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Pension Application of Stephen Harris W3804

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State of Georgia } Inferior Court September Term 1832
Gwinnett County } on this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record, now sitting Stephen Harris a resident of of the said County of Gwinnett & state of Georgia aged sixty seven 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 service in the State of North Carolina & County of Granville wherein he then resided in the month of May 1780 as a volunteer for three months under the command of Captain Isham Harriss [sic: Isham Harris & marched to Crass Creek [sic: Cross Creek, now Fayetteville NC] & transferred to the command of Captain Peter Bennet. Lieutenant Samuel Crafton & Ensign John Earl in Major Nalls Battalion. Colonel Stephen Moore's 4th Regiment & Gen'l Caswells [Richard Caswell's] Brigade. William Harris was adjutant. marched to South Carolina near Camden & was in the battle commonly called Gates's Defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates's defeat at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] from thence returned to North Carolina & finished his tower of duty near Salesberry [sic: Salisbury] under Gen'l [John] Butler but was not discharged from duty untill November making in that tower about six months. Afterwards in the year following was Drafted for three months in Granville County & N. Carolina under Captain Shadrack Parrish & Lieutenant John Lock & Ensign Tim Hall in Major Humphries's Battalion & Colonel Thomas Farmer's Regiment. Marched from there to South Carolina & stationed in Camden destroyed the Brestworks of the British at that place Called for by Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Joined said Gen'l Green & was with him at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] took a number of prisoners & was sent as one of the gard with these prisoners to the Cawtawba [sic: Catawba] River turnd said prisoners over to Colonel Lock [sic: Francis Locke] at that place & returnd back & joined Gen'l Green again was stationd some time at the High Hills of Santee and remained there untill we received information that Cornwallace was taken [sic: Cornwallis, on 19 Oct 1781] he was then marched back to North Carolina in the said County of Granville & was regularly discharged by the said Capt. Parrish. in this last tower he was caled out in May but was not discharged from duty until October or November making 5 or 6 months more That since the Revolutionary war he has resided first in North Carolina from their to South Carolina & from thence to the state of Georgia and County of Gwinnett where he now resides and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can proove his said services and that the said discharges have been long since lost and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to Establish the same. 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 of the states. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court Stephen hisXmark Harris

Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in & for
Gwinnett County } said county Stephen Harris who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear possitively as to the precise length of service but according to the best of his recollection (and of this he is very certain) he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade: In the year 1780 For five months as a private soldier he served under the officers as stated in his declaration of which this is an amendment: In the year 1781 For five months as a private soldier he served under the command of the officers named in the original Declaration & as there in stated – and for such service he claims a pension. and deponent further

saith that he was born on the 20th day of January 1765 in the County of Granville & state of North Carolina. That he has no Record of his age that the Record has been long since lost but he recollects the date – that he lived in the said County of Granville & State of North Carolina when he entered the service – that after the close of the war of the Revolution he removed to & resided in Abbeville District & state of South Carolina remained there for one year – then removed to Pendleton District South Carolina and resided there thirty years & then removed to Gwinnett County & State of Georgia where he has ever since resided & where he now resides. and deponent further saith that the Reverend John L Wilson & Samuel Reed who have already testified William Maltbie Esquire Clerk of the Inferior Court of Gwinnett County, James McGinnis Esquire – Wilson Strickland Esqr & William Brandon Esqr & many others of his neighbours can testify to his character for veracity & of their belief of his service in the War of the Revolution and deponent further saith that during the time he was in service he was not employed in any civil persuit

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 26th day of April 1833

Stephen hisXmark Harris

NOTE: On 14 July 1843 in Gwinnett County GA Polly Harris, age 81, applied for a pension declaring that she married Stephen Harris in Abbeville District SC in 1787, and that he died 17 April 1841.