

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Harris W2793

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 16 March 2012.

State of Georgia } On this 3rd day of September [1832] personally appeared in open Court  
Jackson County } before the Inferior Court sitting for ordinary purposes (now sitting) Joseph  
Harris a resident of Jackson County & State of Georgia aged Eighty one years next October 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as  
herein stated under Coloner Thomas Poke [sic: Col. Thomas Polk] & Lieutenat Colonel Adam Alexander  
& Captain Moses Shelvey [sic: Moses Shelby] & entered the service sometime in the latter part of the year  
1776 & was absent at this time about one month in about two weeks after my return I again went out  
under the same officers & was about about three weeks I again went out under the same officers except  
the Captain who was Charles Poke [sic: Polk] I was absent at this time on an expedition to Wilming Town  
[sic: Wilmington] Brunswick & Elizabeth Town [sic: Elizabethtown] three months. I again went out  
under General [Griffith] Rutherford & Major White to Wilmington & was absent three months all the  
above expeditions were against the British I resided during the above time of service in State of North  
Carolina Macklenberth [sic: Mecklenburg] County on the waters of Rocky River & was here residing  
when I entered into the service as a volunteer I marched through North Carolina I served with Major  
White among the Riflemen. I have no documentary evidence whatever of my having enlisted & served as  
a Volunteer or of the length of time which I served at either or any of the above tours. I know of no  
person whose testimony I can procure that can testify to my services. I hereby relinquish every claim  
whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll  
of the agency of any state – To the first interrogatory he answers I was born in the 1749 in Pennsylvania –  
To the second he answers I have no record of my age To the third he answers I was living in North  
Carolina & have lived in that State & the State of Georgia ever since I now live in Jackson County & State  
of Georgia To the fourth he answers I was a Volunteer To the fifth he answers there was no regular  
officers when I served but they were Militia officers whose names I have before stated – To the sixth he  
answers I never received any discharge –  
To the seventh he states as persons who are acquainted with him & who know that I have been reputed as  
a revolutionary solder – Thomas C Barron John Ridling Elijah Nash William Lord Moses Veuceu[?]  
William Dunston Reason[?] Burton William Matthews – He states as a reason for not stating more fully  
all the circumstances relating to his service that he is verry old & inferm that he is Hard of Hearing and  
that his recollection is verry bad.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Joseph hisXmark Harris

NOTES:

On 23 May 1851 in Jackson County GA Elizabeth Harris, age 77, applied for a pension stating that  
as Elizabeth Cribb she married Joseph Harris in Aug 1794 in Greene County GA, and that he died 10 June  
1839 in Jackson County. With her application was the family record transcribed below, which had been  
written some 30 years before by “her first born” Thomas Harris, who had since moved to Mississippi:  
Thomas Harris was born August the 31<sup>st</sup> 1796  
Sarah Harris was Born Sept the 27<sup>th</sup> 1800  
Joseph Harris was Born 18<sup>th</sup> Dec’r. 1802  
Walton Harris was Born May the 14<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Nancy Harris was Born 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1807

Elizabeth Harris was born Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1812

On 17 Nov 1851 in the same county Elizabeth Harris submitted the original Bible record on two pages, which she stated was in the handwriting of her late husband and had been taken to DeKalb County GA by Salathiel Adams "who married a Daughter of a first wife of said Joseph Harris and Elizabeth.". This record reads as follows:

Jessy Harris was born August [?] <sup>th</sup> 1788

Thomas harris was born August the 31<sup>st</sup> 179[?]

Sally Harris was Born Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1800

Joseph Harris was Born December 1804 4

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Jesse Harris was born August 15<sup>th</sup> 1788

Marrey Harris was born may the 22 1790

Thomas Harris was born August the 31 1796

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