

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bartlett Harlow W8913

Lucy Harlow

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State of Kentucky Madison County Sct.: SS

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Justices of the County Court of Madison, Bartlett Harlow, a resident of Madison County, State of Kentucky, aged 79 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 and he believes it was with Captain Price and served in the 9th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers General Stephens [Adam Stephen], Colonel Crockett [probably Joseph Crockett]. He knew General Lewis [probably Andrew Lewis] and Colonel Washington [William Washington]. He left the service sometime in the year 1780. He was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and was taken a prisoner by the British troops and carried to Philadelphia, where he remained until he was exchanged and then served out the remainder of his time under Colonel Washington. He was in one other small skirmish near Bottoms Bridge below Richmond Virginia. He was then commanded by Captain Burk's [sic]. The attack or skirmish was with Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] light horse. He resided in Albemarle County Virginia when he entered the service, and was discharged in Guilford County, North Carolina. He marched through Maryland, Pennsylvania &c but cannot state that the particular places. His recollection is much impaired by old age and disease, and he cannot give many particulars in consequence of it. He enlisted for three years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Bartlett Harlow, X his mark

State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

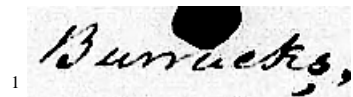
The farther declaration of Bartlett Harlow aged eighty odd years a Revolutionary Soldier who solemnly swears upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain Price then recruiting in Albemarle County at the town of Charlottesville in the year 1777 or 1776 for three years in the 9th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Matthews [George Matthews], he cannot recollect the place where he joined the Brigade of General Stephens, but he knows they marched to the North, and the first Battle he was in was the Battle [of] Germantown where he was taken prisoner, and confined in Philadelphia for between eight & nine months, as soon as he was exchanged he rejoined his Regiment and marched to the

South through Virginia and served out his full tour, and as well is he can remember he was discharged in North Carolina in the County of Guilford by Captain Burruck's [sic?]¹, and returned to Virginia, he received his discharge for full three years service, – He further states that he would long since have made application for a pension, but he never could find any person that served with him to prove his service his capture & fortunately for him he has found one, who served in the same Regiment, taken prisoner at the same time, and suffered with him in the same prison he knows of no other man living by whom he can prove his service. If General Matthews was living and he could see him he would prove fully his whole service – he further states that he was discharged in 1780 or 81, he does not now recollect which, but he knows that he was in the actual service & confinement together fully three years. – He knows and swears positively that if he is not entitled to a pension, under the law, that there is not one Revolutionary Soldier that is, for he served as faithfully as any of them for the time stated in his declaration. He further states that he has grown old and forgetful and has forgotten many Occurrences that took place while he was in the service of the Revolution. He well recollects of Claybourne Bradshaw's serving in the two years regulars in the same Regiment with him and was discharged before he was, he thinks he served two years, and a few days – and he knows he continued in the service a long time after Bradshaw was discharged. – He lost his discharge a long time since, indeed he never thought it would be of any service to him.

Signed & stated this 21st day of August 1835

S/ Bartlett Harlow, X his mark

The deposition of Claibourne Bradshaw² a Revolutionary Soldier aged 77 years taken at the Clerk's office of Mercer County Kentucky to be read as evidence before the Honorable Secretary of War in behalf of Bartlett Harlow for a pension under the act of June the 7th 1832. This Deponent being duly sworn as the law requires states that he became acquainted with said Bartlett Harlow during the War of the Revolution, that they fought together in the Battle of Germantown in the same Regiment (to wit) the 9th Virginia Regiment, he the said Harlow in Captain Price's Company and himself and Captain Woodson's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Matthews and all under the command of General Stephens – he well recollects that said Harlow enlisted for 3 years he thinks in 1777 or 8 and served with him in said Regiment and was taken prisoner at the same time that he was, and marched to Philadelphia and confined together in the jail for upwards of 8 months; after our exchange said Harlow rejoin the Army and marched to the South, he having enlisted for 3 years and himself for 2 years: the said Bartlett Harlow is now before him and he know certainly that he is the same man that was taken prisoner with him, and confined with him as a prisoner in Jail in Philadelphia both of us suffered severely as we will know living upon horse, beef and peas Biscuit, he will state in conclusion, that he knows that said are low served faithfully his full Tour of enlistment and a hard tour it was. The said Harlow is about 6 years older than he is and his recollection has greatly failed him as respects the events of the war of the Revolution, but he states positively that he is the same man who was taken prisoner with him in the battle of Germantown and confined with him, a Prisoner in the Jail in Philadelphia, they were raised in adjoining Counties in Virginia, said Harlow in Fluvanna, and removed to Albemarle, himself in Goochland, he knew him before he

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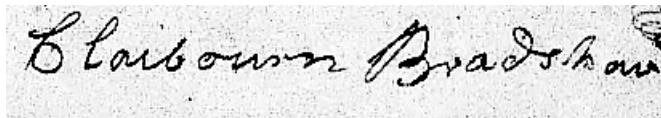
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² [Claibourn \(Claburn\) Bradshaw W8394](#)

enlisted, he knew him in the Army, and in confinement, and he now certainly recognizes him as being the same man, and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of July 1835

S/ Claibourn Bradshaw

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claibourn Bradshaw". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The further deposition of Claibourn Bradshaw taken at the office of George L. Waugh in the Town of Harrodsburg on Thursday the 28th day of August A.D. 1835 to be read before the Honorable Secretary of War in behalf of Bartlett Harlow for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832, being first duly sworn as the law requires deposed and saith, That he well recollects that Bartlett was in the service of the United States in the same Regiment with himself. That said Bartlett Harlow enlisted in the year 1777 or 1776 not certain but a short time after he himself enlisted under Captain Woodson, he is positively certain that Harlow service with him upwards of two years, he himself enlisted in October 1776 and Harlow about the first of 1777 or the last of 1776, he himself was discharged after having served two years and 14 days and he left said Bartlett Harlow in the service, and he knows he served a long time after he left the Army. Indeed, he knows that fact that said Harlow served fully two years, and he believes he served the full time set forth in his declaration, he knows that they were stationed near Accomack Courthouse in Virginia for several months before we marched to the North and fought the Battle of Germantown when they were both taken prisoner. Harlow was discharged somewhere in the South as well as he can now remember a short time before the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] at Little York, he is fully convinced, indeed he knows it to be the fact that Harlow served longer than he did, and that he served himself 2 years & 14 days, and said Harlow was called one of the greatest boxers ^{as to fighters} in the Army and further saith not.

S/ Claibourn Bradshaw

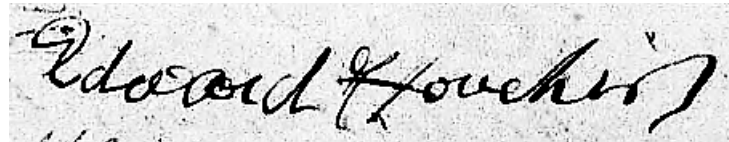
The additional affidavit of Claibourn Bradshaw a Revolutionary Pensioner aged seventy-seven years the 4th of November last, states that he enlisted for two years under Captain Woodson in the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Matthews in the year 1776 and was taken prisoner in 1777 in the Battle of Germantown and was confined in the Jail in Philadelphia for eight months and twelve or fourteen days at which Bartlett Harlow who enlisted in the adjoining County of Fluvanna I enlisted in the County of Goochland, he knew said Harlow before he enlisted and knows that he did enlist about the same time he did, but whether he enlisted for two or three years, and thinking over the matter he cannot be positively certain; the said Harlow was taken Prisoner with him in the said Battle of Germantown and confined in the same Jail with him and both released at the same time he is certain that he served upwards of two years – he also states that Harlow's reason has greatly failed him as he can perceive in conversations with him but he knows him certainly to be the same Bartlett Harlow who served with him and suffered with him in the rigorous imprisonment for 8 months & 12 or 14 days – and if any of the old soldiers are entitled he is one of them and further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed this 20th of January 1836

S/ C. Bradshaw

Also the affidavit of Edward Houchins³ a Revolutionary Pensioner aged seventy-six years states that he knew Bartlett Harlow of Fluvanna County Virginia, new that he enlisted and marched to the North but whether for two or three years he cannot say he knows him to be the same person, his own services during a part of the time of Harlow's were in the South under General Green [Nathanael Greene] and was wounded in Battle of Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780, battle of Camden].

S/ Edward Houchins

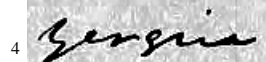
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Houchins". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[p 6: On May 6, 1842 in Madison County Kentucky, Lucy Harlow, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Bartlett Harlow, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in July 1781; that the license for their marriage was issued in Charlottesville, Albemarle County Virginia but they went down to Milton he little town in the same County to be married; that they were married in the house of Mr. Gergis [?]⁴ by Parson White; that her name prior to her marriage was Lucy Thacker; that her husband died December 16, 1836 in Madison County Kentucky and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On Me 6, 1842 in Madison County Kentucky, Bartlett Harlow, son of Bartlett Harlow and Lucy Harlow gave testimony in support of his mother's application stating that he is the youngest child of his parents; that all the other children are girls three of whom are still living but in distant parts of the country; that several of his sisters are dead; that he is 34 years old; that his father often spoke of his marriage with his mother; that they were married prior to the close of the war; that his parents moved from Mercer County to Madison County; that his father drew his pension in Harrodsburg Kentucky; that his father died in Madison County Kentucky. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ [Edward Houchins W11318](#)

⁴ A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gergis". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.