

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Harris S38002

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 23 April 2020.

Prince George County, to wit,
Second Judicial Circuit of Va.

This 28th day of April, 1818, personally appeared before me, Richard E. Parker, one of the Judges of the General Court, & Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit aforesaid, Thomas Harris and in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and in order to obtain the assistance thereby afforded to revolutionary officers and soldiers in reduced circumstances, made oath that in the month of September 1777, he enlisted in Capt. Peter Jones’s [S8772] company of foot in 14th continental regiment Virginia line commanded by Col. Stubblefield [George Stubblefield VAS1818], continued in that Regiment until after the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], was then transferred to the 1st Va regiment, commanded by Col. Russel [sic: William Russell BLWt1849-500] and continued therein until taken prisoner at the capture of Charleston [12 May 1780]. was a prisoner at Charleston about fifteen months, five months of the time on board a prison ship; that he was exchanged at James Town in Va [summer 1781] and was there discharged upwards of five [sic] years after his entrance into the army that his discharge has been probably lost as he does not know what has become of it; that he has received no pension or other bounty from government and by reason of his reduced circumstances in life.

I do hereby certify that Thomas Harris, has amended his declaration, by swearing on oath, that he belonged to the Va. line & that it appears to my satisfaction that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of April 1819.

Rich’d E Parker

[The following is attached to the paper.]
support.

N.B. He was at the Battle of Monmouth, the attack on Paulus Hook [19 Aug 1779] at Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] and the siege of Charleston. Thos. Doudeen [TThomas Dowden (Doudeen) W4181] made oath, that he served with Thos. Harris during all the times above mentioned and personally knows his account of his Revolutionary services and sufferings to be true. Thos hisXmark Doudeen

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify that Thomas Harris inlisted as a Soldier in Cap’n. Peter Jones’s Company in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment in September, seventeen hundred and seventy seven for the term of three years, which time he served true and faithfully Thomas hisXmark Doudie [Thomas Dowden?]
Stephen Peebles

1807 Prince George Dec’r 28th. This day Thomas Doudie personally appeared before me and made oath to the above Certificate which was also affirm’d by Stephen Peebles (now a Quaker)

Rich’d Hudson

NOTE: A letter dated 18 May 1857 states that Thomas Harris “was married three times say in 1787 in 1800 and lastly in 1809 – he died in Octo. 1831 – his last wife survived him and died in 1840.” A second letter on the same matter from a son in Petersburg Va., dated 16 March 1859 adds further information: “Thomas Harris of Prince George County Virginia was pensioned at the rate of \$96 p.yr. under the act of 18 March 1818, but was suspended under the act of May 1820 [which required proof of need]. The act of 7th June 1832 (altho he died in October 1831) let him in again from the 4th March 1831 for some 7 or 8 months pay – but he had not claimed it – my mother died in Sept. 1840 without having claimed it. We the

children have been before informed that we could get the amount that he could have gotten from March to October 1831 – under the 2d Section of the act of the 4th July 1836– but the question arises whether it would be worth applying for after Court expenses– we wish therefore you will be pleased to inform us for the amount that would be coming....”

Henry H. hisXmark Harris