

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Alexander Harrison S32303

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State of Illinois County of Madison: SS

On this twenty ninth day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Theophilus W Smith, Judge of the Circuit Court of Madison County in the State aforesaid, now sitting, Anthony A Harrison, a resident of Greenfield Township in the County of Madison and State of Illinois aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Early in the month of February in the year 1781 in the County of Greenville & State of Virginia he engaged as a substitute for one Thomas Mason in the company commanded by Captain Lucas. The company marched to Petersburg and from thence down the Appomattox River to or near a place called Cabin Point on said River. Captain Lucas died at some point between Petersburg and Cabin Point, when the command devolved upon his Lieutenant whose name he does not recollect. He continued in this service for about three months when the company was discharged as he thinks at or near Cabin Point. At or near this place he afterwards joined a company commanded by Captain Thomas Newsom, as a substitute for one James Walker. This company marched on below Suffolk, returned back to Cabin Point, where the British landed, and pursued them as far as Petersburg. The day after they reached Petersburg, a battle was fought [April 25, 1781], in which he was engaged, under the command of General Mecklenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. He thinks that to officers Hardeman and Declumen [Major Christian Charles De Klauman] connected with this service. He was about six weeks with Captain Newsom's Company which was discharged somewhere between Petersburg and James River. He afterwards joined the light infantry, as a volunteer, under the command of Colonel Alexander Dick, Major Boyce & Major Hoffler in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Harrison, his brother. They marched on the North side of James River down to a place called Malben Hills [Malvern Hills], where they were stationed for several weeks. Here the British landed and pursued on to Richmond and from thence through Goochland County where he was discharged after a service of seven or eight weeks.

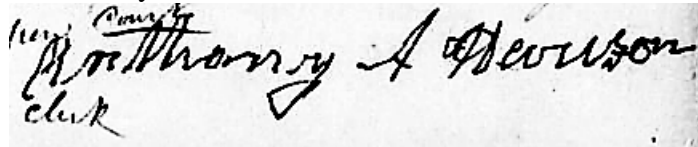
He was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1763 in the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia. He has no record of his age, nor does he know whether there is any in existence. He lived in the County of Greenville at the time of first entering the service as before stated. He afterwards removed to Westmoreland and from thence to Orange County. From Orange he moved to Pulaski County in Kentucky in the year 1814 where he resided till the year

1831 when he removed to Madison County in Illinois where he now lives. He is known in his present neighborhood to John Springer, William Gilliam and Samuel C Pierce who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Anthony A Harrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony A. Harrison" with "Clerk" written below it. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Hogan, a clergyman, and Samuel C Pierce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Madison County: SS

On this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me William Etham Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County and State of Illinois (duly authorized to administer oaths) Anthony A Harrison a resident of Greenfield Township in said County of Madison and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath makes the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

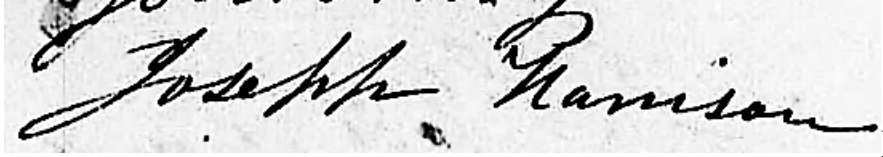
He declares that he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Thomas Mason as stated in his declaration dated the twenty ninth day of October A.D. 1833 early in the month of February in the year 1781, and was commanded as stated in his said declaration and served as therein stated but that he continued in the service till the last of July or first of August or till within a few days of the commencement of the siege of Yorktown when he was discharged. This discharge has long since been lost as it was thought to be of no value. He declares that he again entered the service of the United States on the same day that he was discharged from the company formerly commanded by Captain Lucas as a substitute for one James Walker and was commanded by Captain Thomas Newson [sic] and joined the said company at or near Cabin Point on the Appomattox River and served as stated in the said declaration above mentioned, and was in the Battle at Petersburg as stated in said declaration and was in service seven weeks when he was discharged as stated in said declaration. This discharge is also lost.

He declares that he then volunteered at that place into a company of Light Infantry and was commanded by Captain Joseph Harrison and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Dick, Majors Boyce and Hoffler and served as stated in said declaration of the 29<sup>th</sup> of October and served eight weeks and was discharged in the County of Goochland. This discharge is also lost.

He the said Anthony A Harrison further deposeseth and saith that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to give a more detailed account of his service than he has already done. But that he served during the year 1781 from February till the last of July or first of August at least five months service as a private. That he served another tour of not less than one month and a half as a private. And also that he served another tour of two months as a private making in all not less than eight months and a half service as a private in the Army of the revolution for which service he claims a pension.

S/ Anthony A Harrison

[p 25: On May 17, 1843 in Carrollton, Greene County Illinois, Joseph Harrison wrote a letter to J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions in which he states that his father A Alexander Harrison of Madison County Illinois died sometime in the latter part of "last winter" leaving an aged widow (Hannah) who the correspondent thinks may be entitled to the arrears of pension due his father as result of his father not having drawn his pension for 5 or 6 years owing to the laws of his pension certificate; he also makes reference to his brothers and sisters all of whom are of age but he does not name any of them.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "Joseph" is written on the first line, and "Harrison" is written on the second line, with the two words connected at the end of the first word.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]