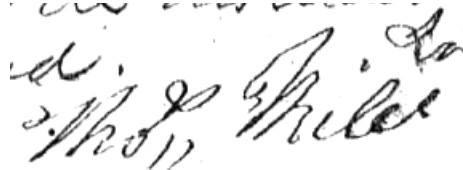
State of Tennessee Wilson County: September Term County Court 1832

This day came Thomas Miles Senior<sup>7</sup> into open Court and made oath that he knew Herndon Haralson in the Revolutionary War, They served together under Colonel William Moore, & were at the Battle of Whitsells Mill together, he stood by him in the action, & they retreated together. He believes he continued in the Army till after the Battle at Guilford. He does not know how long he served, but from his knowledge of his character & the accepted report & believe all who knew him he fully believes that he served 9 months as a Captain & otherwise as stated in his declaration, which Affiant has seen & read.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court September 29th 1832

S/ Josiah J McLean, Clerk

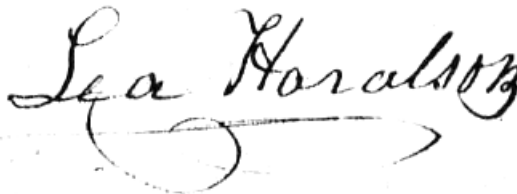
S/ Thos. Miles Sr



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State of Tennessee Wilson County: September Term County Court 1832

This day came Lea Haralson into open Court & made oath in due form that Hearndon Haralson is his brother, & he knows that he started out & remained out in the Revolutionary War several campaigns, & saw him on his return from them, & knows that it was always stated & [word written over and illegible] that he was out in the said War as a Captain. Sworn to in open Court the day & date above written.



[p 54: Power of attorney signed by Mary Haralson of Haywood County Kentucky, widow of Herndon Haralson. The power of attorney is dated September 9, 1847.]

[p 8: On August 5, 1854, in Haywood County Tennessee, William H Haralson a resident of Brownsville filed a power of attorney in which he describes himself as one of the children of Herndon Haralson , a revolutionary war pensioner.]

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<sup>7</sup> [Thomas Miles W8457](#)

[Facts in file: the veteran died in Haywood County Tennessee May 27, 1847 leaving a widow, Mary, who died September 1847; other children named in the file of the veteran and his wife are Haywood, Jane (who married Oliver Goodman or Goodwin) and Mary who married James Steel.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$225 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending May 27, 1847, for his service as a Captain in the North Carolina militia as a cavalry officer.]