

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Harris S37998

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Virginia Tyler }  
County            }           Tyler County Court September Term 1818

Be it remembered that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 John Harris of said County appeared in Court & made the following declaration on Oath in pursuance of the act of Congress passed allowing pensions to officers & soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War & are in Indigent circumstances: the said John Harris aged sixty two or 63 years on oath states that he enlisted in the service of the United States in Louisa County Virginia in the year 1776 (or thereabouts) for three years in Capt Thomas Johnston's [sic: Thomas Johnson, Jr] Company of Infantry part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. George Weeden [sic: George Weedon] & that he was in the Battles of Harlem Heights [16 Sep 1776], White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Princeton [3 Jan 1777] & Trenton [26 Dec 1776], that he was wounded in the Hip by a musket Ball in the Battle of German Town, which has ever since Injured him, that he was regularly discharged from said service & afterwards sold his claim to Military Bounty Land to Martin Hawkins & gave him his discharge. That he afterwards Enlisted for three years in Capt. John Hughes's Troop of Horse attached to the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colo. Anthony W. White [Anthony Walton White], that he served the term of his Enlistment & that owing to time and accident he has lost his said last discharge, that he is in Indigent Circumstances, and that he stands in need of the Aid of Government for his Support.

It is also certified that it appears to the Court from satisfactory evidence adduced that the said John Harris is in Indigent Circumstances and stands in need of the aid & assistance of the Government for his support which is Ordered to be Certified to the War Department.

Teste A. L. Birkhead C.T.C.C.

Virginia, Hardy County S.S.

At a Court continued and held for Hardy County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822

John Harris an applicant on the pension roll made in conformity to the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & the regulations of the War department of U States prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820 and who considers himself entitled to a provision under the restrictions of the Act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 This day appeared personally in Court being a Court of record made so by the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, aged sixty six years and upwards & resident of this County and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the Regiment commanded by Colo. George Weeden in the Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Johnson that he served in said regiment until in the Winter of 1777, when applicant being in said Regiment in Winter quarters at Valley Forge he enlisted with Col. Wm. Washington [William Washington] in his Regiment of Horse who was there in person recruiting his Regiment & that applicant served in said Regiment (which after some time was commanded by Col. Anthony W. White) for the space of three years and that the date of his original Declaration is on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818, and that the number of his pension Certificate is 10.578. And the said John Harris did further make oath as follows, to wit, 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 or sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it so 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 (necessary bedding and wearing

apparel excepted and by me subscribed — which Schedule is in the following words Viz: “The Schedule of the Estate of John Harris – real Estate none

7 shoats \$2. each 2 tables – set of common cups and saucers & 1 iron pot & a few articles of Kitchen furniture worth \$10 one horse in possession Value \$35.00 title in dispute Total \$59.00

John Harris March 13<sup>th</sup> 1822”

Teste Cha’s. Lobb

“And the said John Harris declares that he is by Occupation a brick layer but from bodily infirmity his wound received in battle in said service, and his advanced age he is unable to pursue his said occupation – That he has no family except his wife who is very aged residing with him.”