

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hargrave S37980<sup>1</sup>

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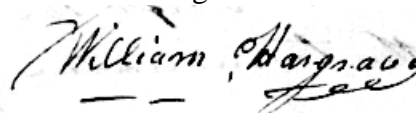
### Alabama Territory

I William Hargrave formerly of the State of North Carolina and now of the County of Marengo in the Alabama Territory, being at this time about the age of sixty years, do solemnly declare on oath, that I was an officer in the Army of the United States of the Continental troops of the State of North Carolina, during the revolutionary war, that I was commissioned as an officer in the first Regiment of the said troops, commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark, and served as such in the said Regiment, in the companies of Captain James Reed, Captain Howel Tatum, and Colonel Thomas Clark, from the 16th day of February 1778 and that I left the service only in consequence of the termination of the war.

I do further solemnly swear that I do by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, stand in need of assistance from my country for support, and that I have been, and I still am, a resident citizen of the United States since the termination of the war, excepting a period of about five years and six months, during which I was a prisoner in the island of Cuba, having been carried by force from the territory of the United States and confined in the said island by Spanish authority.

I do further declare that no pension has within my knowledge been allowed to me, but if any such should have been allowed, I do hereby relinquish my claim to the same, but do claim a pension as a commissioned officer, by virtue of an act of Congress of the United States passed on the 8th day of March 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war."

S/ William Hargrave



Greene County Alabama August 24, 1820

Honored Sir

Permit me to solicit your attention while I will offer you the reason of my address in December 1810 I was living in the Mississippi Territory, Baldwin County and on the 10th day of the same month I was taken prisoner by the Spaniards about 50 miles within our boundary line, and was taken from thence to the Island of Cuba where I remained a prisoner about 5 years

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt835-200

and 6 months until the goodness of my Country delivered me at the time I was seized by the hand of my enemies I was worth the following property, to likely Negro man 160 head of hogs, 33 head of cattle, 4 head of horses besides a sufficient quantity of household and kitchen furniture to render my family agreeable – a short time after this unfortunate circumstance the war commenced with the Creek Indians when my wife as well as others had to leave their homes & possessions to rescue themselves from the hand of the Savage tribe. She lived about 20 miles from Fort Mims when it fell and hearing of my distress by letter was under the necessity of selling one of my Negroes for money & came with it in person to my relief during her absence the other fellow ran away & have never heard the first intelligence of him – when I was permitted to return, I could find neither Hogg County nor horse & everything I was worth upon Earth was my wearing close and \$10 in money, the articles included in the schedule forwarded to your honor, is what I have accumulated since by my own labor and the assistance of the money that my country was good enough to allow me – When I was released from the Spanish prison I returned home and as soon as I could make the means of traveling I started for the city of Washington with a full confidence of receiving some assistance from my country which I conceived I was entitled to for my services in the revolutionary war, but to my great astonishment when I went to the war office my rank and name was found with a letter op. cit. written with red ink which was a Mark of a final settlement and not having authorized any person whatsoever to do the same yet remains to me a great mystery – I understand from the Honorable John Crowell a member of Congress from this State & whom I authorized by power of attorney to transact this business that a land warrant can be obtained, your Honor would confer a particular favor to inform me where the same can be laid or for what my expectation may be on that occasion. I am your Honor's Humble Servant

S/ William Hargrave

State of Tennessee

This day Howell Tatum<sup>2</sup> appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Davidson and made oath that he well knows the within named William Hargrave, that he was a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of Infantry in the State of North Carolina in the Revolutionary war, of which Regiment he the said Tatum was then a Captain and knew him from that time to the end of the war, and that he was a Lieutenant during the War, from the year 1778 when he first joined the Regiment and received his emoluments in the land from the State of North Carolina as such and is entitled to the United States Bounty of land if he has not yet received it say 200 acres and further this deponent sayeth not

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of November 1807 [could be 1817]

S/ E. D. Hall, JP

S/ Tatum

State of Alabama Dallas County: William Hargrave being duly sworn saith that he is the person named in the annexed commissioned & certificate and to whom they were originally given – that he served first as an Ensign & then as a Lieutenant in the regular Army of the United States, during the whole war of the Revolution that he has no other proof now in his powers of his identity – and further saith not

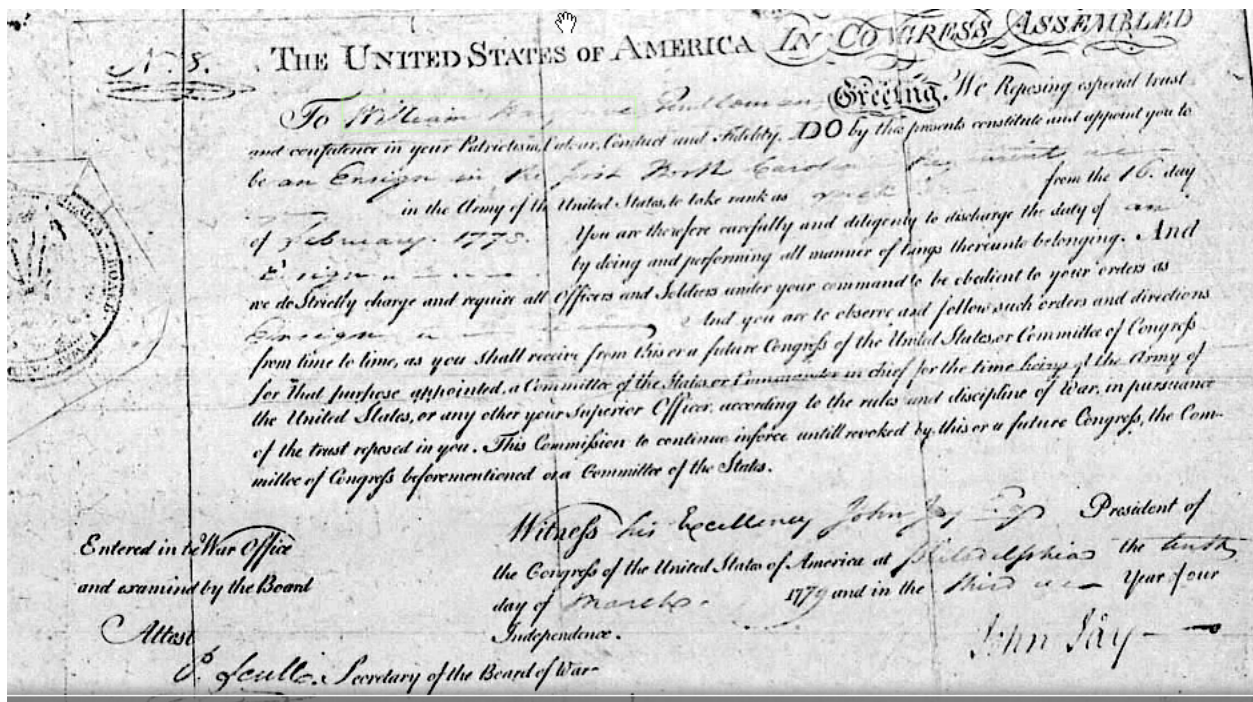
Sworn to this 9th Day of October 1809 [could be 1819] before me

S/ Wm Curtis, JP

S/ William Hargrave

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<sup>2</sup> [Howell Tatum R2027](#)



State of Tennessee Davidson County

Personally appeared before me William Saunders an acting justice of the peace for said County Robert Hays<sup>3</sup> and made oath that as follows viz. That he the said R. Hays was a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line during the Revolutionary war and that I was commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark; that during the year 1778 this deponent became acquainted with William Hargrave (the bearer hereof) who was an Officer of said Regiment and at the fall of Charleston in the year 1780 this deponent together with the said William Hargrave then a Lieutenant in the aforesaid Regiment were both taken prisoners and about 15 months thereafter were both landed at old Jamestown in the State of Virginia, after which period the said Hargrave was but seldom seen by this deponent but always considered as belonging to the service during the War, and at the close of the War this deponent seen the said Hargrave at Halifax North Carolina as an officer, on the return of the troops from Charleston South Carolina

S/ Robert Hays

12th November 1817

State of Tennessee Davidson County

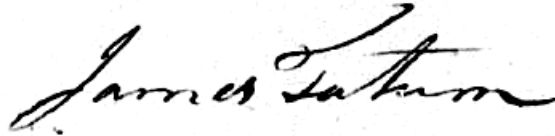
Personally appeared before me William Saunders a justice of the peace for said County James Tatum<sup>4</sup> and made oath as follows viz. that the said Tatum was an officer (Lieutenant) in the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina line during the revolutionary war at the fall of Charleston 1780, was taken prisoner and became acquainted with William Hargrave then a Lieutenant in the first Regiment North Carolina line (the bearer hereof) and this deponent during the period of his

<sup>3</sup> [Robert Hays S38792](#)

<sup>4</sup> [James Tatum S39102](#)

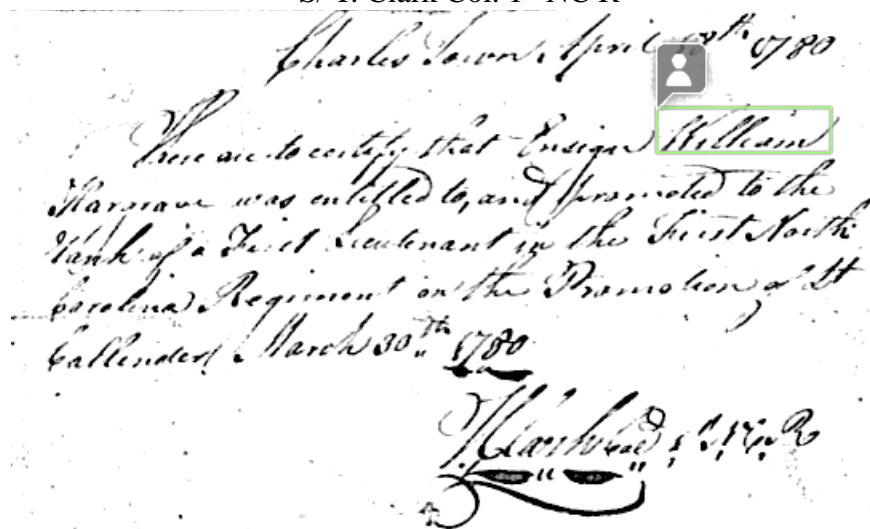
captivity became transferred to the first Regiment aforesaid and was acquainted with the said William Hargraves Lieutenant aforesaid until the close of the war and that he continued as such until the termination of the war.

S/ James Tatum



Charles Town April 18th 1780 These are to certify that Ensign William Hargrave was entitled to, and promoted to the rank of a first Lieutenant in the first North Carolina Regiment on the Promotion of Lieutenant Callender March 30<sup>th</sup> 1780

S/ T. Clark Col. 1<sup>st</sup> NC R



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing June 15, 1818 for 5 years service as an Ensign in the North Carolina Continental line.]