Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Harris S5456

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 18 March 2012.

Virginia Smyth County to wit

On the first day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the Circuit 15th and holden by the Honorable Benjamin Estill Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery in the said County, Nathaniel Harris resident in the said County of Smyth aged 69 years who being first sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832

That is to say that he enlisted into the United States service in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Robert Barrett in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia in the Year 1780 that he joined the Regiment commanded by Col. James Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor] and march'd to the County of Albemarle and there placed as a guard over the Prisoners taken with Gen'l Burgoin [sic: Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], that the post was sometimes commanded by Col. [Theodorick] Bland and during his time of service he was placed under the command of Richard Pollet Captain in consequence of the resignation of the first Captain Barrett – that he remained in the service fourteen months and to the end of the War, being discharged shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] when the Prisoners were removed to the North – that he was a Private Soldier all the time of his service untill he was discharged that his Discharge has been lost – that hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State and I do solemnly swear I have constantly been a Citizen of Virginia since the Revolutionary War. Nathaniel hisXmark Harris

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Nathaniel Harris died on 25 Apr 1854.