

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harrison W3988

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State of North Carolina Franklin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Court, 1818

On this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1818 came into open Court personally John Harrison upwards of sixty years of age resident in the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", that he the said John Harrison enlisted in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia (the time of enlistment he the said John Harrison does not know) in the Company commanded by Captain Isaac Hicks of the 3rd Regiment of the State of Georgia. That he the said John marched shortly after his enlistment to the State of Georgia, that he continued to serve in the said Regiment, or in the Service of the United States until he had served three years nine months & three weeks, and one day, after which he was discharged from service (the time of discharge not known to him the said John) in the Town of Savannah in the State of Georgia. That he was in the Battles of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], at Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780], in two Battles at the Town of Savannah when it was taken & retaken, That he was in Battle at Briars Creek [Brier Creek, March 3, 1779], where there was much fright & confusion and but little fighting, That he was in a Battle at Fort Barrington on the Altamaha [River], and another at Ebenezer, and that he fought in the Battle of Guilford North Carolina [March 15, 1781].

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country's assistance for support, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said Services, – The said John further swears that he was on the Continental establishment, of the United States as a regular Soldier. That his Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert] as well as he recollects who was after the death of General McIntosh promoted to a General.

Signed

S/ John Harrison, X his mark

Schedule

District of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Edgecombe February Term 1821

On this 2nd day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Edgecombe having a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount with power to fine & imprison and keeping a record of its proceedings John Harrison formally a resident of Franklin County, but now a resident in Edgecombe County aforesaid who being first duly sworn

according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows he enlisted under Captain Isaac Hicks of the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line commanded by Colonel Elbert, he served three years, nine months, three weeks and a day and was regularly discharged in March soon after the Battle of Guilford – He was in the battles of Savannah, Bryer Creek, at Fort Barrington, at Camden & at Guilford, His original Declaration bears date December 1818 – His pension Certificate bears date 12th January 1818 by Number 5283.

S/ John Harrison, X his mark

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ John Harrison, X his mark

Schedule of John Harrison's Property

1 Bed (feathers), 2 small pots, 1 frying pan, 2 guns, 1 dozen plates, one set knives & forks, 2 dishes, 6 cups, 5 saucers, one cupboard, one clothes press, 2 spinning wheels, one pair cards, 1 dozen shuck bottomed chairs, one pair of flat Irons, & Loom – 1 saddle, one ax, one hoe, 6 spoons, 2 tumblers, 2 decanters, 2 jugs

S/ John Harrison, X his mark

[f p. 21]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, in this Office, that John Harrison a Soldier of said line was allowed for his services as a soldier aforesaid, the sum of 41 pounds 15 shillings and one penny by a Board of Commissioners which sat at Warrenton in the year 1786.

Given under my hand this 28th day of February 1844

S/ Wm Hill

[f p. 11: On March 19, 1844 in Wake County North Carolina Rosanna Harrison, about 73 years of age, applied for a widow's pension as the widow of John Harrison, a revolutionary war pensioner, who departed this life September 14, 1830; that she was married in the early part of the year 1787; that she and her husband had lived since their marriage in Wake County North Carolina until his death; that her name prior to her marriage was Rosanna Peddy; that her husband was about 74 years old when he died. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 22: copy of a marriage bond dated February 12, 1787 issued in Wake County North Carolina to John Harrison and Reuben Hunter conditioned upon the marriage of John Harrison to Rosannah Peddy.]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 17, 1818, for service as a Private in the Georgia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per

annum.]