

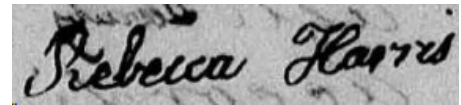
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Harris W1422

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 March 2012.

Chesterfield County [Virginia]

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty eight personally appeared before me, William Gray a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Rebecca Harris a resident of the Town of Manchester in the County of Chesterfield aged seventy years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1848; That she is the Widow of John Harris who was a Lieutenant in the Light Dragoons and who was in service more than three years in the war of the Revolution and received a Land Warrant of 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  Acres from the State of Virginia for his services which was located in the State of Ohio and sold by him in his life time. She further declares that she was married to the said John Harris on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety four. That her husband the said John Harris died on the fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifteen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but was married at the time above stated and that the marriage took place prior to the second of January eighteen hundred as above stated. She further swears she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in the Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26th day of February 1785, in the name of John Harris as Lieut of Cavalry for £77.7.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. To Wit. pay as Ens. from 11 Feb'y 1781 to 12th and as Cornet from 12 July to 28 Sept. and a Lieut from 28th Sept to 31st of December.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 11th day of January 1849.

Jas. E Heath Auditor.

Council Chamber 21st January 1784.

I do certify that Mr. John Harris is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant of the Continental line who has served to the end of the war

Thomas Meriwether Benjamin Harrison

A Warrant for 266 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres issued to Mr. John Harris 21st. January 1784 (No. 2,252.)

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

Teste, S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office

I certify the [bearer] John Harris Esq'r was an officer (Lt.) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. L. Dragoons at the end of the War

Jan 21 1784

Ed Carrington L Col Art'y. [Edward Carrington]

[Copy certified 22 Sep 1848]

NOTES:

On 22 Sep 1848 John Howlett and Archibald Freeland stated that John Harris was known as a Major at the time of his death.

The file includes copies of the permission and surety for the marriage of Rebecca Britton and John Harris, transcribed as follows:

“May 18th 1794

Sir You will please to grant John Harris Jr license to marry my daughter Rebecca, and oblige Sir  
To the Clerk of Chesterfield Your obt Serv't/ Anderson Britton  
Teste. John Saunders.”

“May 20<sup>th</sup> 1794

D'r Sir Capt John Harris, informs me has Business at your office that requires security. I am not well, or would ride with him. You'll please to consider me as bound for him as the matter requires.

Mr. Tho Watkins Chesterfield. I am your Humb'l. Serv't. &c/ Fra. Goode”

On 7 Nov 1842 in Henrico County VA the following were certified as children and heirs of John Harris:

Hiram Harris of Powhatan County; Hypatia, deceased wife of Colin McRae;

Ann, deceased wife of Dr. William Patteson;

Judith, deceased wife of the same Colin McRae;

Delia, deceased wife of Blair Burrel of Powhatan County;

Louisiana, wife of Alexander Brander of Richmond;

Matilda, wife of Dr. David McCaw of Powhatan County;

Philip F Harris, deceased without issue;

Mary E., deceased without issue, wife of Dr. Samuel Patteson;

Camilla Harris, single.

It was further certified that

Hypatia McRae was the daughter and only heir of Hypatia McRae, the first wife of Collin McRae;

Laura, Sidney, Christopher, and Olivia were the children and only heirs of Judith, the second wife of Collin McRae;

James, Delia, Ann, Martha, and Thomas Patteson were the children and only heirs of Ann Patteson;

William, Blair, Helen, Mary, Louisa, Margaret, and John Burrell were the children and only heirs of Delia Burrell.

The file contains two pages transcribed below from an original family record taken from the Bible of John Harris.

BIRTHS.

John Harris son of John and Obedience Harris was born 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1758.

Rebecca Harris (formerly Britton) daughter of Anderson & Ann Britton was born 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1779

Xenophon Harris son of John & Rebecca Harris was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1795.

Hiram Harris son of the same was born 15<sup>th</sup> Sept'r. 1796

Hypatia Harris daughter of the same was born 15<sup>th</sup> Feb'y. 1798

Ann O. T. Harris daughter of the same was born 27<sup>th</sup> Ap'l. 1799

Judith Jordana Harris daughter of the same was born 14<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1800

Delia Harris daughter of the same was born 7<sup>th</sup> June 1802

Louisiana Harris daughter of the same was born 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1804

Caroline Matilda Rosina Harris daughter of the same was born 9<sup>th</sup> June 1806

Philip Francis Harris son of the same was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1808

Caroline Matilda daughter of the same was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1810

Mary E Harris daughter of the same was born 20<sup>th</sup> Ap'l. 1812

Camilla Harris daughter of the same was born 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1814

Hypatia Harris MacRae Daughter of Colin & Hypatia MacRae born January 20<sup>th</sup> 1817

Rebecca Ann Harris daughter of Hiram & Margaret Harris born 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1823.

Henry Christian Harris son of the same born 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1825.

Mary Eleanor Harris daughter of Hiram and Margaret Harris was born the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1827

#### MARRIAGES.

John Harris and Rebecca Britton were married on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1794 by the Rev'd. Mr. Wm. Cameron

Colin McRae and Hypatia Harris were married on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1816 by the Reverend Mr. Kirkpatrick

Colin McRae and Judith Harris were married on 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1818 by the Reverend Mr —

William A Patteson and Ann O T Harris were married on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1819 by the Reverend Bishop Moore

Hiram Harris and Margaret E Christian were married on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1822 by the Reverend Mr Hart

Hiram Harris and Margaret Wilson were married on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1826 by the Reverend Mr Duffie

Thomas Adkins and Louisana Harris were married on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1826 by the Reverend Mr. Hart.

Blair Burwell and Delia Harris were married on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1827 by the Reverend Mr. Hart.

David McCaw and Caroline Matilda Harris were married on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1837 [1831?] by the Rev'd. Mr. Lee

Samuel A. Patteson and Mary E. Harris were married on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1833 by the Rev'd. Mr. Woodbridge