

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Harrell: W7798

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State and District of Virginia Frederick County Sct

On this 8th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, sole & presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the 10th Judicial Circuit of which the Counties of Fauquier and Frederick compose a part, which [two illegible words] the state and district aforesaid, personally appears John Harrell aged sixty years, resident in the said County of Fauquier in the state and 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 John Harrell enlisted in in Charles County in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Captain William Bruce of the first Maryland Regiment and continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the spring of the year 1783, when he was discharged from service in the said Charles County state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Camden when Gen. [Horatio] Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780], Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] besides [illegible word] skirmishes 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 said services.

Fauquier County

District of Virginia

On the 24th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for the said County [illegible word] so by the constitution and Laws of Virginia possessing [illegible word] unlimited [illegible word] Record Law and Chancery Jurisdiction and possessed of the power of fine and imprisonment John Harrell aged upwards of Sixty years resident of the County aforesaid 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 the said John Harrall served in the first Regiment of the Maryland Line under Col Peter Adams commander of the said Regiment and that he enlisted under Captain William Bruce. That he enlisted in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight for the duration of the War. That he was discharged in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty three at the [illegible word] of General [William] Smallwood in the State of Maryland Charles County. That he is unable to state the dates of the original declaration proved before the Honorable Robert White Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County aforesaid a Record of which he has not preserved That he has received his pension up to the 4th of March 1820 and that the Number of his pension Certificate is 15301.

I John Harrell do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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 or have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

The following is copy of the Schedule of the property of the said John Harrell. three head of horses and thirteen old Sheep Seven Lambs and Seven head of Cattle and twenty two head of Hogs Four pair of Gear and One Lott of tools. One Lott of [illegible] & One waggon. Six chairs and one table and one chest Two wheels and two Bee stand. Kitchen furniture. Debts owing by the said John Harrell amounting in all to eighty eight Dollars.

The Declarant also states that he is a farmer on rented Land that he is quite unable to pursue his business that he is nearly Blind and disabled in his shoulders. That he has nine children

James Harrell is [illegible word] oldest who is about twenty nine [one or two illegible words] years old he is married and lives to himself Will Harrell is about twenty seven years of age is married and lives to himself John Harrell is about twenty five years of age who works for himself and aids me but little Peter Harrell is about thirty [illegible] years old works for himself & aids me but little Nancy Harrell is in her twenty first year she lives with me and weaves and spins in [two illegible words] but gets most of the profits of her Labour. Isaac Harrell is about Eighteen years of age lives with and assists me. Martha Harrell is about fifteen years of age lives with and assists me. Hugh Harrell is about twelve years of age lives with me and is just able to do a little work. Patsie Harrell is about nine years of age and is unable to render me any assistance That his wife is old and infirm racked with pain and a dead expense to him and that he is unable to support himself without the aid of his Country

John hisXmark Harrell

NOTE: On 29 Nov 1838 Martha Harrell, 68, applied for a pension stating that she married John Harrell on 12 Feb 1789, and he died 24 Jul 1837. The file includes a copy of the marriage record of John Harrell to Martha Davis.