

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Harlow S37988

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Fluvanna County [Virginia] on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1818 – This day Nathaniel Harlow aged about Sixty-two years resident in this County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on Oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution about the year 1777 or 1778 as well as he can recollect, that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Marks [?]<sup>1</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Matthews of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, that he served as a Soldier as aforesaid Eighteen months and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid, that he again entered the service in a company commanded by Captain Burks [or Barks?]<sup>2</sup> of the first Regiment of the Virginia line and Continental establishment as well as he recollects and served for some time and got of the permit to return from Service in consequence of being Sick afterwards returned to the service and served until the close of the War, serving in all the last time of Enlistment he thinks about ten months and was discharged at New Kent Courthouse in the State of Virginia which discharge is lost or mislaid; and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said services. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Nathaniel Harlow served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common Enemy for the tour of two years and four months or thereabouts, and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of Assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner prescribed by 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" the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

[Attested by John Timberlake as clerk of the court of Fluvanna Virginia July 11, 1818.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction

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unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of Record by the laws of the said State Nathaniel Harlow aged Sixty-four years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war the revolution in the year 1777 or 1778 as well as he recollects that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Marks in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Matthews of the Virginia line on Continental establishment that he served as a soldier as aforesaid eighteen months and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid: after this discharge he entered with Captain Barks of the first Regiment as well as he now recollects and served for some time and got a permit to return from service (being sick) afterwards returned to service and served until the end of the War in all he thinks about ten months and was discharged at New Kent Courthouse in Virginia which discharge is lost. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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: one cow and calf, one iron pot, one set cups and saucers, half dozen earthen plates, one set knives and forks, one pewter dish, one spinning wheel, ten chairs, two chests, one cupboard and one table – This said declarant states that he is by occupation a common laborer – that his ability to labor is of course much diminished by age the effect of which he is very sensible of – that his family consist of a wife aged about 53 years, one daughter aged about 25 years, 2 sons one aged about 16 years and the other aged about 14 years whom he considers to be as able to contribute to their support as persons of their age generally are – And the said declarant further states that the number of his original Certificate is six thousand seven hundred eighty-three.

S/ Nathaniel Harlow<sup>3</sup>

[The court valued the schedule of property at \$32.76.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 22, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>3</sup> I do not think this is the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the body of the document itself