

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Harwood (Harward)¹ W11231 Rachel Harwood f50NC

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 20th day of August personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting James Harwood a resident of Wake County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-one 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 in the year 1779 he was drafted in the militia service of this State in Wake County for what precise term of service he does not recollect – but he is certain he served for upwards of six months –

That the company in which he was drafted met at Wake Court house under Captain Woodson Daniel under Colonel J Kerlock [probably James Scurlock] & General Rutherford – that he recollects not the precise day on which his service commenced – that the company marched to Salisbury North Carolina & to Camden South Carolina & on to the 10 miles House [Ten Mile House] from Charleston. That from that place his company marched to Purrysburg where they joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] of the Regular Army. He states that his company shifted its position to different places on the Savannah River – that he was on the River where General Ashe [John Ashe] was defeated on the Brier Creek [March 3, 1779] in Georgia & remained thereabouts until his company was ordered home & discharged –

This declarant further states that he was a drummer in the service –

That he was further drafted in 1781 as he believes in the militia service in the County of Wake & State aforesaid for the Term of three months. That when he reached Hillsboro the rendezvous for the this Company he was not put into militia service but being a shoe maker by trade he with others who were drafted of the same trade were employed in making shoes for the regular Army then stationed at Hillsboro & that he continued employed until his three months expired. That in the year 1782 as he believes he was again drafted for three months to serve in a light Horse company raised in Wake County for the suppression of the Tories – under Solomon Wood as Captain & served out his term in such company.

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 in open Court.

¹ BLWt39225-160-55

S/ James Harwood²

Personally appeared in open Court having been first duly sworn, Bartlett Allen³ & Isaac Smith⁴ two soldiers of the revolution who depose & say that they are acquainted with James Harwood & knew him at the time of his alleged service in the war of the revolution and that they performed with him the first tour mentioned in his declaration made for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress June 7th 1832 for a pension in which he served for 6 months under Captain Woodson Daniel & that they well recollect the term of service exceeded six months but what precise time they cannot recollect.

Bartlett Allen, X his mark

Isaac Smith, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County

Personally appeared before me John A Mason a Justice of the Peace of the court of pleas & quarter sessions for Wake County James Harward a soldier of the revolution aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make this amended & supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Answer to the

Interrogatory first to declarant, pursuant to the present form of the War Department to Interrogatory first, he answers that he was born in King & Queen County in the State of Virginia in the year 1761

To the second he answers that the record of his age is in a Bible belonging to George Harward living in Chatham County North Carolina which Book contains the original family register.

To the third he answers that he was living in Wake County North Carolina when he was called into the service and that he now lives in the same neighborhood.

To the seventh he answers he received no written discharge.

I am known to John Scott & James Morries my neighbors as well as to others having lived in the neighborhood for near 70 years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th day of July 1833

Test S/ James A. Mason, JP

S/ James Harward, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County: This day came James Harwood before me, Allen Rogers, one of the Justices of the peace, for said County and maketh the amendatory declaration upon oath, in order, to secure to himself the benefit of the Act of Congress to entitle Revolution Soldiers to certain pensions therein specified the deponent states that he was drafted and met at John Bradford's place in Wake County & rendezvoused from there to Salisbury – from thence to Charlotte as well as I remember, from thence to near Charleston South Carolina, within ten miles and were there stationed under the Command of General Rutherford for two weeks from there, we marched to Savannah River, at which place the British was on the opposite side, and our Army – on this side we were stationed there for some time and fortified ourselves, for some time,

² signature appears to me to be in the same handwriting as the balance of the document and consequently I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran

³ [Bartlett Allen S8012](#)

⁴ [Isaac Smith S7531](#)

from there we marched up the River to Brier Creek, at the mouth, at which place, a Battle ensued, and we met with a defeat, we then retreated, back, down the River, the same camp we came from, and was stationed up & down the River to oppose the enemy – until we were discharged Serving in the whole time, six months, as I am sure, after which time, I was drafted again for three months, and met at Hillsboro North Carolina at which place I was selected out of the number to shoe make it, for the Army with many others and there served out my time in making shoes for the Soldiers of the Army – if this service is not admitted, to be of the kind that the Act embraces, I hope to be entitled to the above six months service after which time I volunteered, as a light Horse [man] for three months, which service exempted me from the next draft, I am now seventy-four years of age, quite infirm, and charitably hope as I am quite dependent & very needy that my case will be remanded [?] and Bartlett Allen, who will certify below, served with me this six-month Tower [tour], & have secured his pension. I have therefore hope I may not be forgot and the deponent further saith not, 12th February 1835

Test: S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ James Harwood, X his mark

Wake County

This day came before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the peace for said County Bartlett Allen, of the Revolutionary Soldiers, and maketh oath that he served the six months as is stated in James Harwood's declaration, and that of his own knowledge he is certain that the said James Harwood served the Time as it is set forth, as to his service as a shoemaker & his time as a light Horse [man] this deponent saith that he has no knowledge of But that he believes that full Credit should be given to his oath, Sworn to & subscribed this 12th of February 1835

S/ Bartlett Allen, X his mark

[p 10: On March 14, 1856 in Wake County North Carolina Rachel Harwood or Harward, 77, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of James Harwood or Harward; that her husband died September 27, 1840 in Wake County; that she remains his widow; that she married him January 8, 1828; that her name prior to her marriage was Rachel Velvin.]

[p 17: marriage bond issued to James Harwood and Nelson Andrews on January 8, 1828, to secure the license issued for the marriage of James Harwood to Rachel Velvin ; issued in Wake County North Carolina

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1851 for 6 months service as a drummer in the North Carolina militia.]