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Pension Application of Henry Harris S37986

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DISTRICT OF Virginia, SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court for the said district, personally appeared Henry Harris aged fifty eight years, resident in Frederick County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Henry Harris enlisted in April 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Robert Smith of the State of Maryland 3rd Regiment of Dragoons [of Virginia], commanded at first by Colo. Geo Baylor [George Baylor] and finally by Colo Wm Washington [William Washington]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the fall of 1781, when he was discharged from service in Fredksburg [Fredericksburg] state of Virginia afors'd, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and various skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. except the affi't now enclosed

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. [signed] H Holmes  
[Charles Swan (pension application W19425) and William Ball (W3376) certified Harris's service.]

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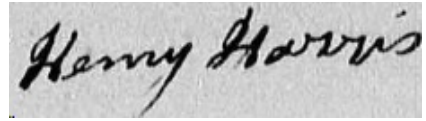
At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 1st day of Aug 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County Henry Harris aged sixty one years last April resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follow, to wit. five years and upwards in the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Capt [sic] George Baylor, and afterwards in Col. Washington of the Virginia Line that his original declaration was made before the Hon. Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court in Virginia on the 22d day of May 1818 and that he hath received a pension for which he received a certificate which is not numbered, but which is signed by J C Calhoun Secretary of War and dated the 17th day of May 1819. 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 intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & 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 viz:  
One table, four chairs, one pot, one dutch oven, one skillet 6 plates, one coffee cup, six cups & saucers, six knives & forks, three dishes, one chest, one spinning wheel, two trowels, two white wash brushes and one stone hammer

Henry Harris

My occupation is that of doing little jobs of laying hearths plastering and whitewashing, and I am in pretty good health but not able to do much at hard labour. I have a wife of the same age of myself who is very decrepid, and is unable to do any thing of consequence and I have one daughter living with me who is about twenty four years old who assists us in the family and works for herself at spinning but can contribute nothing for our support of any consequence.

Henry Harris

NOTE: On 10 Jan 1824 Henry Harris applied to have his pension transferred to Alabama, having moved to Madison County. this document appears to bear his signature:

A rectangular inset showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Henry Harris" in dark ink on a light-colored background.