

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Harris S5489

VA

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Virginia

At a Court continued as held for the County of Culpeper on Tuesday the 19th day of June 1832 The Declaration of William Harris of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia made in order to entitle him to be placed in the pension List, under the act of the 18th of March 1818, was this day sworn to, in open Court, filed, and ordered to be recorded, and a copy thereof ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War of the United States.

Which follows in these Words Towit:

“State of Virginia”

“Culpeper County Court”

“On this the 19th day of June 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, William Harris, resident in said County, aged 82 years, 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 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said William Harris enlisted for the term of one year on the [blank] day of February in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Blackwell in the Regiment commanded by Col. [William] Grayson in the line of the State of Virginia, in the Virginia Continental establishment; that he continued in the said corps untill February 1778 when he was discharged, in camp at Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not in the Roll of any State except Virginia.

And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – 1st. he was not apprised of the proper character of his rights under the Law – and secondly he did not know in what mode to proceed, untill he applied to the proper Department for and received information.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st 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 disposed of my property, or any part thereof; with intent thereby, so to diminish it and bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled; an act to provide for certain person 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 now subscribed – That since the 18th day of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property

Description of Property	Names of the Persons to whom sold	Time of Sale	Amount of money, or description of Property received in return
One Negro woman	The woman [illegible word] who was a trader	in March 1830	\$270
Two Negro Boys	One to Mrs. Lee of Fauquier County	in ca 1822	\$300
	The other to a Trader	in ca 1822	\$300

And all now sold to pay Debts

Schedule of Property now in my Possession

Two women, between 55 and 60 years of age both infirm and of no value – one with Dropsy and the other with white swelling

Two Girls, each aged twelve years, hiring each for six Dollars. –

One Boy seven years old and bringing no hire

One mare thirteen years old worth \$15

I have no trade and am not able by any occupation to earn a livelihood without the assistance of the County” – I have no Family, but live in the House of one of my Children, who is a widow and poor.

William hisXmark Harris

NOTE: The file contains a letter from Harris acknowledging that his property, estimated to be worth \$700, disqualified him from a pension under the act of 1818, but requesting that his claim be considered under the act of 7 June 1832. Under the latter act Harris was pensioned for one year of service.