

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Harris S36576

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,

Clarke County, Sct.

On this 5th day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Harris aged about fifty eight years;—who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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 is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Estill; and that he was enlisted for eighteen months in Goochland County in the state of Virginia on or about the [blank] day of he thinks in 1780 or 1781 by one James Vaughn and served in the company commanded by captain Samsan [illegible word] served in several companies before of the Regiment commanded by by Colo [Richard] Campbell of the Virginia line on continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the [blank] day of 1781 or 1782 when he was honorably discharged from service at Salsbery [sic: Salisbury] in the state of North Carolina; that he was in service eighteen months and was in the battles of Gilford, Cowpens, and the Siege of 96 [Guilford Court House NC, 15 March 1781; Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781; Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Jas. Clark

Daniel Harris states that he is the brother of the within named Thomas Harris that he was very young at the time the said Thos. Harris entered the service. That he recollects of his leaving home for that purpose and of his return but the time he cannot recollect. He has often heard the subject spoken of in his fathers family and always understood that the said Thos. had performed the services mentioned by him. He has also often heard this affiant speak of his discharge and has seen it but was too young to read it. He further states that the said Thos. Harris is in very reduced circumstances That he has no property of any description except his wearing apparel to his knowledge.

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On this day being the 17th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record, (so constituted by the act of Assembly creating it) for the circuit and County aforesaid in said commonwealth, Thomas Harris aged sixty years and resident of this County aforesaid, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:— He served in the regiment of Col Campbell, in the company commanded by Capt Sansom, the date of his original declaration is the fifth day of October in the year 1818. and the no. of his Pension Certificate is 10838 and dated 19th May 1819 and that he is inscribed on the Pension list roll of the Kentucky agency. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen 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 intention thereby so to diminish it as to bring my self within the provisions 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income

other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule- One Horse colt about 16 months old — That he has neither wife nor children and that owing to his age and infirmities to wit the piles and rheumatism he is unable to follow his occupation which is that of a common labourer, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support him self with out the assistance of his country or resorting to public or private bounty signed

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NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Thomas Harris/ age 17/ height 5' 7"/ planter/ born in Goochland County/ residing in Louisa County/ light-brown hair/ hazel eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 24 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A notation on the pension certificate gives the date of death as 16 Aug 1834.