

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Harrison S4309

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State of Tennessee Overton County

On this the 5th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Claiborne D Parris an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, James Harrison, a resident citizen of the County of Overton aforesaid aged ninety-one years agreeable to his best information having no Record of his age and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. He states that he entered the service of the Revolutionary War in Mecklenburg County Virginia under Captain Richard Epperson, he entered the Service as a drafted private militia to serve a three months Tour he was thrown into number and called out agreeable to number he entered the service under said Captain sometime in the warm season of the year 1780 he cannot recollect the precise time he marched to various places in Virginia, and went on to the Nottoway River, and crossed the same, and went on to the Meherrin River and finally marched to Dinwiddie and finally marched back and having finished his said Tour he was verbally discharged. Sometime in the fall after the precise time not remembered and sometime thereafter he was called out according to number Captain Robert Smith to serve a three months Tour and marched off sometime in the winter and went on to the Edge of North Carolina and the lower part of Virginia and Petersburg and finally marched back having served out his Tour, he was verbally discharged, he has no written or Documentary Evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, he was born in the State of Maryland in Colbert County near Annapolis and went to Mecklenburg County Virginia at the age of twenty years of age and continued to live in said County until twenty-eight years ago and then moved to Overton County as is now though it was then Jackson County where he has lived for the last twenty-eight years, he states there is no clergyman in any place within his present neighborhood he living in a remote part of the County in the wolf hills near the Kentucky line he can prove his Character as a man of Veracity and as being reputed as a man that had been a soldier of the Revolutionary [war] by his neighbors and acquaintances generally some of whom he will name, James Norman and Joel Parish Esquire and William Chilton Esquire he states he is wholly unable to attend court from bodily infirmity he hereby relinquishes every claim what so ever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

S/ James Harrison, X his Mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Claibourne D Parris, JP

[Benjamin Harrison and John Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Benjamin Harrison

John Richardson]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]