

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harris Reavis S32472

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State of Illinois Montgomery County SCT

County Commissioners court December Term 1833

On this 2nd day of December 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Commissioners of the County of Montgomery in the State of Illinois now sitting, Harris Reavis a resident of Hurricane Township in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years or nearly so 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 -- viz.;

He entered in Surry County in the State of North Carolina very early in the Revolutionary War but does not recollect the exact date of entering served under Colonel Joseph Williams Major Winston Captain Jacob Free Lieutenant James Sanders and after serving 3 months was discharged in the same County, to which his services were chiefly confined said 3 months he served as a volunteer private -- he next served a Short tour of 25 days about one year after his first discharge in Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina under Captain George Dickey as a volunteer private, his Company being collected for the purpose of chastising a gang of Tories who had made an inroad into the Country -- he entered again in the year 1780 in July as he believes at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina as a volunteer under Captain Langham and continued there 12 months and assisted in building the Laboratory in that place,

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Interrogatories propounded by the court to the said read this

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: in Northampton County in the State of North Carolina in the month of December 1754

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Surry County in North Carolina when I entered the service: Since the revolutionary War I have lived in the State of North Carolina several years afterwards in the State of Kentucky about 10 years and lastly in this State where I have lived about 17 or 18 years. I now live in Montgomery County in the State of Illinois

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I entered as a volunteer and so continued through all my tours of service.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: There were no regular Officers with the troops where I served there was one Captain Delaney who came along when I was at Salisbury while I served there for some time there were no Continentals except the troops belonging to Salisbury.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from my first tour of service but have lost it; for the other tours I never received any discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with the Reverend Henry Sears and Easton Whitten.

S/ Harris Reavis, X his mark

[Henry Sears, a clergyman, and Easton Whitten gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Madison County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Madison and State of Illinois, Henry Revis<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County of Madison who is a credible person who first being duly sworn according to law makes oath and saith as, that, he has been well acquainted with Harris Revis, who has made an application for a pension under the law of 7th June 1832, at the December Term of the County Commissioners Court of the County of Montgomery, which said application was sworn to before the said court on the 4th day of December A.D. 1833, from the earliest time of his existence to the present time. That he recollects that he and the said Harris Revis volunteered as stated in the Declaration of the said Harris Revis in the year 1775 but at what time in the year he cannot now recollect and were out in the service 3 months and that the said Harris served for 3 months in this deponent's own knowledge and was a private as stated in the said Harris' declaration. This deponent was not with the said Harris during the tour of 25 days but believes the said Harris performed the service as stated by him. That he believes that the said Harris Revis served as stated in 1780 although this deponent was not with him at the time, but he knows of the said Harris Revis going home during the time of his service on furlough for a few days, while at Salisbury, and believes that the said Harris served at least one whole year at that time But much of the time this deponent was separated from the said Harris as this deponent was in South Carolina at times.

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of December A.D. 1833

S/ William E. Starr, Clerk

S/ Henry Reavis, X his mark

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