

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Harman (Harmon) W7645

Piercy Harman VA

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State of Tennessee }

Overton County } March Term 1825

Overton Circuit Court on the 15th day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty five Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of the Common Law denominated the Circuit Court held for the County of Overton and State of Tennessee, Charles Harmon 62 years of age Resident in the said County of Overton, who being first duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of almighty God according to the Laws of the Land, doth upon his oath declare and state that he Entered and served as a Revolutionary soldier in the revolutionary war of the United States of America in the Continental Establishment as follows (Towit) that is to say he [word covered by tape here and at places indicated by *] as a Regular Soldier in the United States service under Captain Hu[*]dston or Woodson [Hughes Woodson] on the 15th day of April 1779. for the [*] of 18 Months and he served the full term and tour of 18 months. he states that he served part of the time in the 5th Virginia Regiment, which was at that time commanded by Col. Abram Buford [Abraham Buford S46372] or Bluford and that he was mustered into service at Petersburg in the State of Virginia. he states that he was in the Battle which was fought at the hanging rock in the state of South Carolina [Battle of Waxhaws, 29 May 1780], and that at said battle the American troops were repulsed and they retreated some of them to Chesterfield Courthouse in the state of Virginia he also states that he was then attached to 3rd Virginia Regiment (as he believes) which Regiment was then under the command of Col. William Davis [sic: William Davies] and that he was discharged from service by said Col. William Davis at the said Chesterfield Courthouse aforesaid in the State of Virginia on or about the 22nd or 23rd day of October 1780. he further states that his discharge has been lost by casulty (towit) that is to say it was washed to pieces in his waistcoat pocket shortly after his return from service he states that there are several persons by whom he could prove his enlistment and services but they live at a considerable distance from this, tho he states that he has procured one person by whom he can prove that he was the actual person that Enlisted and performed the services which are claimed in the foregoing (To wit) Babory Luster[?] living in Orange [sic] County in the state of Kentucky whose affidavit to that affect is hereunto annexed together with the affidavit of Francis Hall stating that the person herein named (Towit) Barbry Luster who has made oath to the Enlistment and service of Charles Harman is a person of good moral character and that the said Barbry Luster's oath should be entitled to credit in a court of Justice. Said Harmon further states that in January 1781. he entered into the service in a Company of Militia which Company was commanded by Captain Oaty [sic: John Otey] and he believes that it was attached to the 7 or 8th Regiment which Regiment was commanded by Col. [Alexander] Dick, and was under the General command of Gen'l. Muhlenbergh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and that he was at the taking of a two Gun boat which action took place between the long bridge fort [probably Great Bridge] and Pourtsmouth port [sic: Portsmouth] and that the party that took the boat was commanded by Lieut. George Dooley. the in above named M[*] by Capt. Oaty

Charles Harman further maketh oath that he [*], probably "was a citizen" of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818. and that he has not since that time by Gift Sale or in any other way whatsoever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish the same so as to bring himself within the provisions of the acts of the Congress of the United States of America passed on the 18th day of March 1818. and on or about the 1st day of May 1820. made for the benefit of certain persons who were engaged in the Land and naval services of the United States of America in the Revolutionary war and that he has not himself nor has any one in trust for him either directly or indirectly any property securitys or contracts Debts or dues of any kind or description whatsoever save what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed which is a true and perfect inventory of his the said Charles

Harmon's whole Estate of every kind and Description

(Towit) One horse worth about \$60.00

One mare worth about 15.00

he also states that he has a wife and family and that his wife is about 56 or 57 years of age and that his childrens names are as follows (Towit) Dotia Harmon (now Dotia Belque) Elizabeth Harmon (now Elizabeth Elan[?]) George Harmon Benjamin Harmon Pheby Harmon (now Pheby Daniel Margaret Harmon (now Margaret Ramsey) Jincy Harmon Charles Harmon and Maryann Harmon. he the said Charles Harmon further States that his Children are all of them in poore and indigent circumstances so much so that they are not able to give him a decent Support, and he further more states that from his bad health that he is not able to get a support by his labour.

Again he the said Charles Harmon further more states that his papers were certified by Perry W. Humphries one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee in September 1818 and that they were sent by mail to the Ware Department for inspection and for some omission in the dates of his papers they were returned to the Post Office in Overton County (as he is informed by a Letter from J. L. Edwards headed ware Department Pention Office and dated the 8th day of August 1822. which Letter I herewith enclose you as proof of my information) The said Charles Harmon further states that he has since he Received the Letter from J. L. Edwards been to see Perry W. Humphries respecting his papers and the said Humphries told him that he did not recollect to have received his papers or that he had had any thing to do with them since he certified them in September 1818 at Monroe Overton County.

Charles hisXmark Harmon

State of Tennessee }

Overton County } February Sessions of the County Court of the county of Overton in said state
1834

On this 8th day of February AD 1834 personally appeared Charles Harmon a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid before us Adam Winningham James Dennis James Harrison acting Justices of the peace commissioned and qualified to hold the courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County who after being first duly sworn according to Law being of the age of 71 years doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provition made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the army of the united states in the year 1779 under Captain Hugh Woodson and under Liutenant Deaster and served in the 5th Ridgment of the Virginia Line under the following named officers Col Abriham Bluford Capt Hugh Woodson Liutenenat Paester he states that he enlisted in the County of Bedford State of Virginia on or about the thenth day of April in the year 1779 and was Musterd in to service at Petersburg and sworn to obey the commanding officers for the time of Eighteen months which was the term for which he enlisted he was then marched to South Carolina to the hanging Rock and was in the Battle Col A Bluford was the highest in command at the place the Battle was fought in 1780 in the Spring of the year dont recollect the day or month but recollected they were defeated but made there escape from the enemy and were not take prisoners this Battle was with the British Tatten [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] was the British commander as he understood at that place of there lite horse a great many of the men lost there fire arms in that Battle or in making there escape from the battle there commander [Buford] Broke from them the first or second fire as he understood and the balance of us soon found that we were overpowered with the enemy and we fled [two illegible words] man according to his own nature and he did not see his officer that is his captain any more for a long time that himself and Jacob fear and one Morgan went back to Bedford County Virginia he states that he then went to Chesterfield Court House and there found his captain and then joined the 5th Virginia Ridgment again and was placed under the command of Col William Davis dont recollect the name of the captain that he was then placed under for he was not placed under his old one with whom he had enlisted for the old one had resigned [in October 1780] as well as he recollects or else his time was out for which he went in to the service they remained at Chesterfield untill in October 1780 about the fifteenth or twentieth of the month he was then discharged by Col William Davis together with John Turner who had enlisted with

him and at the same time this tower of service was for 18 months but he served five or ten days longer but only claims for 18 months service which did perform without any doubt he states that he had put his discharge in to his vest coat pocket and shortly after returning home one of his sisters washed it up in said pocket in washing his cloaths after receiving his discharge he returned home again to bedford County Virginia and in the year 1781 in February as well as he recollects and about the 2nd or 3rd day he substituted in the room of one Jonathan Landers who had been drafted he was placed under Liutenant George Deiling [sic] Capt Auty [sic] of Bedford County Virginia in the Virginia Malitia and was marched to pourtsmouth faurt or near there or the western branch the British had possession of that post at that time and between Pourtsmouth faurt and the long bridge faurt I was at the taking of a two gun Boat they killed one British man and took ten of them prisoners and caried them to head Quarters 2 or 3 miles from where we captured them and on the next day they were given in exchange for some of our own men as he was informed. he was then continued stationed near faurt Pourtsmouth untill in april abat the 3rd day he believes precisely that day he was discharged by Capt Auty and then returned home has lossed that discharge also this [illegible word] added to his 18 months tower makes 21 months which service he did perform and for which he claims a pension he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state

Charles hisXmark Harman

NOTES:

Harman is said to have been a Cherokee who also went by the name George Grey Horse.

On 11 Nov 1853 in Jackson County TN Peircy Harmon applied for a pension stating that as Peircy Flowers she married Charles Harmon in Wayne County KY on 13 Dec 1833, and he died on 7 May 1847.