

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

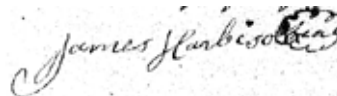
Pension application of James Harbison <sup>1</sup>W7707 Rachel Harbison f64VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 2/13/14

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State of Indiana Dubois County: SS

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting, James Harbison of the County of Dubois and State of Indiana aged sixty-nine years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – that he entered the service under the command of Captain James Robinson the fall before the battle of Cow Pens [Cowpens, January 17, 1781], & served six months – he volunteered in Botetourt County Virginia, and marched from there to North Carolina and passed through the Moravian towns & Salisbury thence to South Carolina and was within a day's march of the battle of the Cowpens – he then passed on through Kings Mountain and thence to Ramsour's Mill, crossed on the [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> in the night. He near Ramsour's mill joined Morgan's Regiment, from thence he marched to the Island Ford on Catawba River, From thence he marched down the River to what was called the Horse Ford on the Catawba River and heard the firing of the Guns at the time General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was killed [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781] on Catawba River, he then marched to Salisbury in North Carolina, he then marched to what was called the Island Ford on the Aakin [Yadkin] River, he there was in a small battle with the British and Captain Hanley was taken Prisoner – Then we marched into Virginia on Dan River where we were discharged, he thinks the discharge was signed by Major David Campbell but does not recollect, which discharge has been lost. He recollects Lieutenant James Taylor, Absalom Looney, John Hawkins, James Weathers, Michael Ohare, William Reynolds & William Walker they volunteered at the same time & served with him and were discharged at the same time; He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency or any State.

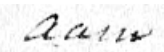
S/ James Harbison



[Hezekiah Applegate, a clergyman, and Simon Morgan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt71190-160-55

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[p 14: On January 10, 1852 in Dubois County Indiana, Rachel Harbison, 68, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of James Harbison; she states that her husband volunteered in the company of Captain Runnels or Bunch in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams in the war of 1812 at Knoxville Tennessee sometime in the year 1812; that she was married to him in Knox County Tennessee in September 1826 by William Sawyers Esquire and that her name prior to her marriage was Rachel Hembree; that her husband died in Dubois County Indiana October 6, 1841. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 60: On August 3, 1853 in Dubois County Indiana, Rachel Harbinson [sic], 70, testified that she is the widow of James Harbinson deceased late of Dubois County who was a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Knox County Tennessee in September 1825; that they were married by William Sawyer Esquire; that she has no private or public record of her marriage but that she can prove same by Hannah Rutherford who was present at the marriage and by her neighbors generally; that she is giving this testimony in order to obtain the widow's pension due her under the act of 1853. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On September 2, 1857 in Dubois County Indiana, Rachel Harbison (age not stated) filed for her bounty land entitlement and gave evidence that she is the widow of James Harbison, a private in the company commanded by Captain John Williams; that she married him in Tennessee time not recollected; that they were married by William Sawyers, a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Rachel Hembree; that her husband died October 6, 1841 in Dubois County Indiana. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]