

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

Pension Application of William Harris S25132

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State of Virginia

County Court of Richmond, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1818 before the County Court of Richmond being a Court of Record personally appeared in Open Court William Harriss aged about fifty six years , resident in the said County, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by a late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war: That he the said William Harriss did in the spring of the year 1781 take the place of Daniel Porter as a substitute who was drafted to serve for the term of eighteen months (in the County aforesaid) in the Continental Service and Virginia line– That he first was put under the Command of Capt Tibbs [sic: probably Thomas Tebbs] in Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg]. secondly he was placed under the Command of a Capt. Peyton at Albemarle Court House, thirdly he was placed under the Command of a Capt Wawman [sic: probably Thomas Warman] at the point-of-fork [sic: Point of Fork at present Columbia VA] and was attached to a Regiment of new recruits under the Command of Colo. Thomas Gaskins. he was at the seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] in Gen'l Wayns [sic: Anthony Wayne] Brigade. he then marched to the South under the Command of Colo. Thomas Posey in his Regiment where at ebenezar [sic: Ebenezer GA, May 1782] the regiment joined General Wayne, afterwards his Regiment marched to the South to Ashley River [in South Carolina west of Charleston] where they joined Gen'l Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Command & returned to Cumberland Court House in Virginia where he was regularly discharged after serving eighteen months – The said William Harriss further declares that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

State of Virginia Westmoreland County.

The deposition of Capt Edward Sanford [Edward Sandford, pension application S41120] of Lawful Age (being first sworn) taken before me Samuel Templeman, One of the Justices, and Judge or presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Westmoreland, taken this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1819.

Who deposeth and sayeth That he with a number of recruits and 18 months drafted men was with the said William Hale [pension application S37982] marched from the County of Westmoreland to Fredricksburg by Leut George Robinson and delivered in Fredricksburg to a Capt John Tebbs. And by the said Capt Tebbs to Cumberland old Court House, the place of Rendesvous at which place the said Hale was put in a company commanded by Capt Wawman, and attached to a Regiment Commanded by Colo. Thomas Gaskins, and altho this deponant was not in the same company with the said Hale he was in the same Regiment and in a company commanded by a Capt Lamb [sic: Nathan Lamme] and moved down to the point of Fork where the public stores were taken by the British Army [5-6 Jun 1781] – after this the Regiment was marched to Halifax in Virginia where this deponant knew the said Hale in the said Company & Regiment, where Colo. Gaskins was arrested by Baron Stuban [sic: Gen. Baron von Steuben]. The Regiment then was marched to the Seige of York, after which he this deponent being left sick never saw the said Hale, but firmly believes that the said Hale did serve his whole term of 18 months. after the seige of York the Regiment returnd to Cumberland old Court House where the said Hale was left sick; and the regiment marched to the southward under the command of Colo. Thomas Posey, and when this deponant with the regiment returnd to Cumberland Old Court House, he found the said William Hale was there when they were all regularly discharged & returnd home.

[Two days later Spurling stated that Harris had been with Hale and himself.]

The deposition of William Spurling [S41182] taken this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1819 before me Samuel Templeman &c.

Deposeth & saith that himself William Hale, and William Harriss all belonged to the same company commanded by Capt Wawman attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Continental Troops commanded by Colo. Thomas Gaskins untill after the Siege of York when the said Regiment retired to Cumberland Old Court House for winter quarters in the Spring the regiment marched to the southward under the Command of Colo Thomas Posey & while in winter quarters the Regiment was Commanded by Colo Febiger.

State of Virginia

Richmond County to wit

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia William Harris aged about fifty nine years, resident in the County of Richmond and said State who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows– In the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia line on Continental establishment Commanded by Colo. Thomas Gaskins secondly by Colo. Febeccir [sic: Christian Febiger] and lastly by Colo. Posey in a Company commanded by Capt. Wawman of said Regiment, and that he was at the siege of York in Virginia, afterwards was in an engagement with the Indians and British on the River Agacha [sic: Ogeechee River, 23 Jun 1782] in Georgia and Savanna [sic: Savannah]. Returned to Virginia and was discharged at Cumberland old Courthouse as will more fully appear by reference to the original declaration filed in the War office dated the thirteenth day of April 1818 on which a pension-Certificate was granted the Twelfth day of August 1819 number 13.997 and I do solemnly swear that I was a Citizen resident of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818– and that I have not, nor has any person for me in trust any property or security, contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed–

no real estate of any kind whatever

personal estate 1 cow and calf not paid for but of pension money 1 sow and 3 shoats – Family himself aged about 59 years being very infirm he lives with one of his children and labours but little

Signed by William hisXmark Harris