

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Harmon (Harmen)¹ W754 Barbara fn54NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 4/12/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Washington County: Declaration of Adam Harmon for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

On this 8th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me William Gilleyland one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Adam Harmon aged seventy years of age the 15th day of February who being desirous of obtaining the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 and being unable to attend the Court of the said County in order to perfect his said claim, made swore to & subscribed the following declaration to wit, that he was born in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia the 15th day of February 1764 according to the account given him by his parents though the family record is not in his possession: that he was raised in the County & State aforesaid & when the prisoners were conveyed to Winchester for safekeeping he volunteered to perform a tour of duty in the Virginia militia to go and guard said prisoners at Winchester and volunteered under Captain Downy [Downey?] and rendezvoused under said officers & was marched to Winchester in the month of November 1780 and their continued in said service at said Barrics [barracks] until April which exceeded the term for which he volunteered being called a three months tour when he entered but he continued in said service much longer, and when discharged he returned home, though he does not recollect whether he received a written discharge or verbal, however, he was discharged by Captain Downey & returned home in the spring of 1781. That he on his return from service in 1781 removed from Shenandoah to the Western frontiers of North Carolina (now Tennessee) and settled on the Nolichucky [River] on the borders of the Cherokee Nation, when the said Indians were daily killing in the vicinity; & in league with the British, & he immediately was drafted as was also all the militia to repulse the Indians, enrolled under Captain Campbell, of General Martin's command for a three months tour & marched below where Knoxville now stands & into the body of the Cherokee Indians & returned home, without serving the three months out but retreated & came home in six weeks being verbally discharged by Captain

¹ BLWt34541-160-55

Campbell, shortly after which, he again was drafted to go again into the Cherokee Nation, was placed under Captain Scott of the command of Colonels Sevier [John Sevier] & Chrysty [William Christian?] and marched under said officers to the Nation, and scoured the country & guarded & scouted for more than two months though the enrollment was for three months, and after repulsing the Indians, was discharged by his Captain Scott & returned home, in which several tours he served at least seven months and a half for which he claims a pension, that he has no written or documentary evidence having lost his discharges nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish his said servitude but that Samuel Broyles and Samuel Monk our citizens of his neighborhood known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the reputation of his service nor is there any Minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulations of the War Department, that he from bodily infirmity & extreme rheumatic affliction is unable to attend Court in order to perfect his papers.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 8th day of November 1833.

Test S/ Wm Gilleyland

S/ Adam Harmen, X his mark

[Samuel Broyles & Samuel Monk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On February 16, 1853 in Washington County Tennessee, Barbara Harmon, 70, filed for her pension as the widow of Adam Harmon, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$25 per annum; that her husband died in Washington County Tennessee May 4th, 1844; that she married him on June 21, 1801; that they were married by Esquire Prater in Greene County Tennessee.]

[fn p. 10: On May 30, 1855 in Washington County Tennessee, Barbara Harmon, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Adam Harmon, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$25 per annum; that he died May 4, 1844; that she married him in Green County Tennessee June 21, 1801; they were married by Thomas Praither, JP; her name prior to her marriage was Barbara Barnhart.]

[fn p. 48: On October 7, 1865 in Washington County Tennessee, Barbary Harmon, 82, filed for the restitution of her pension benefits as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]