

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harris Winfield S7910

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State of Virginia to wit

This Sixth day of December in the year 1832, Harriss G Winfield aged seventy-two years, appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Sussex County being a court of record who being duly sworn made the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. He states that he in and about the commencement, or at any rate, during the Revolutionary war was duly drafted and entered the Army under the command and in the company of Captain Laurence Smith [Lawrence Smith], and joined a Regiment in Portsmouth commanded by Colonel Henry Harrison, and served under said command six weeks and was then discharged at Portsmouth, the second time I entered the Army as a volunteer under Captain Richard Harwell and marched from Surry old court House to Smithfield at which place we joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Gee where I served four weeks and was discharged.

The third time I entered the Army again as a Volunteer under the command of the said Richard Harwell Captain and I recollect Gardner Harwell [Garner Harwell] was Lieutenant we marched from Suffolk via of [sic] Cabin Point to Petersburg under the command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], when Duvall [possibly Samuel Duval] & Newell were Majors under said command, and the day before the Engagement at Petersburg being relieved by other Troops we were discharged the time I served in this Tour was two months,

Fourthly, in a short time I again Volunteered under Captain Sterling Harwell when Gardner Harwell was again Lieutenant, we then acted as a scouting party in the neighborhood of Suffolk and about the head of the Tidewater for the purpose of protecting the citizens and their property against the Marauding parties of the British, Frequently taking prisoners whom we sent to Portsmouth which was our head quarters and was commanded by General Parker. In this Expedition I served six weeks and was discharged.

Fifthly, I volunteered under Captain Sterling Harwell again and marched to Broadwater (or Proctor's Bridge) where we continued two weeks and was discharged, the Sixth time I again Volunteered under Captain John Powell and marched to Surry Court House where we stayed two weeks and then discharged by Colonel Gray Judkins,

He declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or Territory in the United States and that he hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or Annuity except the one which he is now and applicant –

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid  
Interrogatories by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in the County of Sussex Virginia and in the year 1760

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have at my residence

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I was living in Sussex County Virginia

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

Ansr. I first was regular drafted, and served as above stated the other several tours as named in my Declaration I volunteered and served as stated in my said Declaration

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ansr. \_\_

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

Ansr. I believe that it was not customary at that time to give written discharges as in the several discharges that I received they were always given verbally as the expeditions were frequent and of short periods.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harris G. Winfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.

[Thomas B Creath, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Sussex County to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Harris G Winfield who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear as to the precise of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served the 5 different times as a private in the Companies and under the Officers as set forth in his declaration amounting in the whole to upwards of 6 months, and for such service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand and seal this 19th of February 1833

S/ Wm Parham, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]