

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Harrison W23211 Sarah Harrison

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State of Illinois Sangamon County SS

On this ninth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before Reuben Harrison, John Moffitt and J B Smith County commissioners of the Commissioners Court of the County of aforesaid now sitting Ezekiel Harrison a resident of said County and state aged eighty-one years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated to wit

"I served two tours of three months each in the Virginia volunteer Militia in the year 1780, under Captain George Ruddel [George Ruddle] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel All, General Lafayette was the "head" field officer. I entered the service about the last of June or first of July, and continued for three months & there was very little time from the expiration of the first tour until I volunteered for the second tour and continued for three months more in the service in the same year 1780. I resided in Rockingham County State of Virginia during both these tours. We marched through Richmond & James town to near a place called hot water.

I also served one tour of three months as a mounted Militia man in the year 1781, in a Company commanded by Captain Reuben Moore, in the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Harrison, also one tour in the same year, of three months, under Captain Robert Cravens as a mounted Militia man, the same Colonel commanding. In the tour under Captain Moore, I entered the service I think about the first of June or July as a volunteer, and marched through Orange and Louisa Counties to Hot water again, and in the tour under Captain Cravens, I entered the service, I think, sometime in September or October of 1781, and we marched, from Rockingham County, through Capen [sic,?]¹ over to the waters of the South branch of the Potomac [River], and thence to the North fork of the same River. This tour was against the Tories who were then in bodied in Capen. In addition to the above services in 1774, I volunteered in the company of Captain Joseph Hains, and marched in an expedition against the Indians to Hinkle's Fort, and from thence to the mouth of Kanawha River, where on the 10th October 1774, a battle [the veteran is describing the Battle of Point Pleasant] was fought between the Indians and our troops under the command of Colonel Andrew and Charles Lewis, in which they latter fell. In this battle I was wounded in the right breast.

Capen

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State. I never had any certificate of discharge.

S/ Ezl Harrison



[Charles R Matheny, a clergyman, and Cornelius Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by the court to the applicant

1. Where and in what year were you born.

Answer. I was born the 3rd of October 1751, in Rockingham County Virginia

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

Answer. Yes, it is at my son Reuben's in this County.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Answer. In Rockingham County Virginia, since the Revolutionary War I lived in Virginia till 1815, and then came to Christian County Kentucky, until 1822, and have ever since lived in this County –

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

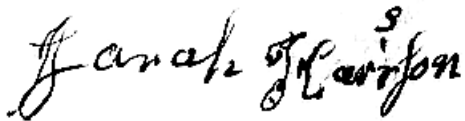
Answer. I was always a volunteer.

5. General Lafayette and Wayne [Anthony Wayne], were the only regular officers whose names I can now recollect that were engaged in the same service with us.

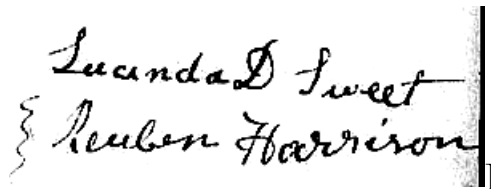
I Cornelius Bryan do hereby make oath and say that I saw Ezekiel Harrison the above applicant during the Revolution War in the Virginia Militia at the time of the battle at hot water [June 26, 1781], and I understood that he was frequently in the service afterwards. Sworn to in open court.

S/ C. B. Matheny, Clerk

[p 8: On May 16, 1842 in Sangamon County Illinois, Sarah Harrison, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Ezekiel Harrison a private in the Revolution; that she married him on or about the last day of January 1776 and that her husband died April 17 1836.



Her application was witness by Lucinda D. Sweet and Reuben Harrison, relationship, if any, not stated



[p 9: On May 16, 1842 in Sangamon County Illinois, Reuben Harrison gave testimony that he has been well acquainted with the veteran and his widow for the last 63 years having been a

neighbor to them most of that time; that the veteran and his widow have lived together as man and wife all the time he has known them; that the old family record showing their ages has been destroyed; that he the affiant is the 3rd child of said Ezekiel and Sarah Harrison and is now 63 years of age.

Reuben Harrison
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[p 10: family register:

Births

Ezekiel Harrison Senior born October 6, 1752

Sarah Harrison born July 31st 1753

Jesse Harrison born Mayth [sic] 24th 1777

Reuben Harrison born Juneth [sic] the 13th 1779

George Washington Harrison born August 1st 1781

Melinda Harrison born November 19th 1783

Ezekiel Harrison Junior born July 19th 1786

Lucinda D Harrison born March 13th, 1792

Thomas Harrison born May 15th 1789

Sally M. Harrison born April 23rd, 1795

Marriages

Ezekiel Harrison & Sarah Bryan

Jesse Harrison and Racher Harrison

[p 32: On November 24, 1842, in Sangamon County, Illinois, Priscilla Bryan gave oath that she is personally acquainted with Sarah Harrison the widow of Ezekiel Harrison deceased; that she was acquainted with Sarah before the termination of the revolution and the service of Ezekiel therein; that affiant had two brothers (not named) in the service during the Revolution; that Ezekiel and Sarah Harrison had several children the first living child being Jesse Harrison born in 1777, the 2nd Reuben Harrison about 2 years after George W Harrison the 3rd in August the first 1781 when the veteran came home the 3rd child was not yet named and they called him for General Washington.

Priscilla Bryan
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Private for 6 months in the Cavalry and for 6 months in the Infantry of the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]