

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harkeshimer (Harkishimer) S34912

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State of Maryland, Washington County Sct.

On this second day of April 1827 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County of Washington in the State of Maryland, John Harkeshimer resident in the said County aged sixty-eight years and about eight months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 8th of March 1818 [sic, 18 March 1818] and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Harkeshimer enlisted for the term of three years sometime in the month of November 1781 in the State of Virginia in a Company commanded by Captain Henry Bedinger¹ of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the disbandment of the Virginia line, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. Because he was able to maintain himself by his personal labor and did so maintain himself, but finds he can no longer do so has no person to assist him in day labor –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed – that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made, that about the 18th of March 1818 he possessed eight sheep and two cows, that he now possesses two cows and two sheep, he further declares on oath as aforesaid that he resides on a lot of mountain land of six acres belonging to his son Peter Harkishimer that he has a wife aged about fifty-nine years who is very infirm, that no other person lives with him –

Schedule of property now owned and in his possession viz. –

2 cows – two sheep – one old table, 6 chairs all old – one large kettle, one iron pot, one Dutch oven, some plates, 8 or 10 knives & forks, one tin plate stove, one meat tub, some buckets, some cakes – one pitchfork, washing tubs, one grubbing hoe,

¹ [Henry Bedinger S8059](#)

Witness

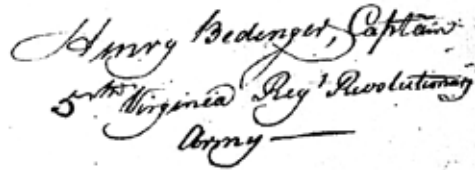
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S/ John Harkishimer, X his mark

Berkeley County Virginia Sct.

On this 30th day of March 1827 Henry Bedinger appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said County and made oath according to law that he enlisted John Harkeshimer, at Shepherdstown, as a soldier, late in the year 1781 or early in the year 1782 for 3 years, to serve as such in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, that the said John Harkeshimer remained in the service in said line until the close of the Revolutionary War, and was then regularly discharged –

The affiant further states that said John Harkeshimer is now in the affiant's presence, and is perfectly recollected and recognized by him as the saying John Harkeshimer, who enlisted and served as aforesaid, and who now resides, as he states to this affiant, near Boonesborough, Washington, Maryland.



Henry Bedinger, Captain
5th Virginia Regt Revolutionary
Army

State of Maryland Washington County

On the 13th day of October 1827 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared John Harkeshimer of said County and made oath in due form that he was enlisted as stated in his declaration made on the 2nd day of April 1827 in Washington County Court by Henry Bedinger; – that he served under Captain Kilpatrick or Kirpatrick, and that his Colonel was called Colonel Hawse [Samuel Hawes] or Horse – for being an illiterate man who has no learning, and is also a German he is not able to give the true pronunciation or spelling of his Colonel's name, but it sounded like Hawse – that his General was named Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] and this deponent was with him on James River.

S/ John Harkeshimer, X his Mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 13, 1827, for service as a private for 2 years and upwards in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that I enlisted John Harkeshimer at Shepherdstown as a soldier late in the year 1781 or early in the year 1782 for 3 years to serve as such in the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary Army, that the said John Harkeshimer faithfully served in said line to the close of the war and was then Regularly discharged.

April 29th, 1827

To whom it may concern

S/ Henry Bedinger, Captain
5th Virginia Regiment
Revolutionary Army

Berkeley April 26, 1827

Sir,

Some short time after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] I was ordered to Shepherdstown to assist in replenishing our wasted regiments, among others, I enlisted John Harkeshimer, who after serving in the Virginia line to the end of the war, removed to Maryland, where he still resides, he is old and poor; says he never applied or received his Virginia Military land warrant & request me to assist him to obtain it. Enclosed is my Certificate of his enlistment & services, also has letter of attorney in powering me to obtain the warrant for him –

Every former acquaintance of mine in Richmond or its vicinity are dead or removed on application to Daniel Morgan (who with Mr. Willis are again elected to the General Assembly) for information to whom I could send the enclosed papers & that would probably obliged this old Soldier, and myself, by presenting the Certificate to the Council of State, and obtained the order to the Register of the Land Office, received a warrant and enclosed same to me by mail. Mr. Morgan at once named you served, as his friend in the Council of State, and requested me to say, that as I should probably not have a private Opportunity to send the fee, for issuing the warrant, during the summer, you will be so good & pay it and that when he does come to Richmond next fall, if no intermediate opportunity presents, he will repay you –

I have thus presumed to trouble you, and can only promise that I will render you any service in my power in return, – Should you succeed in obtaining the Warrant, please enclose it to me, by mail "Martinsburg Berkeley"

very respectfully, I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
S/ Henry Bettinger

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