

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence Harrison ¹W4223 Mary Harrison

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The State of Ohio Logan County SS:

On this twenty first day of November 1850, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the said County and State, Mary Harrison, a resident of Pleasant Township in said County and State, aged Eighty-one years on the 24th day of February A.D. 1850, who being first duly sworn by me according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th A.D. 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" That she is the widow of Lawrence Harrison who was a Lieutenant in one of the companies of the 9th Virginia Regiment, whether of Cavalry or infantry she is not able to state, That said Lawrence Harrison enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia troops at an early period of the war of the revolution with Great Britain in what then was Westmoreland County in the State of Pennsylvania, for "during the war" That he continued in actual service in said war for about the term of seven years and nine months. That while in service he was promoted first to be an Ensign and then to a Lieutenant. That in the last mentioned capacity he served until the close of the said war and was then honorably discharged, That he had a certificate of his Honorable discharge which he gave to one Major Springer for the purpose of procuring for him his lands and pay that said Springer never returned said certificate and her said husband was wholly unable to obtain the same, during his life, Declarant does not know what has become of the same, That the Commission of said Lawrence Harrison as Lieutenant in said 9th Virginia Regiment was given to the Honorable Samson Mason,² while he was a member of Congress from the 4th Congressional District —, and was either lost or mislaid, That inquiry, and diligent search has been made for the same in all likely quarters and it remains unfound, and declarant does not know where the same now is, That she is unable to state with greater particularity, the

¹ BLWt1074-200—Lieut. Issued Apr. 30, 1793 No papers.

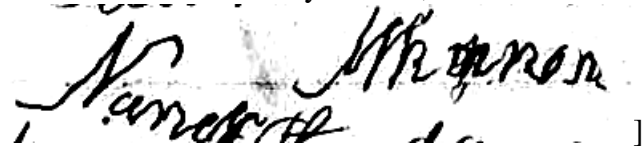
² MASON, Samson, a Representative from Ohio; born in Fort Ann, Washington County, N.Y., July 24, 1793; attended the common schools in Onondaga, N.Y.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Springfield, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Clark County in 1822; member of the State senate 1829-1831; president judge of the court of common pleas in 1834; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress and reelected as a Whig to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1843); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twenty-fifth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination; member of the state house of representatives in 1845 and 1846; United States attorney for Ohio 1850-1853; delegate to the Ohio constitutional convention in 1850; served in the state senate 1862-1864; served from captain to major general in the state militia; died in Springfield, Ohio, February 1, 1869; interment in Ferncliff Cemetery.

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date at which her said husband entered the service or left it, or the particular kind of troops in which that service was rendered, or the name, or rank of any of his superior Officers, She further declares that she was married to the said Lawrence Harrison on the 19th day of February 1788, by one Augustin Easton a Baptist Clergyman in then Bourbon County in the State of Kentucky, That she is informed and believes there is no public record of said marriage none being by law, and then and there required to be kept, That her said husband made a record of said marriage at the time thereof in a family Bible. That said Bible and record had become so decayed and defaced as to be illegible, near twenty years ago, when she last saw the same, that there is neither public or private record of said marriage, to the best of her knowledge, That her husband the aforesaid Lawrence Harrison died on the 12th day of November 1813 near [illegible],³ Champaign County of Ohio, That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service aforesaid but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated, She makes this declaration before a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for said County of Logan and State of Ohio, for the reason that she is unable from blindness and other of the bodily afflictions of age to attend in open Court and make the same.

S/ Mary Harrison, X her mark

[p 5: Affidavit given by Nancy McKinnon of Logan County Ohio that she was intimately acquainted with Lawrence Harrison from the affiant's infancy; that said Lawrence was a soldier of the revolution; that affiant has seen his commission; that after the close of the war said Lawrence married Mary Allison; that affiant was at the house of Lawrence when he died



Nancy McKinnon

[p 10: Extract of the marriage record in the clerk's office of Bourbon County Kentucky showing that in February 1788 "Laurence Harrison" married "Mary Allison" and that they were married by "Austin Eastin."]

[Facts in file: the widow, Mary Allison Harrison was the daughter of Charles Allison who died October 10, 1787, place not stated; that about 1802 or 1804 the veteran moved from Kentucky to Champaign County of Ohio and lived there about ½ miles from Urbana until he died November 12, 1813; the veteran and his wife had the following children

Charles born November 21, 1788

Benjamin born May born December 21, 1793, died March 15, 1831

Francina born December 21, 1793, died March 15, 1831

William Batteal born September 27, 1796, living in Campbell County Kentucky in 1851

John born May 21, 1798, living in Cass County, Indiana, in 1851

Caty Griffin born November 8, 1808, married Robert Ellis and in 1851 was living in Logan County, Ohio

Reuben Campbell born February 2, 1805, resident of Miami County Indiana in 1851

Medford born November 18, 1808, died July 22, 1822

Mary born July 4, 1812, died February 30, 1832

Sarah West, a sister of the widow, was born March 4, 1776 and was living in Marion County,

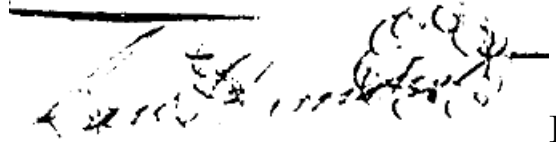
³ *Maria* [perhaps "Urbana"]

Indiana, in 1851. In an affidavit given by Sarah West she states that she and her sister Mary are the only surviving children of their father Charles Allison, deceased. That the marriage of Mary Allison to Lawrence Henderson was delayed on account of the sickness and death of her father. Sarah West signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia service.]

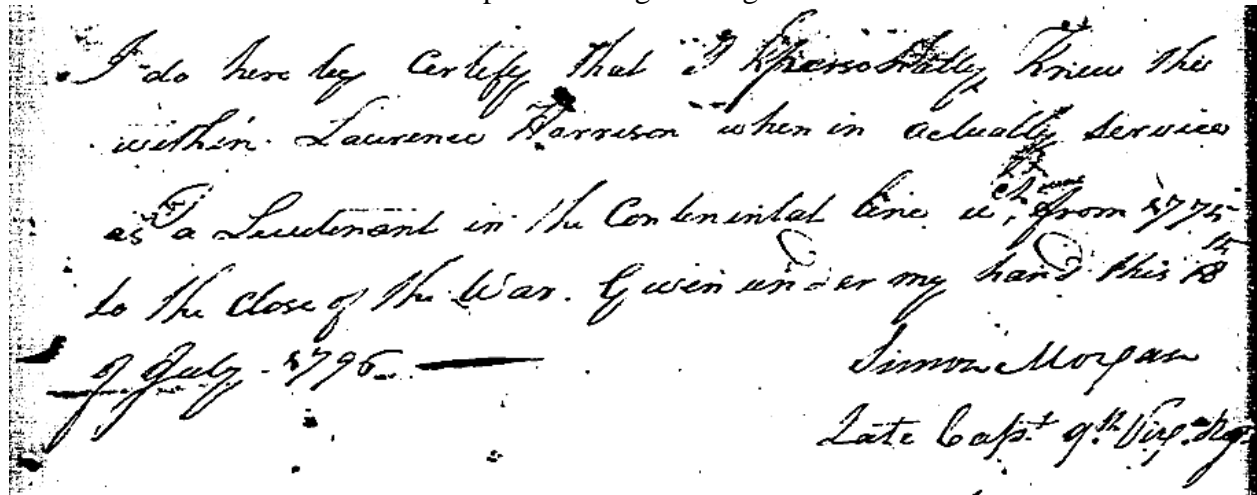
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p 1: appears to be a power of attorney dated July 5, 1796 given by Lawrence Harrison in Harrison County Kentucky and by which he empowers his attorney to pursue his claim for bounty land against the State of Virginia for his services rendered as a Lieutenant in the Virginia line (he gives the Regiment number but it is so indistinct as to be illegible)



I do hereby certify that I personally knew the within Laurence [sic] Harrison when in actual service as a Lieutenant in the Continental line which was from 1775 to the close of the War. Given under my hand this 18th of July 1796

S/ Simon Morgan⁴
late Captain 9th Virginia Regiment



I do Certify that Lieutenant Lawrence Harrison continued in service until the Close of the War in November 1783.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1796
S/ James Wood, Late BG

⁴ Probably the same man as [Simon Morgan W8475](#)

[another Bounty Land file]

By reference to the books of this Office it appears that on the 28th of November 1796 a Warrant for 3111 acres issued to Lawrence Harrison for his services 7 years a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line which warrant was delivered to William Stirling – Also that on the first day of April 1783 – two warrants issued (the one for 1300 and the other 4 1366 2/3 acres) to Henry Dawson for his service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years ending the 16th [illegibly faint month] 1779.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December 1809

S/ Edward C Davis, Register Land Office