

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application: **Drury Harrington**¹

S6979

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State of South Carolina
Union District

On this 13th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the court of Common Pleas and deposed now sitting for the District aforesaid. Drury Harrington a resident of Union district in the said State aged eighty 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 adopted June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the militia mostly under the following named officers and served as [illegible] in militia. I entered the service under Capt Alexander Clark² in Colonel Thaxton's³ [James Thackston] Regiment at Chatham Courthouse North Carolina but I cannot recollect the date, and marched to Moore's Bridge⁴ where we had an engagement with the Scotts and Tories and after the engagement I returned home, and enlisted in the Cavalry under Captain Clark whose company was attached to Colonel Thaxton's Regiment, for three months, and I served out the time. In the year 1779 I removed to South Carolina, and was drafted for a tour of three months – I joined the company of Captain Montgomery⁵ [Robert Montgomery] in the Regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Stein⁶ [James Steen] and marched to Bacons Bridge where we were posted a short time, and discharged. In 1780 I joined Gen'l Clark⁷ [Elijah Clarke] and served about 1 month against the Tories. I then joined my company under Montgomery in Col. Brandon's⁸ [Thomas Brandon] Regiment, I was at this time a lieutenant, under command of Gen'l. Henderson⁹ [William Henderson] and marched to the siege of Ninety-Six and after siege we returned home. Tour shortly after the siege and surrender of Charleston I served as a lieutenant until the [illegible] war over. I cannot recall the date but serving 2 months of serving 3 months at Orangeburg under Col. Farr¹⁰ [William Farr] and then three months on Beach Island¹¹ under Gen'l Pickens¹² [Andrew Pickens] and a tour of three months against the Indians under command of Gen'l Pickens and Gen'l Clark and was finally discharged after the cessation of hostility with the Indians some time after Peace had been declared with England. I have no documents of my services and my recollection will not allow me to state them perfectly. [{sentence crossed over} – {illegible} refer to Major MacKenzie¹³ {John McKenzie} and Maj Sprang¹⁴ and a Capt. Pabman¹⁵ who knew me in the service] I do hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. The answers to the interrogatories proposed by the court I answer 1st and 2nd I was born at Halifax North Carolina 22 June 1752 and have the record of my age at home.

3. I lived at Chatham County No. Car. when I was called into service and have lived here since the end of the war.

4. I was first a volunteer then drafted and again a volunteer.

5. Is written in

6. I never received a written discharge. I received a commission signed by gov Mathews¹⁶ [John Mathews] which is lost.

7. [Illegible line] Mitchell and Thomas Young¹⁷ to [illegible] for my truth and moral conduct. Sworn this day

S/ Drury Harrington
S/ D. Wallace, judge

Personally came before me Daniel Wallace one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in the district aforesaid, Major Thomas Young and Major Joseph McJunkin¹⁸ and being duly sworn depose as follows: That they are both personally acquainted with Drury Harrington, that they know him personally before and during the Revolutionary War, that he served in the army of that Revolution as a first Lieutenant under Captain Robert Montgomery. That the above named deponents knew him to be a man of truth and confidence, that he was a faithful good soldier and a fine friend of his country.

S/ Elias Mitchell, Senior
S/ Thomas Young

19th of November 1833
D. Wallace, J.P.

We Elias Mitchell a clergyman residing in Union District and Major Thos. Young...do...certify that we are well acquainted with Drury Harrington who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that we believe him to be eighty years of age – that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Revolutionary Soldier and we concur in that opinion.

¹ Drury Harrington, 1752-1839, is listed in Bobby Gilmer Moss, *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*, (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1893) (hereinafter, Moss, *Patriots*) p. 418. He fought at Moore's Creek Bridge. Served as a Sgt. of foot under Lt. Gideon Smith from 14 June to 19 July 1779 and was a Lt. under Captain Robert Montgomery and Colonel Brandon from 12 May 1780 to January 1783 alternately. Probably fought at Cedar Springs, Cowpens, Blackstocks Plantation and the Siege of Ninety Six.

² This man has not been identified.

³ James Thackston was Colonel of Orange County troops at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. He was Lt. Colonel, 4th NC Regiment Continental Line April 15, 1776 to January 1781 when he retired. After the war he represented Cumberland County in the general assembly.

⁴ Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776.

⁵ Robert Montgomery is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 692. Served as a Captain under Col. Joseph Kershaw and General Marion during 1779. From 12 May 1780 to Jan 1783 he served 481 days alternating under Colonel Brandon.

⁶ James Steen is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 894. Apparently led a company in the Snow Campaign of November 1775. In 1776 he led a company against the Cherokee Indians. In 1777, he was a commander of Prince's Fort. In 1779, he served in Georgia and was at Stono Ferry and the Siege of Savannah. He was at Charleston where he remained until February 1780 (as Lt. Colonel). He was at the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Musgrove's Mill, Kings Mtn and was probably with Colonel Brandon at Cowpens. In the summer of 1781 he was stabbed to death while attempting to arrest a Tory in Rowan County, NC.

⁷ Elijah Clarke, 1733-1799, Partisan officer, fought at Green Spring, Wofford's Iron Works and Musgrove's Mill, Augusta September 14-18, 1780, Blackstocks and Augusta May 22 – June 5, 1781.

⁸ Thomas Brandon is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 95. Migrated to Union County, SC during 1754-55 he rose in 1780 to command a regiment in which he saw most of his early service under Sumter. After resigning his post as Colonel, he took a position under Colonel James Williams and was in the battles at Musgroves Mill, King's Mtn (as a company captain), Blackstocks, Plantation, and Cowpens.

⁹ William Henderson is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 436. 1748-1788, As Lt. Colonel he was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston, exchanged in November 1780 he was transferred to the 1st Regiment January 1, 1781. Sept 1781 he was promoted to Colonel. He served to the close of the war and during 1781 and 1782 he was a brigadier general of SC State troops.

¹⁰ William Farr is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 304. 1729-1794 Enlisted sometime during 1776 as a Captain in Col. John Thomas's "Spartan" Regiment and was later an adjutant, Major and Lt. Colonel under Cols. Pickens, Brandon and General Sumter. He served until the end of the war and was in the battles at Stono Ferry, Hanging Rock, Blackstock's Plantation and Cowpens.

¹¹ Beach Island. This *may* be reference to the town of Beach Island, SC which is 30 miles downriver from Augusta. Oddly named it is not a beach nor an island.

¹² Andrew Pickens is listed in Moss, *Patriots*. 1739 – 1817 Served as Captain, Major and Colonel of the Upper Ninety Six Regiment of Militia and as a brigadier general of state troops from 1778 to the end of the war. He led several expeditions against the Indians and was in several marches into Georgia. He was Wounded at Eutaw Springs.

¹³ John McKenzie is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 633. 1757-1842 During 1776 he served as Captain in a Virginia Unit. Beginning 1777 or 1778 he served 2 years as a Captain under Colonel Sumter. In 1781 he served as a Captain in the light dragoons under Colonel Hill. Later, he was Captain in a NC unit. He was on guard duty against the Creek Indians and in the battles at Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Camden, Rugeley's Mills, Wofford's Iron Works, Torrance's Tavern, Guilford Courthouse, New Market, Beattie's Ford and Orangeburg.

¹⁴ This man cannot be identified.

¹⁵ This man cannot be identified.

¹⁶ John Mathews, Governor of SC 1782-1783.

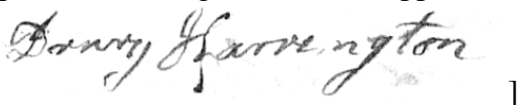
¹⁷ Thomas Young is listed in Moss, *Patriots*, p. 1021. Born 1764. He enlisted in May or June 1780 and served under Captain Benjamin Jolly, Samuel Boykin, Joseph Hughes and Colonels Brandon (his uncle) and Williams. He was at Stallion's, Kings Mtn., Hammonds Old Store, and Cowpens where he received sword wounds on his right arm, shoulders and head. He was taken prisoner and escaped. He was at the siege of Ninety Six, the siege at Fort Motte and the siege of Orangeburg. He is also referred to as a Major. Most of his service was under Colonel Pickens.

¹⁸ Pension S18118 Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) was born in Pennsylvania in 1755. By 1775 he was in Union County, SC. His alleged memoirs were published by James Hodge Saye as *Memoirs of Major Joseph McJunkin: Revolutionary Patriot*, Kennedy Free Library, 1981, Reprint as originally printed in the Richmond, Virginia *Watchman and Observer*, 1847. It is not known how much of the *Memoirs* is authentic and how much was added by Saye. See SCAR Nov. 2005 p. 32. Drury Harrington gave an affidavit June 15, 1834 in Union District, SC where he affirms that he knew Major Joseph McJunkin during the war and "did service under him while he held the said office of Major."

Supplemented by Will Graves 4/14/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 4: veteran's signature on his application]



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South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace &c Drury Harrington, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively either as regards the precise period of the war when he served, or 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. For the period of two months I served as a private in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Clark in Colonel Saxton's Regiment and united with General Rutherford, before the Battle at Moore's Bridge, where the Scotch & Tories were defeated in front by Governor Caswell & in the rear by General Rutherford and entirely defeated. The precise period when this occurred I do not recollect, but it may be ascertained by reference to history. After this engagement we returned home by permission of our officers and I enlisted in the cavalry under

Captain Clark, whose company was attached to Colonel Saxton's Regiment. This enlistment was for three months and I served out the time. In the year 1779 I removed to South Carolina and was drafted for a tour of three months in the company of Captain Montgomery which was attached to the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Steen. We were marched to Bacons Bridge where we were posted a short time and then discharged. In 1780, during a period of great difficulty I joined General Sumter & was sent by him with General Clark [Elijah Clarke] of Georgia to attack a small Fort at the high Hills on Little Broad River in Rutherford County North Carolina. From the period that I joined Sumter and was sent by him to General Clark we were marched to the Siege of Ninety Six under General William Henderson. After the siege was raised we marched home and were discharged. This term of service was about ten weeks. After so great a lapse of time it is impossible for me at the age of 81, to remember dates with correctness But whilst Charleston was in possession of the British, the Tories committed many depredations on the neighboring Country and I was sent as a Lieutenant of a company having its command, to join a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Farr in Orangeburg District South Carolina. We were out on this expedition three months during which nothing important occurred. Shortly after this, I was again drafted as the Lieutenant of my company & having its command to serve a tour of three months on Beach Island under the command of Colonel William Farr, General Pickens commanded our Army and during this expedition we marched into Georgia and near a church called "Midway" we had an engagement with the British and Tories. At the termination of three months we were discharged at Spirit Creek about ten miles below Augusta Georgia. After my return home, the company to which I belonged was again drafted (I still acting as Lieutenant commanding) to take a tour against the Cherokee Indians in Georgia. We were attached to the Regiment of Colonel William Farr and commanded by General Pickens & Clark. In this we were engaged for three months. This expedition resulted in a satisfactory arrangement between the whites & Indians & we were on our return home discharged shortly after the conclusion of peace between the British & Americans. The above is the most Inccinct [sic, succinct?] account I can render of my services. I shall cause to be added, the certificate of a gentleman who knew my services, and was under the opinion that had been done sufficiently in my former application.

The above declaration Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th April 1833 –

S/ John Parham, JP

S/ Drury Harrington

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State of South Carolina Union District

Personally came before me David Wallace one of the Justices Assigned to keep the peace in the District aforesaid, Major Thomas Young & Major Joseph McJunkin & being duly sworn Jointly depose as follows. That they are both personally acquainted with Drury Harrington, that they knew him personally before & during the Revolutionary War, that he served in the Army of the Revolution as a first Lieutenant under Captain Robert Montgomery. That the above named deponents knew him to be a man of Truth & Confidence. That he was a faithful, Good Soldier & a firm friend of his Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 19th day of November 1833

S/ D. Wallace, JP

S/ Thomas Young

S/ Joseph McJunkin

> *Thomas Young*
> *Joseph McJunkin*

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 22, 1839.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$116.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia & Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to Drury Harrington [Herrington] pp9
Audited Account No. 3353
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/31/22

[p 5]
No. 3026
Lib. [Book] X 10th May 1786
£45.17.1 ½

Drury Harrington for 34 Days Duty as a Sergeant of Foot in Lt. Gideon Smith's [Gideon Smith's] Company from the 14th June to 19th July 1779, both days included, 71 Days Do as a Lieut. of Do in Captain Robert Montgomery's Company from 12th May 1780 to January 1783, alternately, & 40 Days Duty as a private of Do in same Company during said Time alternately in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charged [old South Carolina Currency] | £321.5 |
| deduct less | <u>.5</u> |
| Amounting to Currency | £321.0.0 |
| Sterling | £45.17.1 Sterling |

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

The State of South Carolina

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| | To Drury Herrington | Dr. |
| for 34 days Duty as a Sgt. of foot in Lt. Gideon Smith's Co. from 14 June to 19 July 1779 both days included at 12/6 [12 Shillings 6 pence old South Carolina currency per day] | | £21.15 |
| 71 days Do as a Lt. of Do in Capt. Robert Montgomery's Company from 12 May 1780 to January 1783 alternately at 45/ [45 old SC currency per day] | | 159.10 |
| 40 days Do as a Private in same Company during said time alternately at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency per day] | | <u>40.0.0</u> |
| | Currency | £321.5 |
| | Sterling | £45.17.10 ¼ |

The above in Colonel Brandon's Regiment & taken from Payee bills

[p 6]
Received 10 May 1786, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3026 X per order*
*Vide No 202=I S/ Robt. Lusk [Robert Lusk]



[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 3026 Book X]

[pp 8-9: Images of the reverse of the above Indent including endorsements among which is the following:

[I] assign and make over all My Interest due and to be due on the within Indent unto Charles Goodwin Esquire his heirs, administrators, Assigns [text too faint to discern] full value received this 26 December 1787

Witness

S/ John Birdsong, JP

S/ Drury Harrington



South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to Drury Harrington
Audited Account No. 3557A

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No. 111

Rejected

Drury Harrington for 30 days duty as a footman; 60 days as Horseman, and 365 days as Lieut. of do. in 1779, 1780 & 1781 and charged

[old South Carolina] Currency £645.10

add more on 2nd charge

it being at 20/, in 3rd

do., It being 45/&

on addition

250.15

Currency £896.5

Stg. £128.0.8 ½

see other side

This Person has an Account in Brandon's Regiment for 40 days as a private of Foot, 34 days as Sergeant of do; & 71 days as Lieut. of do, Amounting to £321 Currency in No. 108, part of which dates clash with this Account particularly when Acting in the latter Capacity
Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

This Account is already paid for being the very services charged in his Account and No. 108 which has been passed

S/ E?

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State South Carolina

Union County}

This Day Personally Came Drury Harrington before Me a Justice of the peace for Said County & Made Oath that the Above Accounts Against the Public as they Stand Stated or Just and true and that he Never Received Satisfaction for any part thereof but that the State is Now Justly Indented to him for [text too faint to discern]

Sworn and Subscribed before me

26 of September 1785

S/ William Kennedy, JP

S/ Drury Harrington

Ch. 1 of *Thermodynamics*.