

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Harbit (Harbert) W7673      Margaret Harbit      f56VA[sicPA]  
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District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid, personally appeared William Harbert aged sixty-eight or nine years resident in Nicholas County in the District aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled ["an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he the said William Harbert enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Heath (called the Independent Company) not attached to any particular Regiment of the Pennsylvania Continental line that he continued in the service of the United States for three years to wit until 1779 when he again enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Huriiah Springer [Uriah Springer] of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia Continental line, that he continued in the service of the United States until 1782 when he was discharged from service in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in several skirmishes on the Frontiers and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his enlistment and said service.

Sworn to & declared the day & year first above written.

S/ John Trimble

Schedule

District of Kentucky Clark Circuit Sct.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District established as such by had Act of the Legislature of Kentucky for the Circuit of Clark County, William Harbert aged 70 years resident in Fleming County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the year 177\_ in Captain Springer's Company in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment for during the war; the Regiment was commanded first by Colonel Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead], then by Colonel Gibson [probably John Gibson, possibly George Gibson], that he continued to serve in the said Regiment until the conclusion or end of the War; as will more fully appear by his Original Declaration which is dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818 and his Pension Certificate is dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819 and No. 6.963.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One Cow only valued at	\$18.00
One horse	—25.00
One Sow 6 pigs & 2 Barrows	—9.00
Plough, hoe, horse gear &c	—8.00
4 head of Sheep	—6.00
	<u>\$58.00</u>

\$6 due me, and I am justly indebted to others \$39.

S/ William Harbert, X his mark

I am now living on a small tenement belonging to Colonel Fletcher independent upon his Charity for support. I have a wife and a small grandchild living with me; through age and the hardships [indecipherable word] in the Revolutionary War I am scarcely able to do any manual labor but am dependent upon the Charity of my friends and my Country for support.

Sworn to and declared on the day of September 1820 before me a Circuit Judge for the Circuit aforesaid.

S/ Jos Clark  
Circuit Judge

[p. 25: letter dated February 17, 1830 sent from Portsmouth Ohio to the Secretary at War by the veteran stating that he has removed from Kentucky to Ohio and wishes his pension to be paid there.]

[p 10: On July 8, 1847 in Nile Township, Scioto County of Ohio, Margaret Harbit, more than 90 years of age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Harbit, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he received his pension an initially in Lexington Kentucky but upon his removal to Ohio the payment of his pension was made at Cincinnati Ohio; that her husband died March 20, 1835; that her maiden name was Margaret Traver; that she married her husband in Washington County Pennsylvania, the year she does not recall but it was before her husband's last service in the revolution; that they resided in Pennsylvania until she had 4 children when they removed to Kentucky more than 60 years ago; that about 40 years ago she resided in the Counties of Mason, Nicholas & Fleming in Kentucky & about 20 years past she removed to the state of Ohio and has resided there to the present; that she and her husband had 10 children, that Samuel her youngest son with whom she now lives is more than 50 years of age; Samuel was born in Nicholas County Kentucky. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 43: On July 15, 1847 in Nicholas County Kentucky, Robert Berry, 80, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William and Margaret (Peggy) Harbit from 1794 when the deponent's daughter and his oldest child was born; at that time William & Margaret had several children; that he does not remember the names of all of the children of William and Margaret but he

remembers John and Samuel; that deponent has known John since boyhood and has lived a near neighbor to him ever since; that he never heard it doubted that John and Margaret were legally married; that they lived together as man and wife. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 47: On August 7, 1847 in Nile Township, Scioto County of Ohio, William Harbit gave testimony that he is a grandson of William and Margaret Harbit; that he is 34 years of age having been born in 1813; that his grandfather was pensioned under the name "Harbert"; that his grandfather died March 20, 1835 in Nile Township; that deponent was living with William and Margaret at the time William died; that his grandfather had a will which was probated April 20, 1845 and deponent served as executor of the estate; that deponent is the son of Susanna, daughter of William and Margaret; the said Susanna was the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> child of William and Margaret and was born November 3, 1789; that his grandmother lived with him until about 3 months past when she went to visit her son Samuel and has been unable to return due to sickness; that most of his grandparents children were unable to read or write and that their name got spelled differently.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Harbit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a closing bracket.

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[p 50: Deposition given by Philip West in Nicholas County Kentucky July 14, 1847, in which he states he is 60 years of age; that he was personally acquainted with William and Margaret Harbit; that they lived together as man and wife and had several children some of whom are older than himself; that he remembers the following children of said William & Margaret: Elizabeth, Polly, Susan, John, Henry & Samuel.]

[p 52: On July 14, 1847 in Nicholas County Kentucky, John Harbit gave testimony that he is 57 years of age; that he is the son of William and Margaret Harbit; that his father was a revolutionary war pensioner; that he, affiant, was born in Nicholas County Kentucky; that at the time of his birth his parents had 4 older children. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 30, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]