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Pension Application of William Harrison S38782

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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
Hawkins County } August Term 1819

Personally appeared in open Court this 24th day of August 1819 William Harrison aged Eighty four years 24th last May a Citizen of Hawkins County aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth & saith. viz. That he Enlisted in the army of the Revolution, sometime in the year 1781 sometime in the month of May in that Year, about six months before Lord Cornwallis was taken [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] in the first Maryland Regiment Commanded by Col. [Peter] Adams & Major Harman. that this Deponant was attached to Capt. Ornduff's [sic: Christian Orendorff, pension application S38281] Company & was Enlisted by Lieutenant Thomas Spriggs [sic: Thomas Sprigg] for three years in the Continental line Commanded by General Gass or Gess [sic: Mordecai Gist], in the Town of Hagerstown state of Maryland, that from thence this Deponant was marched to Annapolis & from thence ultimately to York Town, Virginia about about a month or six weeks before Cornwallis was taken, that this Deponant was in that Siege until he Cornwallis Capitulated to General Washington that from thence, after said serrender, this deponant was marched under the Command of General Gass to Charlestown South carolina, near Bacon's Bridge where the army remained about six weeks. that while there, this Deponant was one of those who was detached under the command of Capt. [William] Wilmot to attack a detachment of the Brittish at an Island [James Island] about 18 miles from Bacons Bridge, when said troops were getting fire wood, & that said Wilmot was surprized by an ambuscade, & that said Wilmot together with all his men, Except this Deponant was killed by the Brittish [14 Nov 178, but see endnote] that this Deponant was wounded severely in several places, in his body at said attack & that with difficulty this Deponant joined his Rejiment that this Deponant was afterwards marched back to Annapolis where he recieved three months pay And after serving three years faithfully and honorably was discharged by General [William] Smallwood, Sometime in the year 1784, but this Deponant cannot precisely remember the Exact time as his memory is much impaired, that he has suffered greatly in the service of his Country that he has never drawn any pension from his Government. that his discharge has been lost by him, which was an honorable one, that he is in Extremely Indigent circumstances that without the assistance of his Country he cannot support himself

Sworn to and subscribed

William hisXmark Harrison

State of Tennessee }

Hawkins County } on this 29th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County William Harrison aged about 84 years last May

Resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration. That He served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Enlisted under Captain Ornduff in the 1st Regiment Maryland line for 3 three years. That he has received a Pension Certificate number 15,321. that his first Declaration was made out on the 24th day of august 1819 in the County Court of Hawkins. 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 and 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 as follow viz Six Hogs. 1 pot & Dutch oven. & pot hooks three chairs & one table & one chest. 1 looking glass. Some old crocks. That he has neither Wife nor children Except three, that have arrived at mature age. & have

long since left him & gone to parts unknown to this Declarant, that he has been by occupation a Colyar [collier?] but is now unable to do any thing on account of extreme debility & stands in absolute need of the assistance of his Country for support Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court.

William hisXmark Harrison

6 Hogs	6.
1 cow	1.
1 Pot	2.
1 Hook	.50
3 Chairs	1.—
1 Table	.50
1 Chest	1.—
1 Looking Glass	<u>1.—</u>
	\$13.—

NOTES:

There were other survivors of the engagement on James Island besides Harrison, including Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

A document in the file states that Harrison died on 4 Aug 1825.