

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harwood Pope W4053

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County }

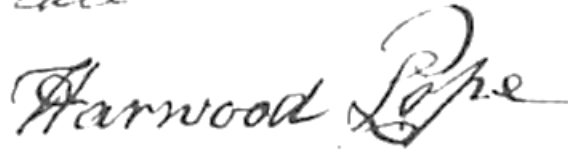
On this 26th day of May 1835 personally appeared before me Valentine Hoover a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Harwood Pope a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-Three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration 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.

In the month of June 1781 the applicant then residing in the County of Granville State of North Carolina entered the militia service as a Substitute for Thomas Pretty [? could be Preilly] and was placed under the Command of the following named officers at Granville Court house Shadrach Parish Captain, John Lock Lieutenant William Shaw Ensign. From Granville Court house they marched through the Western part of North Carolina to Salisbury in Rowan County where they remained a few days from thence they marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County. From thence they marched to Camden South Carolina. From Camden they marched to Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort] S. C. on their march from Camden to Fort Thompson they joined a Regiment under the command of Colonel Palmer [sic, Lt. Col. Thomas Farmer] from Wake County N. C. During this march they fell in with the army under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. They were stationed a few days at Thompson's Fort. From Thompson's Fort they marched to the Eutaw Springs where they were engaged in a battle fought on the 8th day of September 1781 between the American Army commanded by General Greene and the British Army commanded by Colonel Stewart – after the Battle at Eutaw Springs, they made various excursions in quest of the Tories who very much infested that part of the Country. After having traversed the County for some time they marched to Camden where the claimant states he was discharged but did not receive a written discharge. This was in the month of December 1781. During his Campaign he served six months. The claimant states that he knew Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard of Maryland] and Colonel Williams [William Washington of Virginia] who were regular officers and there were many others whom he knew whose names he does not now recollect. He states that he was born in Halifax County North Carolina and that he has no Record of his age, he states that he has resided in the County of Franklin and Davidson since the Revolutionary war. He states that he is well known to John Thomas, William Sullivan, William Carnell and Pettis Finch who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
S/ Val. Hoover, JP

in case
S/ Harwood Pope

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harwood Pope". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Harwood Pope".

[David Hessler and Charles Mack gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On June 1, 1843, Elizabeth Pope made application in Davidson County North Carolina for a widow's pensions stating that she was 74 years old, that she married Harwood Pope on May 6, 1785 and that her husband Harwood Pope died on October 6, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

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