

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harrell S6976

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October the 10th A.D. 1832

On this the tenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Acting Justices of the said Court now sitting John Harrell a resident of Anson County & State of North Carolina aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to a chain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I John Harrell was born in Bertie County North Carolina in the year 1761 or thereabout and removed from said County in the year 1763 to the County of Anson, as I was informed by my parents where I have resided ever since, and the 1st of July 1778 as well as I now recollect at the age of seventeen years I was drafted for a three months tour in the Militia of the United States under the command of Captain Jonathan Jackson, who commanded the Militia until the troops were placed under the command of Colonel Thomas Wade whose Army was stationed at Cheraw South Carolina where I remained until the first of October 1778, when I received a discharge from Captain Jonathan Jackson after having served my three months tour when I returned home to Anson County North Carolina which discharge I have lost or mislaid so that it is now out of my power to produce it. About the 10th of October 1778 as well as I now recollect I joined the Cavalry as a Volunteer in the County of Anson and State of North Carolina which troops were commanded by Captain Patrick Bogan, Major John P. Rushing and Colonel Noah Rushing their Army was stationed at Mount Pleasant in County of Anson from thence we marched to Hailey's Ferry on Pedee River from thence we marched to Rockingham now in Richmond County North Carolina, from thence to Baitey's Bridge [Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781]¹ on Drowning Creek where we had a skirmish with the Tory troops which was commanded by Hector McNeel [Hector McNeill] and Fannon [David Fanning], at which time and place the American troops were defeated, Captain James White ^{Captain Wilson} was killed, and

¹ <http://gaz.irshelby.com/beattisbr.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html

several of the American troops taken prisoners, and many others killed whose names I now forget. The date of that engagement I do not recollect, I remained a volunteer in the Cavalry of the United States from the 10th of October 1778 until the declaration of peace was proclaimed making in the whole that I served three years and six months as well as I now recollect. After returning from Baites Bridge to Anson County North Carolina – intelligence of peace was received and I was discharged by Colonel Thomas Wade and General William Henry Harrington, I have resided in the County of Anson ever since and am now about seventy-one years, I received no written discharge from Wade nor Harrington nor any of the above named officers and I have no documentary evidence showing my discharge and I know of no person whose evidence I can procure who can testify to my service in the militia and cavalry as above stated during which time we suffered much from Hunger & fatigue.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Q. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Bertie County North Carolina in the year 1761

Q. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. My age was recorded in my Fathers family Bible which Book some of the family has taken to Tennessee or Mississippi

Q. Q. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into Service I was living in Anson County North Carolina, where I have lived ever since and where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted and served 3 months, after receiving a discharge I volunteered and served in a company of Cavalry 3 years and 3 months, as well as I now recollect.

Q. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. The names of the commanding officers and the general Circumstances of my Service is contained in my declaration

Q. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from my first 3 months service which was given by Captain Jonathan Jackson, which discharge I have lost

Q. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I am known to the Reverend John Culpeper David A Covington all of whom can testify as to my character for veracity and integrity and good behavior, but not as to my Service as a Soldier of the Revolution, only from reputation and belief.

S/ John Harrell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. Dismukes, Clk

[John Culpeper, a clergyman, and David A Covington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Anson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid John Harrell a Resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades first I was drafted in the Militia of North Carolina and placed under the command of Captain Jackson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wade Served in this Tour three months. Secondly I volunteered as a private in the Militia of North Carolina and was placed under the command of Captain Bogan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rushing in this Tour I served three months.

Thirdly I served under the command of Captain Bogan in a variety of Skirmishes against the Tories in the Counties of Anson Richmond & Robeson in these several engagements I served three months. Fourthly I was called out repeatedly & placed under the command of Captain Bogan as a private say in the year 1780 I served in these several engagements, three months in the whole I served as a private twelve months & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 7th day of May 1833.

S/ Geo. Duren, JP

S/ John Harrell, X his mark

[fn p. 11: On February 17, 1853 in Sumpter [sic] County Alabama, Rosanna Rushing filed a claim stating that she is the child of John Harrell of Anson County North Carolina, a revolutionary war pensioner who emigrated to Alabama in the year 1839 and resided until the time of his death; she is filing this statement in the belief that her father was entitled to an increase in his pension.

Rosanna Rushing

[Facts in file: the veterans wife, Jane, died in 1828; her maiden name is not given; the veteran died May 22, 1840 in Sumter County Alabama

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia, in both the infantry and cavalry.]