

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burditt Harrison S8667

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State of Virginia Madison County SS

On this 24th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Madison now sitting Burditt Harrison, a resident of Madison County Virginia, aged seventy-five 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 the 7th, 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Captain William Kirtley and served in the Regiment of the line under the following officers. In the early part of the year 1779, I can came from the County of King George to the County of Culpeper (now Madison) to visit a brother and fell in with William Kirtley then a Captain in the Regiment at the Albemarle Barracks, commanded by Colonel Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor]. The term of my enlistment was to continue as long as the Regiment served at the Barracks. I remained in this service at the Barracks under Captain Kirtley and Captain Porter [perhaps Thomas Porter] and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor, Major John Roberts had command in the same Regiment. In the spring of the year 1781, the prisoners at the Barracks were marched to the neighborhood of Winchester Virginia and the company and Regiment to which I was attached was detailed for that service. After remaining in this service a short time at the Barracks near Winchester, I was honorably discharged from the service, having served two years and six days. Shortly after being discharged I was drafted in the Militia service from the County of King George and attached to a militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Wallace – In this tour I was stationed a good part of the time in Fredericksburg and Richmond. I was on the March to York Town when news of the surrender made it unnecessary to proceed further. I was finally discharged from this tour of duty at the Town of Richmond. The discharges from all my services long since lost – I claim the full benefit of the act of January 1832 [sic, June 7, 1832] for two years services –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. I ask the certificate of Larner Watson who was in the same service and the certificate of John Harrison both of them pensioners under the law of January 1782. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Burditt Harrison, X his mark

Evidence filed viz. –

I Larner Watson¹ of the County of Madison in the State of Virginia now in the 71st year of my age, do hereby certify I was stationed as a soldier at the Albemarle barracks from July 1779 to May 1781. That Burditt Harrison was a soldier at that place when he first went there, and that he continued such as long as I did, he was during the greater part of the time in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Porter. Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1833

S/ Larner Watson, X his mark

I John Harrison² of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years do hereby certify that in the War of the Revolution I was an enlisted soldier for three years; at the expiration of this three-year service I returned to my Father's residence in King George County in the latter part of the year 1779 or the first of the year 1780. On inquiring for my brother Burditt Harrison, was informed by my father that he was in service at the Albemarle Barracks. I have no doubt of his having been in service at least 2 years at the Albemarle Barracks and in the militia, Given under my hand this 24th day of October 1833.

S/ George Harrison, X his Mark

[Archibald H Lamon, a clergyman, and Sim Banks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Larner Watson W6412](#)

² FPA S5471