

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeduthan Harper W19734 Gizael Harper f30NC
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State of North Carolina Guilford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1851

On this 19th day of May 1851 personally appeared in open Court, and before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now opened and held at the Court House in the County of Guilford State aforesaid, Alexander Gray, a resident of the County of Randolph State aforesaid aged 82 years, a son-in-law of the late Colonel Jeduthan Harper deceased who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 4th of July 1836, Entitled an act granting Pensions to the widows of the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution, That he this deponent the aforesaid Alexander Gray in the behalf of his wife Sally Gray, a daughter of the aforesaid Colonel Jeduthan Harper states, that the said Jeduthan Harper was a Colonel of Militia in the Army of the Revolution as the heirs do understand and as such he served the United States against the common enemy, that during the revolutionary Struggles the said Colonel Jeduthan Harper resided in the County of Chatham, State aforesaid, and had command of a military force that belonged in that part of the country that amongst the old papers of the said Colonel Harper is found a letter from Governor Caswell on military business, also sundry receipts for supplies furnished the Army, all of which will be forwarded to the Department as Evidence of the service of said Colonel Harper, that declarant is of the opinion from the knowledge that he has of the said Colonel Harper's Revolutionary services, which is traditional, that he was generally in service during the war, but to give the particulars of the alleged service he cannot, nor does he find amongst the papers of Colonel Harper his Commission.

This declarant further states that the said Jeduthan Harper was married in the month of November, 1775 to Gizael Parkes in the County of Orange, and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of the said Jeduthan Harper which took place on the blank day of November 1819, and that his widow the said Gizael departed this life on the 21st day of February 1845 not having intermarried after the death of her said husband the aforesaid Jeduthan Harper deceased and that his wife the aforesaid Sally Gray is now the only surviving child of the aforesaid Harper's deceased, – This declarant also states that this declaration is made in the County of Guilford instead of Randolph as a matter of convenience.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before the Court.

Test S/ John M Logan, CCC

S/ Alexr. Gray



[p 7: In January 1852 in Randolph County North Carolina Hugh McCain gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Jeduthan Harper husband of Gizeal Harper; that he was frequently at the house of said Jeduthan Harper; often saw him write was well acquainted with his family and was in school with some of his children; that the Jeduthan Harper served for many years as the clerk of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for Randolph County and that his son, Jesse Harper was clerk of the same court; and that he Hugh McCain served in said office as the deputy to Jesse Harper for 14 years and there afterwards many years himself clerk of said court; that the family Bible submitted to him as a record of the family is without doubt in the handwriting of Jeduthan Harper and reads as follows:

"The Ages of the children of Jeduthan Harper and Gazeal his wife

Mary Harper was born the 30th day of March 1777

Elizabeth Harper of the 17th day of August 1782

Letty Harper the 27th day of February 1785

Jesse Harper the 19th day of May 1787

Absalom Tatum Harper the 5th day of October 1792

Sally Harper the 18th day of September 1789

Samuel Parke Harper the 8th day of February 1795

"I desire that after the decease of my wife Guzeal that my son Jesse Harper have this book. January 15th day 1797

S/ J Harper"

"Jeduthan Harper and Guzeal his wife was married the first day of November in the year of our Lord 1775"

...

"Jeduthan Harper born 15th of November 1736

Gazeal Parke wife of Jeduthan born 23 of February 1755, Married 1st November 1775

Jeduthan Washington Harper born the 12th of October 1799"

...[in the handwriting of Jesse Harper]

"Jeduthan Harper died __ day of November 1819

Mary Harper died 6 July 1817

Elizabeth Allen died __ day of [written over and illegible --appears to have at one time read both November and October] 1821

Abraham T Harper died __ day of October 1818

Samuel Parke Harper died for of August 1797

Jeduthan Washington Harper [died] 23 May 1801

Letty Harper mother of Jeduthan Harper died August 8th 1797

Gazeal Harper died February 21st 1845

Letty Humphries died July 1835"

[p 15: note in the file indicating that the receipts forwarded with this application were removed from the file and forwarded to the war Department on January 16, 1913. Since I do not find it in this file, I also assume the letter from Governor Caswell to Colonel Harper was removed from this file.]

[p 23: certificate dated October 15, 1851 given by the North Carolina Comptroller indicating disbursements made to Lieutenant Colonel Jerusalem Harper of Chatham Regiment under Colonel Ambrose Ramsay.]

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: On this 28th day of May 1851 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, William Marsh,¹ a resident of said County and State, one of the surviving Soldiers of the Revolution, and a Pensioner of the United States, and made oath in due form of law, that he knew one Jeduthan Harper a Colonel of militia during the War of the Revolution that lived in (his) Chatham County, that the said Colonel Harper was one amongst the foremost of the liberty men in that time, and from what deponent now recollects of the said Colonel Harper he thinks that he was generally engaged in military operations during the Revolution. That from old age and loss of memory he cannot now give the particulars of the said Colonel Harper's services in the Revolution life he once could but that he well and distinctly recollects him and that he was a Colonel and had command of the Chatham Militia who was often called into the service during the Revolution. Deponent also states that he was born and raised in Chatham County and has always continued to live in it, and that he is now between 90 and a hundred years old.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before

S/ Wm M. Resson, JP

S/ Wm Marsh

Wm Marsh
to hereby certify that I am

[p 28: On February 9, 1852 in Guilford County North Carolina, John M Morehead gave testimony supportive of the facts contained in the above documents. He adds that Col. Jesse Harper son of the veteran was well known to the Hon. William A Graham the present Secretary of the Navy & to the Hon. James T Morehead, U. S. Congressman, who married a great-granddaughter of the veteran.

John M Morehead

[The heirs of the widow of the veteran were pensioned at the rate of \$310 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending February 21, 1845, for the services of the veteran as a Lieutenant Colonel in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [William Marsh S7186](#)