

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Harter S39649

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District of Columbia, SS.

On this 10th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district personally appears Lewis Harter aged 68 years an itinerant resident in Washington at this time, in the said district, 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 the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Lewis Harter enlisted in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania in 1777 in the company commanded by Benjamin Bix [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Benjamin Biggs] of the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the War, when he was discharged from service in Pittsburgh aforesaid state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Sandusky and several other skirmishes with the Indians and was wounded and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed document.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

[Attested April 10th, 1818 by Buckner Thornton, Judge]

District of Pennsylvania Lycoming County SS

On the 5th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas held in Williamsport for the County of Lycoming being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of proceedings Lewis Harter aged seventy-six years Resident in Lycoming County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the eighteenth of March A.D. 1818 and first of May A.D. 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War, in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Bicks in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the Seventh Regiment of the line of Virginia, and has obtained a pension under the Act of the 18th of March A.D. 1818 his Certificate being number 141 dated the 13th day of April A.D. 1818, and to commence April 10th 1818. 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 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 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

signed Lewis Harter, X his mark

Schedule of property

I have no property, real personal or mixed except my wearing apparel. I have no debts due to me whatever. I am indebted to no person.

I have no trade or occupation and from age and infirmity am unable to gain a livelihood by daily labor. I have no family whatever.

Signed Lewis Harter, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]