

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Harrison S41620

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State of North Carolina }

Rowan County }

Be it remembered that heretofore (to wit) at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury on the Third Monday in May anno Domini (1819) one thousand eight hundred and nineteen and in the 43^d year of our Independence the following record was made (towit)

This day personally appeared in open Court Jesse Harrison aged Sixty three years a resident of Rowan County and State of North Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, to obtain the provision of a late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war; that he the said Jesse Harrison enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Dempsey Gregory in the State of North Carolina, County of Halifax, said Gregory belonged to the tenth North Carolina Regiment of continentals commanded by Col Shepperd [sic: Abraham Sheppard]; deponent enlisted about the month of august 1777, joined the main army at valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge], and was there transferred to the first Regiment of North Carolina continentals in the company commanded by Captain [Howell] Tatum; that he continued to serve in the said Corpse untill the fall of Charleston [12 May 1780], at which place he escaped, being taken out with the waggons, joined a volunteer company under Lockheart [probably Capt. Samuel Lockhart] who went to the assistance of the Armeý under General [Horatio] Gates a short time before the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780], was after the dispersion of Gates army regularly discharged from service in Halifax County North Carolina, having been remained in the service about three years; that he was at the Battles of Camden and Hanging rock [6 Aug 1780]: – That he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support: – That he has now no other evidence in his power of his said services: – Jacob Goss and Nathan Riley being duly sworn according to Law depose that they are well acquainted with the Deponent Jesse Harrison, that he is a man of good character, and that he is in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support: – now it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Jesse Harrison did serve in the Revolutionary war of the United States against the common enemy for a longer term than nine months, and that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his country for support: – it is therefore ordered that the foregoing be made a matter of record, and that the Clerk certify and transmit the same to the Honorable the Secretary of War: –

State of North Carolina/ Secretary's Office 20th Sept'r. 1819.

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental Line of this State that Jesse Harrison a Corp'l. in Capt. Gregory's Company of the 10th Reg't. was mustered the 21st Aug't. 1777 for three years that he was a private in June 1778.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above/ Wm. Hill

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions

Rowan County } November Sessions 1820

On this 25th day of November Anno Domini 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Rowan Jesse Harrison aged sixty five years resident in the County of Rowan aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war of the united States all which was set forth in his original declaration under date of [blank] and that a pension certificate No. [blank] was granted him: – 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 me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule which follows and by me subscribed and which is in the following words—

262½ acres of Land worth \$1 per acre.	\$262.50
2 Horses at \$40 Each	80 —
4 head of Cattel	25.
5 Sheep	5 —
1 sow and Eight pigs	<u>4.</u>
	\$376.50

Deduct money owing as balance of the purchase money of Land	175.
	\$201.50

The said Jesse Harrison further declares upon his oath in open Court that he is by profession a farmer, but that owing to his age and infirmities, he is unable to persue his trade and thereby support himself—
Jesse Harrison

[Correspondence in the file indicates that Harrison’s pension was stopped after his 1820 declaration, because he was deemed to own too much property (more than \$200).]

State of North Carolina	}	Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Davidson County [formed from Rowan in 1822]	}	

On the 26th day of January 1824 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County of Davidson Jesse Harrison, resident in said county aged Sixty Eight years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820.

That he the said Jesse Harrison enlisted for the term of three years on the 22nd day of August in the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Dempsey Gregory in the Regiment commanded by Col. Abr Sheppard in the line of the State of North Carolina. That his name has been placed on the pension list, and drop’t therefrom on account of his property.

[Oath similar to the above follows.]

– of my first Schedule the following Changes have been made in my property – to wit That he has since then sold to Nathan Riley and Thomas Carnes Three Sheep, Eleven head of Hogs mostly small, Three head of Cattle, a horse beast nearly blind, and an indifferent Bed for Twenty five dollars, to pay a debt to Randolph Johnson taken by Execution, but afterwards sold privately as above to pay said debts
Jesse Harrison

Sworn to and declared on the 26th of January AD 1824 in Open court of Davidson County D. Mock Clk.
Schedule of Property refered to as above

Two Hundred [“& sixty three” interlined] acres of Land Valued at \$200—

Said Harrison declares that he is by occupation a farmer – and that from infirmity he is unable to follow his Occupation. That he has residing with him a Daughter named Mary aged about Thirty years, who from infirmity is barely able to support herself. A son named Blake aged about Eighteen. That his wife is living, aged and infirm. That he owes at this time One Hundred & Twenty four dollars independant of the debt paid by him as aforesaid and deductable from the Value of his Land as aforesaid
Jesse Harrison

[On 23 Dec 1824 Harrison made a declaration identical to the above except that the amount of land listed was 200 acres valued at \$200. The difference was explained as an error in copying. He signed with his mark. A note on the pension certificate states that it was restored on 15 Feb 1826.]