

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John C. Harris S6953

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State of Virginia }
County of Nelson } SS

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Nelson County, now sitting, John C. Harris, a resident of the County of Nelson, and State of Virginia aged 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. 1st. He was drafted in the County of Louisa and served a tour of one month in a company commanded by Lieutenant William Harris. 2nd. Again drafted from Louisa County and served a tour of three months in a company commanded by the same William Harris, then a Captain. 3rd. Again drafted from the same County and served a tour of five months in a company commanded by Capt'n John Bias [or Byers] (the whole of his services was nine months)

His first tour was in April or May, but he does not recollect the year, at the Barracks in Albemarle; the troops stationed there were under the command of Col. [Francis] Taylor ~ In his second tour he was stationed at four mile creek [sic: Fourmile Creek in Henrico County], below Richmond he does not recollect the name of his Colonel but the troops at that station were then under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson. ~ In his third tour, he marched from Louisa on the 1st June 1780 (in a company commanded by Capt'n John Bias, Thomas Shelton Lieutenant, and [Anthony] Winston Ensign) and was stationed for some time at Hillsborough in North Carolina waiting for arms. that they then marched to South Carolina and joined the army under General Gates at Rugely's Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill] the evening previous to the battle of Camden [on 16 Aug. 1780], that he was in that battle, and after the defeat the company got together on the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River], from thence they marched to Hillsborough where he was discharged and returned home in the month of November. in this tour the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Col. [George] Stubblefield; Col. Joseph Spencer and Major . Mosby [sic: probably Maj. William Moseley] were also attached to it. His first tour was one month, is second three months, and his third five months. in all nine months. ~ He also states, in reply to interrogatories propounded by the Court, that he was born in the County of New Kent on the 24th of December 1754 or 1755 as he was informed. ~ That he has no record of his age. That he was living in the County of Louisa when drafted into service. That since the revolutionary war he has lived in the Counties of Albemarle and Buckingham and now resides in the County of Nelson. That he was in the 7th Division and as before stated, was drafted into service. That the names of all the officers he now recollects have been already mentioned in this declaration. ~ that he does not recollect if ever receiving a discharge, that if he did, he has lost it, and that Henos B. Scott and Drury Stephens his neighbors will testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution; and that he has no documentary evidence by which to establish or support his claim. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John C. Harris