

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Harrell S8690

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State of North Carolina Bertie County

On this 13th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Josiah Harrell, aged resident of Bertie County and State of North Carolina; aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832; that he was born in the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1763; that he has the record of his age in the Family Bible. That he was drafted into the service of the United States in the month of December in the year 1779 for the term of three months under Captain Allen Ramsay; that the company was marched direct to Charlestown South Carolina; that on their way, they were joined by no other Company and own their arrival in Charlestown were placed under the command of General Benjamin Lincoln. That he served in Charlestown till the expiration of his Term of three months & he is of opinion Longer, as he thinks he was discharged in May (but of this his memory is too imperfect to speak positively) by his Captain Allen Ramsay but has lost the discharge. He is unable to recollect the names of any officers except those named above & one Colonel Sharp –

He further states that in the year 1781 he was again drafted for the term of three months under Colonel John Walton & marched to Wilmington North Carolina. That during his term of service in Wilmington, they received intelligence of the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] at Yorktown Virginia. That at the expiration of his Term he was discharged by his Captain John Walton. That he served both terms in the capacity of a private Soldier. That upon his discharge he returned to Bertie County North Carolina & has continued to reside there ever since and is now residing upon the same piece of land.

He further states that he has no Documentary evidence by which he can substantiate his statement; and that he does not know more than two or three persons now living who served with him. Isaac Hendrixson & Jethro Butler whose certificates are herewith annexed served with this Applicant in Charlestown South Carolina. He further states that he is known to most persons in

his neighborhood & particularly to the oldest Citizens of the neighborhood among which number are Luke White, Peter White, Josiah Holley & James Wilson.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

N. B. He states further that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood who was living during the Revolutionary war & none who lives within 20 or 25 miles of this Applicant & who are well acquainted with him.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 13 August 1833

S/ Jos. S. Taylor, Clk

S/ Josiah Harrell, X his mark

We Isaac Hendrixson & Jethro Butler certify that we are well acquainted with Josiah Harrill who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 69 years of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we served with him in Charlestown South Carolina as stated in the above declaration under Captain Allen Ramsay & are of opinion that he was drafted in December 1778 & discharged in May following.

Sworn & subscribed the 13 August 1833 before me

S/ Jon S. Taylor, Clk

S/ Isaac Hendrixen

S/ Jethro Butler, X his mark

Handwritten signatures of Isaac Hendrixson and Jethro Butler. The signature of Isaac Hendrixson is written in a cursive script and is partially obscured by the signature of Jethro Butler. The signature of Jethro Butler is also in cursive and includes the word "mark" written below it.

[Josiah Holley, James Wilson, Luke White & Peter White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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