

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Harrison (Harrison) W2934      Rachel      fn44NC  
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### Declaration

Allen County State of Kentucky: June Term Monday the 10th day June 1833

Personally appeared Richard Harrison a resident of said County & State aforesaid in Open Court aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law do on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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 first Tower [tour] of Duty I substituted and went into place of Isaac Robertson a Militia Soldier and placed under the command of Captain George Smith in Lincoln County North Carolina & under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] & Rendezvoused at Twelve Mile Creek and marched towards the Cheraw Hills. There I was attached to the command of Captain Clark & went to guard the old Nation Ford on the Catawba [River] from thence we marched to Salisbury at which place I was discharged after serving at least three months and in the year 1781 and was in my 16th or 17th year I cannot say which as I have no record of my age at present But was left in North Carolina Lincoln County with Isaac Robertson who I substituted for the next fall to the best of my recollection I substituted and went another tower of Duty for the aforesaid Robertson as an Indian Spy in the Mounted Cavalry and served not less than one month & half under the command of Captain Joseph McDowell & Colonel McDowell and joined the Army at the Pleasant Gardens on the Catawba near the head Marched to the Cherokee Nation on French Broad [River] the pigeon and Richland Creek then marched home where we was discharged from service. Next tower of Duty I volunteered and found my own beast and went under the command of Samuel Killian and the aforesaid Colonel McDowell as a Spy and rendezvoused in the neighborhood near the head of the aforesaid Catawba and marched back again but was sent back to Drive cattle and keep for the Army until they returned Back to the head of said Catawba I remained in service the aforesaid tower not less than one month and a half more making the whole of said tower six months I claim a pension for

I was born in the year of sixty-four in the State of Maryland brought by Robertson to North Carolina Lincoln County and raised by the aforesaid Robertson – I married in said County of Lincoln and moved to the State of Kentucky in now Allen County but further pray to be placed on the pension office at Nashville Tennessee Being the nearest place where a pension office is [indecipherable word] of my Residence direct my pension Certificate to the clerk of Robertson County Springfield State of Tennessee William Seal – Now I further declare I have no documentary Evidence Independent of my own declaration further than the certificate which will be attached to the foregoing I further declare my name is not on any pension Roll in this nor any other State in the United States and I hereby relinquish Every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed this the \_\_ of June 1833

S/ Richard Harrison, X his mark

The 6th & 7th interrogatories may not be answered satisfactory therefore I state and declare I cannot tell whether I ever had any written Discharge or not as I was raised an orphan without Education. If I had I took no account of them. The people in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my Veracity and their belief of my being a revolutionary soldier is William Travelstreet [Travelsted], William Mayhew, Michael Cline, John Cline, Jonathan hue Banks & John Travelstreet [Travelsted] & others sworn to and subscribed as above at the same time.

S/ Richard Harrison, X his mark

[Edmund Wagoner, a clergyman, and Joseph Anthony gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on March 20, 1840 in Allen County Kentucky, Rachel Harrison, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Richard Harrison a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him February 14 1786; that her husband died May 6, 1838; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 17: family record:

Patients Harrison was born August the 6th day 1796

Thomas Harrison was born October the 9th 1798

Mary Harrison was born December [illegible, could be 14th] 1800

Richard Harrison was born April the 10th 1803

Elizabeth Harrison was born October the 9th day 1805

Rachel Dorsey was born August the 29th 1764

Andrew Harrison was born the 25th 1786

William Harrison was born June 12th 1788

John Harrison was born September 27th 1791

Benjamin Harrison was born March 9th 17 [illegible]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]