

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Harris S31730

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State of Georgia, Greene County – on this 29th day of October eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court of the County & state aforesaid Mathew Harris a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 (according to the best of his recollection) under Capt Hatton Middleton and served in the 1st Reg't. of Horse raised for the State of Georgia commanded by Maj'r. Leonard Marbury. He further states that he enlisted for the term of eighteen months, that he served out his time & was regularly discharged, he does not recollect the precise time but believes it was about the first of the year 1778. He resided in Wilkes County Georgia at the time he entered the service.

He further states that the service that he was engaged in was to guard the frontier from Ogeechee [sic: Ogeechee River] to the Cherokee Corner from the incursions of the Creek & Cherokee Indians. He was in two engagements with the Indians one at Marburys fort in Wilkes County & the other on the Tugalo [sic: Tugaloo] River. The Reg't. that he belonged to was constantly on duty during the time of his enlistment as the Indians were very troublesome at that time. It would be impossible for him to enumerate particularly & definitely all of the circumstances connected with his service. This deponant further states that he has been enabled to procure the testimony of two living witnesses to wit William Evans Sen'r. [pension application S31670] & Martha Stephens whose affidavits are hereunto annexed testifying to his service in the Revolutionary war.

The annexed furlow from the commanding officer of the Reg't. to which he belonged is the only documentary evidence that he has to prove his service.

He believes he may safely appeal to any of his neighbours to establish his character for veracity, & among the rest he would refer to the Hon Thomas F Foster Member of Congress from this State. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Matt'w. Harris

The bearer hereof Matthew Harris a Soldier in the 2^d. Comp'y. of the 1st. Regiment of Horse Rais'd for the State of Georgia has leave of absence for thirty days and as it is a particular occasion calls him, it is Requested (as he is an Honest young man) to let him pass unmolested should he stay some time longer.
January the 20th 1777

L'd Marbury. Major