

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Harrell ¹W8895

Lydia Harrell

f45VA

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State & District of Virginia, Frederick County SS Sct.

On this 29th day of January 1819 before me the subscriber sole and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County State and district aforesaid personally appeared Simon Harrell aged about 63 years, resident in the said County State and district 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 Simon Harrell enlisted in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Richard Campbell of the Eighth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in or about the month of January in the year 1776 to serve for two years; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the said two years when he was discharged from the service in the said County of Shenandoah & State of Virginia, that he was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] where he was wounded 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 except the annexed affidavits.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert White

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Shenandoah County SS August the 19th A.D. 1818

This day came Leonard Cooper² of lawful age before me a justice of the peace for the aforesaid County & deposeth & saith That sometime in the month of January in the year 1776 I acted as Ensign in Captain Richard Cammels [Richard Campbell's] company; & I enlisted Simon Harrel, a private for 2 years, & to the best of my knowledge he served the above Term & obtained an Honorable discharge. Captain Cammels Company belonged to the 8 Regiment. Sworn before me according to law.

S/ Samuel Richardson

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Frederick County to wit:

¹ BLWt30769-160-55

² [Leonard Cooper W6712](#)

This day John Elsea personally appeared before me William Vanmeter a justice of the peace for said County and deposeth and saith that sometime in the month of January 1776 he and Simon Harrel both entered in Captain Richard Cammels company for two years which time they served and he John Elsea knows that the said Harrel received an Honorable discharge.
Sworn to before me this 22nd of January 1819

S/ Wm Vanmeter

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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the first day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County Simon Harrell aged sixty-four years and upwards resident in Newtown (Stephensburg) in the said County of Frederick who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit; in the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and in the company of Captain Richard Campbell of the Virginia Line for the term of two years as will appear by his declaration made before the Honorable Judge White bearing date the 29th day of January 1819 on which he has received a pension certificate numbered 10,663 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

Schedule of property as follows

One Small Horse, one Cow, a half dozen chairs for which I am to pay \$10 next Christmas, two small shoats, one set of cups and saucers, half dozen earthen plates, one tea kettle, one skillet, one griddle, one flat iron, one pair of tongs and shovel. I am owing more debts than or owing to me.

S/ Simon Harrell

And I do further declare I am by occupation a laborer but through age and infirmity I am unable to perform more than a 4th or at most one 3rd part of the monthly or yearly labor which I was able to perform in my younger days. My family residing with me consist of my wife Lydia aged about 46 years. Her daughter Suney Harrison [could be "Seeney Harrison"]³ aged about 10 or 11 years and my youngest son by my present wife, George, now in the 4th year of his age.

S/ Simon Harsell [sic]

[p 10: On February 24, 1855 in Warren County Virginia, Lydia Harrell, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Simon Harrell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 1, 1816, or thereabout, in Frederick County Virginia; that they were married by William Hughes who was a minister; that her husband died sometime in

Seeney Harrison

the year 1822 and she is still a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

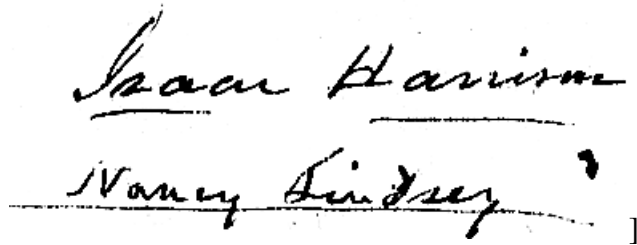
[p 14: On June 15, 1855 in Frederick County Virginia, Lydia Harrell, 79, a resident of Warren County Virginia, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Simon Harrell; in this document she states that her name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Lydia Harrison and that her husband died October 9, 1822. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 19: Isaac Harrison & Nancy Lindsey gave testimony in Frederick County Virginia on June 15, 1855 that they were well acquainted with the veteran and his widow; that they lived together as husband and wife; that Simon Harrell was known as a revolutionary soldier and pensioner; that the following is a true transcript of the family record of the marriage of the veteran and his wife and of the veteran's death:

"Simon Harrel and Lydia Harrison were married March the 1st 1816"

"Simon Harrel departed this life October 9th, 1822."

Isaac Harrison also testify that he was present at the marriage of Simon Harrell and Lydia Harrison which took place at the house of Lydia Harrison in Frederick County. The relationship, if any of the affiants to the veteran or the widow is not stated.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Isaac Harrison' and the second is 'Nancy Lindsey'. Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background. The signature 'Isaac Harrison' is written above a horizontal line, and 'Nancy Lindsey' is written below another horizontal line. There is a small bracket-like mark to the right of the second signature.

[Facts in file: the widow died November 5, 1857

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 29, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at a like amount.]