

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Harris S6954

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State of Virginia Caroline County.

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline William Harris a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 80 years but I have no record of my age who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832

I was born, raised and educated in the County of Caroline where I have resided all his life. In the year 17 [last two digits left blank] I was first called into the service of the County by a regular draft, and was attached to the company commanded by Capt James Johnston [sic: James Johnson] for a tour of six months. We marched through Richmond and proceeded on to South Carolina, and I was in the engagement known as General Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden where Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780]. I was in the first Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Col. Holt Richardson [sic: Holt Richeson]. We was discharged from this tour at Guilford Court house.

In the year 17. I stood another draft of the militia of this county & fell into the Company Commanded by Capt. Jameson for a tour of two months. We marched first to Richmond where we staid 2 or 3 weeks to procure arms & accoutrements. We marched from there to Williamsburg where we staid about two months. We were routed here by the enemy & retreated up by Ruffins ferry [across Pamunkey River southwest of Sweet Hall in King William County] and came up to Hanover town where we were discharged. In the year 17 . I stood another draft of two months and was attached to the company of Capt Jameson. – We went from here to Ware church near Gloucester Court house where we remained for two months & were discharged.

In the year 1781 I was again called into the service with a regiment to join the army at Gloucester town. We started and got as far as Gloucester, but before we reached the regular army Cornwallis with all his army had surrendered at York town [19 Oct 1781]. I was out this tour only about a fortnight or three weeks.

The field officers whom I remember were Col. Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews], Maj. [Thomas] Armistead –

I am well known to Wm W. Dickinson, Henry C. Coleman, Col. Fleming Terrell, Maj. Philip Samuel, Col. Arch'd Samuel and Atwell C. Coleman of this County –

I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatsoever, and I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid

Wm. Harris

State of Virginia; Caroline County to wit

Wm Harris personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 who being duly sworn according to Law doth make the following statement by way of amendment to the foregoing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – That he can with safety declare that the period of his service during the Revolutionary War, were equal to ten months as a private soldier

He is not apprized of any documentary evidence to prove his services – a part of them however are recollected by John Carter [pension application S9131] and Robt Wright [Robert Wright S6450] whose affidavit his hereto annexed which is all the evidence he can procure in support of his application

Wm. hisXmark Harris

Caroline County to wit.

John Carter and Robt Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County

aforesaid and made oath that they well know that Wm Harris whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration was drafted for a tour os six months to go to the South and the said Carter served out that tour in company with said Harris. And I do hereby certify that the said Carter and Wright are men of good standing in this County & that full credit ought to be given to their statement. Witness my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833

Alex'r Chapman JP