

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Harris S37992

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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty before the County Court of Chesterfield now sitting personally appeared Edward Harris aged sixty years, resident in the county of Chesterfield, 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 that land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that the said Edward Harris enlisted in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia commanded by Capt [Conway] Oldham of the Infantry in Col Richard Campbell's Regiment in the year 1780 on the Continental establishment in the Virginia line in the Southern army that he continued to serve in the said Regiment till he was discharg'd in the year 1782 in the month of January at Princedward [sic: Prince Edward] Court House in the State of Virginia; that he was engaged in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support                      Edward hisXmark Harris

And on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty Joseph Monk [pension application S38237] of the County of Chesterfield personally appeared before the County Court of Chesterfield now sitting & made Oath that he was well acquainted with the above named Edward Harris and served with him in the Battles of Guilford, Camden, & Ninety six which were fought in the Revolutionary War; that the said Edward Harris is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.    Joseph hisXmark Monk

State of Virginia, Chesterfield county Sct

On this fourteenth day of August, anno Dom. one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield, (which is a court of record the act of Assembly establishing the county courts, expressly stating that they shall be courts of record) Edward Harris aged Sixty years, resident in said county of Chesterfield, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war on the continental establishment, in the Virginia line in the Southern army, that he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Oldham of the Infantry in the year 1780, and was attached to the Regiment of Colo. Richard Campbell, as will appear by my declaration made in the said court on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1820; 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, 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 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.

Schedule

One mare value \$40: ~ one colt \$15: ~ Two old cows \$20: ~ two calves \$20 ~ Six hogs \$12: ~ Seven pigs \$7: ~ one old cart \$3: ~ Three beds & some small articles of furniture \$26: ~ a parcel of dunghill fowl \$3: ~

I the said Edward Harris am by occupation a farmer or planter, enjoy tolerable health for a man of my age, but am occasionally afflicted with the Rheumatism, which for the time prevents me from labouring, and from my advanced age, am at all times incapable of performing much hard labour in a southern climate.

I have a wife, three daughters and a son residing with me, my wife is an old and infirm woman, not able to support herself, my daughters all are more than twenty one years old, and therefore may leave me, and commence seperate establishments for themselves, whenever they please, being under the law of the land entirely free from and independent of my control, my son is a boy about thirteen years old, and incapable of performing any but light labour, such as ploughing ground, which has been previously broken up; I am indebted to Mr. James B. Scott the owner of the small farm I at present occupy, the sum of £40: ~ for two years rent in arrear, and shall be indebted to him £20: ~ more on account of rent at the expiration of the present year.

Edward hisXmark Harris