

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harmon W2795¹

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this 30th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Lincoln now sitting John Harmon a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina aged seventy 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the American Army about the 15th of August A.D. 1780 as private volunteer under the command of Captain Barbour [Barber?] to go as a Ranger through Lincoln County against the Tories and was for some time stationed on Broad River & marched to various stations in Lincoln County that the whole of this Tour of service amounted to at least seven months. That he enlisted under the command of Captain White in said County and was commanded by General Rutherford and marched to Wilmington North Carolina and heard when he arrived at Wilmington of the capture of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] & was dismissed [fn p. 9] from the Army on the morning he heard this news. That he enlisted in the service at that time for three months and served four months & three weeks. That he was in the scrimmage at the brick house² about two miles from Wilmington on the same week that he was dismissed from said Army. That he was acquainted with Colonel Smith who commanded the Horse Infantry in North Carolina. That he does not know what became of his discharge & has no documentary evidence to prove his services as a soldier but there are several persons living who are able to prove his services whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

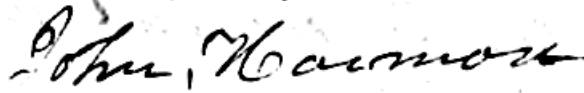
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

¹ BLWt1307-160-55

² November 15, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/brickhouse.htm>

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ John Harmon



Questions by the Court put to applicant

Where & in what year were you born

I was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1763 July the 2nd as I am informed that my father moved to Tryon County in North Carolina in 1764

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. I have a record at my house in a Bible said to be recorded by my father

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live – Answer In Tryon County North Carolina (now Lincoln) have lived here ever since & still lived in Lincoln formerly Tryon County

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute And if a substitute for whom. Answer. I volunteered in the first Tour of seven months & enlisted when I marched to Wilmington, was a substitute for several short periods but do not remember how long.

State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your services

General Rutherford commanded in the Tour which I took to Wilmington & was acquainted with Colonel Smith who commanded a company of horse, does not recollect of any Continental Regiment & from my bad recollection does not recollect the militia regiments, I marched to Wilmington in the lower part of North Carolina and was there when General Rutherford marched round that Town and drove the British out by marching around the town several times, I was in no engagements on the other Tour of importance.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it. I was discharged when I returned from Wilmington by Captain White but have lost it long since I do not recollect what Captain discharged me on the first Tour –

Did you ever receive a commission if so what has become of it

I never received a commission from anyone I was a private soldier

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Captain Samuel Espee can testify to both & General Forney also can testify as to both

S/ Andrew Hoyle, Jacob Blank and Jacob Forney, JPs

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Samuel Espee³ he resident of Lincoln County & State of North Carolina of the age of 74 years being duly sworn in solemn form according to law declares that he hath been well acquainted with John Harmon the present applicant ever since about the year 1765 who moved into Tryon (now Lincoln) County with his father when he was small, that he was with said Harmon as a soldier in the revolutionary war he being under the command of Captain Barber & this deponent commanded a company in the same services marching against the Tories of Lincoln County.

³ Sic, [Samuel Espee \(Espy\) S6824](#)

That he was with said Harmon during the whole of the summer of 1780 and that he is a man of veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 30th day of October 1832

Test: S/ Wardry McBee, Clerk

S Espey

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Espey".

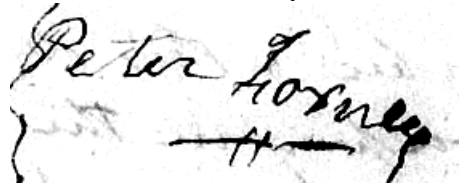
[fn p. 7]

Peter Forney⁴ a resident of Lincoln County & State of North Carolina aged about 74 years swears that he has been acquainted with John Harmon ever since the year 17?? [last 2 digits written over and illegible] and that he knew him in the American Army when he served as a soldier and marched to Wilmington under the command of Captain White & has known him ever since and knows that he is a man of truth.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October the 30th 1832

Test: S/ Wardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Peter Forney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Forney".

[fn p. 12: On July 11, 1851 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Mary Harmon, 82 filed for a widow's pension under the 1849 act stating that she is the widow of John Harmon, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married John Harmon sometime in the year 1792 or 1793 date not recollected; they were married by John Carouth, JP in Lincoln County; that her husband died on October 14, 1848.]

[On March 16, 1855 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Mary Harmon, 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Harmon.]

[fn p. 21: marriage bond issued to John Harmon and Henry Harmon in Lincoln County North Carolina on March 26 1791, to secure the marriage of John Harmon and M. Harris.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 21 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ [Peter Forney W4955](#)