

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dempsey (Demsey) Harrison S41623

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District of Edenton [State of North Carolina]: SS

On this third day of November 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law for the said District Personally appeared Demsey Harrison age sixty-one years resident in Camden County in 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 provisions 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 Dem Harrison enlisted for the Term of three years on the 25th day of August in the year 1777 – in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Demsey Gregory [Dempsey Gregory] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepherd in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the Siege of Charleston when he was Discharged from said Service in Halifax – State of North Carolina. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth, at the Storming of Stoney Point of the Siege of Charleston –

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Dempsey Harrison, X his mark

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ F. Nash

State of North Carolina Camden County

William Gray¹ maketh oath that he knows that Dempsey Harrison enlisted as he has stated in the within declaration this deponent having enlisted about the same time, that he also knows that the said Dempsey Harrison served during the time he has stated, & that he was at the Storming of Stoney Point, the Battle of Monmouth and at the Siege of Charleston with the said Dempsey Harrison.

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ F. Nash

S/ Wm Gray

¹ [William Gray S41586](#)

Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 7th December 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line, that Dempsey Harrison a private in Captain Gregory's Company of the 10th Regiment of said line in the revolutionary war was mustered on the 21st of August 1777 for 3 years, as a Corporal in 1779 – Nothing is said of his discharge.

Given under my hand the date above
S/ Wm Hill

February the 6th 1821 I Demsey Harrison do hereby certify this to be a true & accurate account of all my property which I know I am possessed of or hath been since the year of 1818, that is to say, three beds & furniture, two pots, one Dutch oven, six chairs, three head of cattle, one sow & five or six shoats, three or [sic] Tubs & piggins, six plates, one set tea cups & saucers, one horse & saddle & bridle, two old hoes, two augers, one old pair cart wheels. –
State of North Carolina Camden County: District of Edenton Camden County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions February Term 1821

On this 6th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court the same being a Court of Record, Demsey Harrison aged sixty-two years who being first 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 18th of March 1818 & 1st day of May 1820 that he the said Demsey Harrison enlisted for the term of 3 years on the __ day of August in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Demsey Gregory in the 10th Regiment & was turned over into the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the taking of Charleston when he was made a prisoner by the enemy, from whom he escaped & was never afterwards exchanged that he was at the Battle fought at Stoney-Point on the North River, & in a number of skirmishes & at the Siege of Charleston & altogether served his country against the enemy for nearly 3 years

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed and the said declarant further says that he is a farmer his age is 62 years that he has a wife but no children that lives with him that he is tolerably healthy.

Sworn to & declared in open Court the 6th day of February A.D. 1821

S/ Demsey Harrison, X his mark

And in order to reconcile the apparent difference which occurs to the Secretary of war between the two statements furnished by the within named Demsey Harrison one of which is the within, He the said Demsey Harrison begs leave to append this declaration and explanation, that he

obtained a furlough from the British officer acting in Charleston after his capture by representing himself as a militia man (having thrown aside his uniform) left there by the American officer to attend on the sick. That he returned home upon it, & soon after volunteered under General Gregory marched to North West [River] in Virginia against the British, after which, learning that notice was given at Halifax North Carolina for soldiers to go there & received a discharge, he went there accordingly & received he is which he afterwards gave to Colonel Selby Harney to obtain his land bounty & never saw it more. Sworn to in open Court before us sitting as a court of record at Camden County North Carolina this 1st of November 1821

S/ Geo. Ferebee, JP

S/ W. Penney, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3rd, 1819, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina line.]