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Pension application of William Harbinson W7706

Sarah Harbinson f49NC

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State of Georgia Elbert County } SS

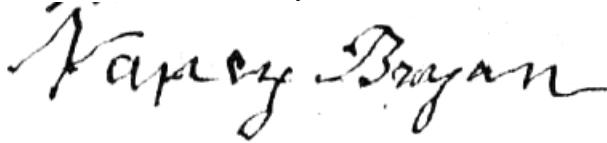
On this 13th day of February 1846, Personally appeared Before me Joseph Sewell one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in said County Sarah Harbinson a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1836, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of William Harbinson of Guilford County North Carolina who was a private in the North Carolina militia in the revolutionary war and served at least one year in behalf of the United States, but cannot designate the line of officers under whom he served, the length of Tours and the time of entering and leaving the Service. She further declares that she was married to the said William Harbinson on the 22nd day of May 1776, and that her husband the aforesaid William Harbinson died on the 14th day of February 1820, leaving her his widow in which State of widowhood she has remained ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this February the 13th day 1846.

S/ Joseph Seawell, JIC

S/ Sarah Harbinson, X her mark

[p 40: On December 27, 1846 in Wilkes County Georgia, Nancy Bryan gave testimony that she was a bride's attendant at the marriage of Sarah Gillems to William Harbinson on the May 22, 1776 in Guilford County North Carolina.



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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this 31st of October 1846 Personally appeared Before me Joseph Sewell one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in said County Sarah Harbinson a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration explanatory to her declaration now in the Pension office. That she is the widow of William Harbinson of Guilford County, State of North Carolina

who served in the revolutionary war on the part of the United States as a Private in the North Carolina Militia at least as much as one year from her own recollection of his Service, but she further says that she cannot now identify his officers, terms of Tours and time and manner of entering and leaving the Service but from the time he was from home on duty in the Army during the war and the amount he received for said Service she knows he must have served one year if not more. She further declares that she was married to the said William Harbinson on the 22nd day of May 1776, in the State of North Carolina Guilford County, which fact is made evident to her from the age of her first child who is now sixty-eight years of age and was born when she (applicant) was sixteen years old & two years after her marriage. She further says that the Services of her husband were performed together before and after the marriage took place and that her husband the above named William Harbinson died on the 14th day of February 1820 leaving her his widow in which State of widowhood she has continued ever since.

Sworn to and Subscribed before made this 31st day of October 1846

S/ Joseph Sewell, JIC

S/ Sarah Harbinson, X her mark

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State of Georgia Elbert County} SS

On this 19th day of January 1850 Personally appeared this day before me the Justice of the Peace in said County Sarah Harbinson a resident of the State of Georgia in the County of Elbert aged eighty-nine years who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 2nd day of February 1848, granting Pensions to Widows of Persons who served in the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of William Harbinson who was a Private in the Militia in the State of North Carolina and in addition to his Services named in her former declaration she says he was once employed in the Militia in the State of South Carolina in which time he and two other men with him conveyed one James Moore to Goal to a place called Camden. She further says that this latter service was not included in her first declaration in consequence of her having forgotten the particulars of it when she first applied. She also furthers declares that she is a widow yet.

S/ Sarah Harbinson, X her mark

State of South Carolina Anderson District} SS

Personally came before me William D Sitton an Acting Magistrate in and for said District and State above named John Wilson,¹ who after being first duly sworn according to law, saith on his oath that he was acquainted with William Harbinson of Guilford County in the State of North Carolina before and after he was married and recollects distinctly when he was married to Sarah Gillems but cannot identify the exact date but thinks it was in or near the year the Declaration of Independence was made, deponent further says that he lived in four miles of them when they married but was not present at the marriage but knew they did marry at the time above stated and lived together as husband and wife ever after until the date of his William Harbinson's death. Deponent also further says that he knows that the said William Harbinson served on the part of the United States in the capacity of a Private in the Revolutionary War from the circumstance of having served with him under Colonel O'Neal [probably William O'Neal of the Orange County Regiment of NC militia] and Captain Andrew Wilson but cannot now recollect the year or years

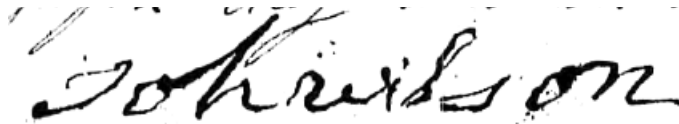
¹ [John Wilson S21581](#)

in which he served nor the length of time he served but knows he did serve for he was intimately and personally acquainted with him and saw him in service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this November the 5th day in the year 1846.

S/ William D. Sitton, Mgt.

S/ John Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wilson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of South Carolina Anderson District } SS

Personally appeared this day before me William D Sitton an acting Magistrate in and for said district John Wilson and after being first duly sworn according to law, Saith on his oath, explanatory to his affidavit made in November 1846 in relation to the Services of William Harbinson of Guilford County North Carolina in the Revolutionary War and his marriage with Sarah Gillems, that at the time he (John Wilson) was in the Service with William Harbinson he was transferred or placed in the Company of Captain (not now recollected) with William Harbinson upon a Scouting tour and when he (Wilson) made his application for a pension he could not bring in this Scouting tour of Service being unable at that time to obtain the proof and in relation to the marriage he says he was not present at it but knows they were married and recollects the time and circumstance and knows that it was early in the beginning of the War he thinks in the year of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, he also further says that he was a near neighbor of William Harbinson and knows that he was a good Soldier in the revolution and rendered a great deal of Service in favor of the United States, Although he & Harbinson did not always Served together yet he is conscious of his Service from his intimate acquaintance with him, he also further says that William Harbinson and Sarah his wife were living together as husband & wife in the time of the War and continued to live so after the war until the date of his death, that they were people of good respect, useful citizens & raised a respectable family of children. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of February 1847

S/ William D Sitton, Mgt.

S/ John Wilson

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for the service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]