

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Benjamin Harris W11211

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 March 2012.

Georgia                    }       On this thirteenth day of July one thousand eight [hundred] and thirty five  
De Kalb County        }       personally appeared in open Court Before Their Honors Lorwick Laglin Moses  
Murphy & John Dolbbs Judges of the Superior Court of Law of said County now sitting Benjamin Harris  
a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy four 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following  
named officers and served as herein stated. that on or about the Twenty fith day of January seventeen  
Hundred and eighty, he then residing in North Hampton County in the state of Virginia? [sic: probably  
Northampton County NC] entered the United States service as a private as substitute for Sam'l. Moody in  
the Millitia under the command of Captain Roundtree marched to McCords fery on the Conagree River  
in So Carolina [McCord's Ferry between present Richland and Calhoun counties] there met and joined  
the army under the command of General [Thomas] Eaton of Roanoak River Hallifax County [sic: Roanoke  
River, Halifax County] North Carolina, shortly after his defeat at the mouth of Brier Creek on the  
Savannah river [3 March 1779], and remained under his command in South Carolina untill he received a  
written discharge signed by General Eaton (which discharge is lost) on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1780, the  
precise date he does not recollect but is positive he served a full three months tour, that on or about the  
twentyeth of of October in the year 1781 [sic: 1780] he at that time being in North Hampton County  
Virginia? was drafted and as a private soldier in the company of Captain James Williamson under the  
command of Major Thomas Eaton and Gen'l. Allen Jones, entered the service and marched to Gilford  
Court House in North Carolina arrived there a few days after the Battal at that place [sic: Battle of  
Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. thence marched towards Camden So. Carolina and there joined  
the main army near Camden So Carolina some of in command were Col. Moore Colonel [William]  
Washington from that place under the command of Colonel Moore with about twelve hundred men he  
marched to Ruguallis Mills on the Catawba River [sic: Rugeley's Mill, 12 mi N of Camden SC near the  
Wateree River downstream from the Catawba River, 4 Dec 1780] and captured one hundred and eleven  
toris and carried them to Head quarter. from Head quarters to Saulsbury [sic: Salisbury NC], where they  
(Tories) were confined and tried and condemned to be hung. thence he marched to Hillsborough [sic:  
Hillsborough] North Carolina their received a written discharge (which is lost) signed by Captain James  
Williamson on or about the twenty third of December. arrived at home in North Hampton in Virginia on  
the 25th of December 1781 [sic: 1780]– having served a full tour of three months  
that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two he served as a substitute to guard the Toris at Hallifax  
Court House North Carolina for at least six weeks. dates not recollected no officer recollected except  
Lieutenant Gurlee [Gurley?] that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose  
testimony whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that by reason of old age and a  
consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise dates or the length of service but  
he is positive he served two full terms, of three months each as stated above and that he was stationed as  
a guard at Hallifax Court House North Carolina at least six weeks. that he hereby relinquishes every  
claim whatever to a pention or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention  
roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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Questions propounded in open Court to the applicant Benjamin Harris by their Honors Ladwick Tugle,  
Moses Murphy & John Dobbs Judges of said court

Quest 1<sup>st</sup>. Where & in what year were you born

- Ans. In Virginia on Notaway [sic: Nottoway] River on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1760.?
- Quest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and is so where is it?
- Ans'r. I have no record of my age but I have seen one in the possession of my Father by which it appeared that I was born at the time stated above
- Ques 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when call'd. into service Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?
- Ans'r. When call'd. into service I was living in North Hampton County ~~Virginia~~ North Carolina. about the year 1800 I mooved to Pindeton [sic: Pendleton] District So Carolina about the year 1818 I mooved to Grimmett County Georgia and about 1822 mooved into this county
- Quest 4 How were you call'd. into service?
- Ans'r The first tour of three months I was a substitute for Saml Moody the second tower of three months I was drafted, the last tower of six weeks I was a substitute, for \_\_\_\_
- Quest 5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops when you served such continental and millitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?
- Ans. In the first Tower the only officers whose names I can now recollect are Captain Roundtree and Gen'l. Eaton, in the second those whose names I now recollect are Captain James Williamson Major Thomas Eaton, and Gen'l. Allen Jones. Col. Moore and Colonel Washington. I do not now recollect the number of any of the Redgements, The first Tower I marched from North Hampton Virginia to McCords ferry of the Congaree there met Gen'l. Eatons army after having served out my three months & received a written discharge from him, in the second Tower in 1781. I was drafted in North Hampton County Virginia marched to Gilford Court House arrived their shortly after the Battal at that place, marched from their into So.Carolina then under the command of Colonel Moore Marched to Rugalles mills their aided in capturing a number of Toris carried them to Head quarters and then to Saulsbury where they were imprisoned was after marched to Hillsborough as was discharged
- Quest 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever have a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it
- Ans'r. The first tower I received a written discharge from Gen'l. Eaton the second tower from Captain James Williamson both of which are lost. and the third tower I received only a verbal discharge?
- Quest 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are know in your present nighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution
- Ans'r. Benjamin Hooker Minster of the Gospel. John W Beauchamp and Miles Nash

NOTE: On 15 Nov 1855 in DeKalb County GA Charlotte Harris, age 81, applied for a pension and bounty land declaring that as Charlotte Bagwell she married Benjamin Harris in Feb 1801 in Pendleton District SC, and that he had died near Stone Mountain in DeKalb County in March 1841. On 8 Dec 1866 Charlotte Harris, 97, living in Stone Mountain GA "on the Rail Road leading from Atlanta to Augusta about eight miles from Decatur," applied for a new pension certificate to replace one destroyed by a United States soldier about 18 July 1864. A letter dated 19 Mar 1870 states that Charlotte Harris of Stone Mountain GA had been unpaid since Sep 1867, and the Postmaster reported that she was "suffering for something to eat." On 29 Mar 1870 she applied for an increase in pension under a later act.