

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Harmon ¹W7647 Elizabeth Harmon f27VA
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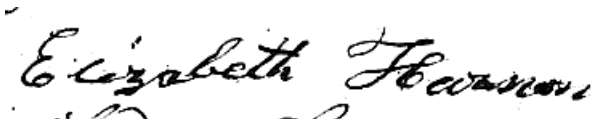
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State of Virginia County of Dinwiddie: SS

On this thirty first day of March A.D. 1851 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie Elizabeth Harmon a resident of Dinwiddie in the County of Dinwiddie State of Virginia aged seventy-three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 29th day of July 1848. She declares that she is the widow of William Harmon who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Peter Epps in the ___ Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ in the Army of the United States. That he enlisted on or about the month of ___ in the year __. That he served three terms in all more than twelve months. That he resided in the County of Dinwiddie State of Virginia at the time of his Enlistment. That he marched through the Eastern portions of the State of Virginia that he was in the Battle at Petersburg Virginia [April 25, 1781]. That he was stationed for more time in the County of Chesterfield Virginia. That in consequence of the burning of his house his original Certificate of his legal discharge has been destroyed. (For the evidence of the service of William Holman, the length of time, the number of terms, the grade & quality of the service &c, see the affidavit of Captain Peter Epps a regular commissioned officer in the Army whose affidavit is in accordance with the 3rd rule of the regulations under this act.)

She further declares that she was married to the said William Harmon on the 9th day of June in the year 1796; That her husband the aforesaid William Harmon died on the ___ day of February 1811; That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the 2nd of January 1800 (the is), at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow & that she has never before made application for a pension.

S/ Elizabeth Harmon



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The affidavit of Peter Epps of the County of Dinwiddie State of Virginia a witness of lawful age taken before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the said County & State, on the

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22nd day of October 1850. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law states as follows viz., William Harmon of the County of Dinwiddie State of Virginia served three tours under me, in a Company which I commanded in the revolutionary war. We were stationed at Chesterfield Courthouse sometime in the State of Virginia. I am certain he served the full half of his time, nine months in all. And he was an excellent soldier & further this affiant saith not.

S/ Peter Epps,² X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed with his mark he being unable to write his name from age & infirmity on the day & year above written before me

S/ L. P. Lanier, JP

[p 9: On April 9, 1855 in Dinwiddie County Virginia, the widow, then giving her age as 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. This application was supported by an affidavit of L. D. Harmon (relationship not stated)

L. D. Harmon]

[p 13: copy of a license issued in Dinwiddie County Virginia May 30, 1796 for the wedding of William Harmon and Elizabeth Anderson. The license was returned by Charles Roper, a Methodist Episcopal church preacher on the 9th of June 1796 indicating that he had joined the couple in holy matrimony agreeable to the license.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]

² [Peter Eppes S8424](#)