

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Harrison W4481                      Sina Harrison                      VA  
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State of Virginia, Buckingham County to wit.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court William Harrison a resident of said County aged near or about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make on his oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. Early in the war of the revolution (but having no learning he does not remember the exact date) he attached himself as a substitute for Lewis Ralph in Mecklenburg County in a Company of drafted Va Militia, he was then not more than 15 years old. before the expiration of that service he enlisted for during the war in the 7<sup>th</sup> regiment of virginia state troops [sic], but has forgotten the officer unless it was Capt Mayo Carrington [VAS596], for soon after his enlistment he was marched by Carrington to Valley Forge [winter of 1777-78], where he was inoculated for small pox, not long after he left Valley Forge the 7<sup>th</sup> Va regiment and the 3<sup>d</sup> were put together and called the 3<sup>d</sup>, he then went under Capt William Moseley [W5385] and his brother Lieutenant Benjamin Moseley BLWt1932-200 and/or W5387]. Heath [sic: William Heth BLWt1064-500]] & Russel [possibly William Russell BLWt1849-500]] were Colonels in command at the time. He was at Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and all through the Jerseys, and marched for Philadelphia to the South in the winter time [Dec 1779] crossing rivers on the ice. in the South he was in several unimportant skirmishes, in one of which near Pee dee he was wounded in the head by the sword of a British officer, and he received a gunshot wound in his leg at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. He was taken prisoner while in Woodfords [Gen. William Woodford's] brigade at Charleston [12 May 1780] and escaped, but as soon as he could he joined the army in the militia service first, and then again in the regular service, and at Guilford he fought in the regular service. this was the last fight he was in. the next place he rendezvoused after the fight at Guilford was at Winchester Va. where after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] he was honourably discharged but has many years since lost it. his whole period of service was some where between 5 & 7 years in both Militia and State troops. after the war they gave him a Va. Certificate of about £100 which he sold in five minutes for little or nothing. he served as drummer the whole time. he cannot say as to who were his general officers and Colonels were but knows he is accurate in his regiments in which he served. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

William Harrison

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This may Certify that William Harrison enlisted with me some time in the month of February[?] one thous'd seven hundred [illegible] appointed a Drummer on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May following and served in that Capacity to the last day of Dec'r one thousand seven hundred Eighty one and has received[?] pay to the last of Nov'r One thousand seven hundred & seventy nine & no Longer  
Octo 20<sup>th</sup> 1783

Mayo Carrington Capt  
5<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regim't

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NOTE: On 9 May 1853 Sina Harrison, 53, applied for a pension stating that she married William Harrison on a date unknown, and he died 22 Jan 1849. On 26 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land. Other documents in the file state that her maiden name was Wooton, and they had a son named James M. Harrison.