

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Harlow W8914

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District of Kentucky SS

On this first day of March 1825 in open Court (it being a Court of Record) for the County & circuit of Green, personally appeared Michael Harlow aged Sixty-four years resident in Hart County in the said district of Kentucky who being 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 Michael Harlow enlisted about the first of August 1777 for the term of twelve months (if wanted) in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Grisam [John Grisham?], in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, which Company rendezvoused at Stantown [Staunton] at which place he was detached from said Company by Colonel Sampson Matthews and placed under the command of General Brady who commanded the detachment corrected to take provisions from Virginia to the Army stated [stationed] at Fort Mackintosh [Fort McIntosh], that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of Ten months when (being no longer wanted) he returned to Stanton and procured his discharge from Colonel S Matthews in Augusta County Virginia (which discharge he has lost). That he then volunteered & joined Captain James Wood's Company of Infantry & served one tour of duty, he then joined Captain Harris [Bennett Harris] Company and served a second tour, he then joined Captain Henderson's [Bennett Henderson's] Company & served a third tour of duty against the common enemy in the spring 1781 that sometime afterwards he volunteered & joined Captain Leak's [Mark Leake's] Company of infantry all in Albemarle County Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lindsey [Reuben Lindsay] in which he served four tours of duty. That he was in the battle at the Siege of York in the fall of the year (as he thinks) of 1781. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 to wit:

one horse, one cow, 11 head of hogs, 3 chairs, one spinning wheel, one pair cards, one hoe, axe, plough & cupboard, one bowl, 6 tumblers, 8 plates, 6 knives & forks, one set cups & saucers, one teapot, 2 pitchers, one Cream pot & salt cellar, one flat iron, one oven, 2 pots, & one skillet –

I have no money, my wife is 57 years of age nearly blind, & so impaired that she is unable to do any labor of consequence. I have one daughter Lucy aged 20 years who sometimes stays with me, the rest of my children have all left me – I am living on a small farm belonging to one of my sons, I have no trade; was raised a farmer, but from my advanced age and many bodily infirmities am unable to make a support with the assistance of my wife & have often to depend upon the charity of my neighbors for subsistence –

I do further state that the cause of my delay in not sooner applied for a pension and making application in the County of Hart where I reside was that my being unable to procure a person who understood the manner in which my declaration should be drawn and my inability to procure the requisite testimony. –

I know of no person in this section of Country by whom I can prove my enlistment and servitude. – From all which causes and reasons before recited I stand in need of the assistance of my Country for support.

S/ Michael Harlow

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this first day of March 1825

S/ John Barret, C. S. C.

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Sct.

This day personally appeared before me George Harlow¹ of the County aforesaid being a respectable witness and made oath that Michael Harlow (his brother) enlisted for twelve months under Captain John Grisham in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia in the fall of 1777 as he now believes and said Grisham's Company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sampson Matthews on the line of Virginia on Continental establishment, that his brother served 10 months and was discharged at Stantown in Virginia by said Colonel Matthews. Given under my hand as justice of the peace for the County aforesaid

July 9th, 1825

S/ William Smith

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 15th day of September 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Green County Court now sitting Michael Harlow aged 80 years residing in the County and State aforesaid who being first 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 7th, 1832 – that on or about the 10th day of August 1777 he enlisted and entered into the service of the United States for the term of one year in a company commanded by Captain Gretham his Lieutenant's name was Allen and the Regiment to which his company was attached was commanded by Colonel Sampson Matthews and that when he had served ten months of his time he received his discharge at Staunton Virginia signed by Colonel Matthews, during his term of service this applicant states that he was generally employed in escorting provisions from Staunton Virginia and its vicinity to

¹ Very likely the same man as George Harlow W8915 whose application is transcribed and posted in this database of even date herewith.

the soldiers who lay at Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River, the soldiers escorting the provisions were commanded by General Brody.,

that immediately after the expiration of the above term of service the said Harlow was drafted in June 1778 for the term of 2 months which term of 2 months he served in a company commanded by Captain Bennett Henderson, this company was not attached to any Regiment but was employed sole in guarding the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's Defeat [2nd Battle of Saratoga or Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777] who were then in Albemarle County Virginia near Charlottesville, –

the said Harlow further states that he served a second term of 2 months in the Virginia Troops, commencing as he thinks sometime in March 1779 this term was served as a substitute for his brother Elijah Harlow who had been drafted for the aforesaid term of 2 months, that the troops to which he belonged during this tour were principally kept in the neighborhood of Richmond and Petersburg watching the movements of the British who, as was supposed, would make an attempt to retake the prisoners who were still in Albemarle County. His company officers were Captain Bennet Harris under command of Colonel George Matthews –

he further states that about the middle of December 1779 he volunteered for a tour of 2 months in the Virginia Troops in a company under the command of Captain Leak [perhaps Mark Leake], this company was not attached to any Regiment, though under the control, as this Applicant thinks of General Lafayette who was then commanding General, the services were performed in the same place and for the same purposes as mentioned in the tour last above described, and that he served out the 2 months fully, the time for which he had volunteered –

that he was again drafted in the service sometime in the year 1780 in the Virginia Troops in the company commanded by Captain James Wood and the Regiment to which the company belonged was commanded by Colonel Reuben Linzy [Reuben Lindsay], during this tour he states he was in a severe engagement between the British and Americans at James Town in which the Americans were so far the Tory us as to prevent the enemy from crossing the River, Colonel George Matthews was commander of the American forces in this engagement, that he served during this tour 2 months the time for which he had been drafted –

That he was again drafted for a tour of 2 months in the Virginia Troops about the 20th of August 1781 this tour of service was performed principally at the siege of York Town, that while marching to the siege the Americans and British had had an engagement at a place called Pigeon Hill in which the latter was defeated, the company this applicant served in during this tour was commanded by Captain Wallace, Colonel Linzey commanded the Regiment and General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] commanded the Troops to which he belonged until the they [the] arrival of General Washington a short time before the surrender of the enemy – he states that for all the aforesaid tours of service he received written discharges 3 of which he recollects were signed by Captains Henderson, Leake and Wallace; one by Colonel Linzy and another by Colonel Richardson but that a number of years since he accidentally got them wet and destroyed in crossing the River during a time of high water – he was born in Hanover County Virginia in the year 1754 but in what month he does not know, he has no record of his age, during the revolutionary war and when called into service he resided in Albemarle County Virginia where he continued to reside until 1785 when he moved to the State of Kentucky and resided there until the year 1831 when he moved to Harrison County Indiana, where he resided until sometime in last May when he removed to Green County Kentucky where he now resides, that during his residence in Harrison County Indiana he made application for pension, but that his papers were returned with some Objections, but that the Declaration he then made is torn and mutilated so

that a part of it is no longer legible, and for that reason he has made out his Declaration anew; he is well acquainted with many persons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his Character and their belief of his services and amongst them he names John T Thompson, and Thomas Matthews, he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove anything further in relation to his services than he has proven by the affidavits of Claiborne Harlow and George Harlow – he has no documentary evidence of his services, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State –

Sworn and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Michael Harlow

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[p 4: Thomas Skaggs, a clergyman, and Thomas T Skaggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

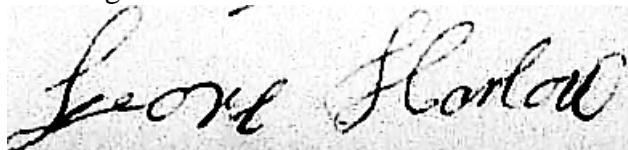
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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Sct.

The Deposition of George Harlow taken before John H Slaughter a Justice of the [peace] for said County on the 7th day of July 1834.

This Deponent deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with his brother Michael Harlow from his childhood and was present when the said Michael enlisted in the Service of the United States in the year 1777 for the term of one year and that after serving about ten months of the time was discharged at Staunton in Virginia and that he saw the said discharge in the hand of his brother after he returned home from the service, And this deponent further states that soon after his brother Michael Harlow returned home as above stated he was drafted for the term of two months and served the said tour of duty as a guard near Charlottesville Virginia in Captain Bennet Henderson's company. And this deponent further states that he recollects that the said Michael Harlow served a tour of two months as a substitute for his brother Elijah Harlow (he thinks) in the year 1779 who was drafted for that term, in Captain Bennet Harris' Company. This tour was served in the lower part of Virginia above Richmond & Petersburg. And this Deponent further states that he recollects that his brother Michael Harlow served a tour of two months as a volunteer in Captain Leak's Company in the latter part of the said year and first of the year 1780 in and about the same district of country. And he further states that he well recollects that his brother Michael Harlow served a tour of two months at and about the time of the siege of little York, this Deponent being in the service himself at that time and further this deponent saith not.

S/ George Harlow

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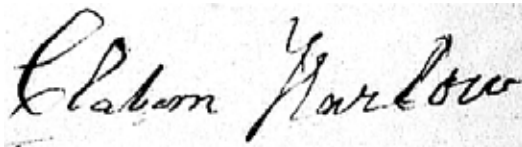
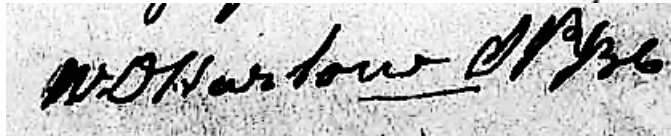
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State of Kentucky Barren County (to wit)

The Deposition of Claiborne Harlow taken before William D Harlow a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid on the 4th day of August 1834

This Deponent deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with his brother Michael Harlow from his childhood and was present when the said Michael Harlow entered the Service as a Soldier in 1777 or 1778 for the Terms stated in the deposition of his brother George Harlow, under Captain Grisham, and further states that he recollects his going to Staunton for his pay, and discharge but does not recollect, that he ever saw his discharge; this Deponent also states that sometime after his brother Michael Harlow returned home from said Tour he was Drafted for the term of two months and served said Tour as a guard near Charlottesville and Albemarle County Virginia in Bennett Hendersons Company; this Deponent further states that he well remembers that said Michael Harlow served a Tour of two months as a Substitute for his brother Elijah Harlow (as well as he can recollect) in the year 1779 or 1780 who was drafted to serve that term in Captain Bennett Harris's Company in the lower parts of Virginia about Richmond and Petersburg. This Deponent says he well recollects that he is brother Michael Harlow served a Tour of two months as a Volunteer in Captain Leak's Company in the latter part of the year 1781 in the lower part of Virginia at or about the time of the Surrender of Cornwallis to General Washington and further this deponent saith not.

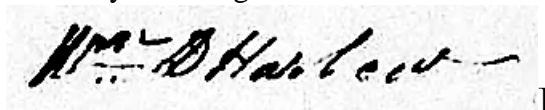
S/ Claborn Harlow

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[p 19: On September 13, 1839 in Green County Kentucky, Lucy Harlow, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Michael Harlow, a revolutionary war pensioner; that according to the best information she can obtain she was born in Virginia in 1764 and is now 75 years of age; that in 1783 she married Michael Harlow in Albemarle County State of Virginia; that she has no record of her marriage but from the age of her oldest child and other circumstances she feels certain that she was married in the spring of the year 1783; that 3 or 4 years after her marriage she and her husband moved from Virginia to Kentucky where they have continued to live ever since except for having resided in Indiana for 2 years; that her husband died in her present residence on the 3rd Saturday in June 1837. She signed her up application with her mark.]

[p 25: On September 21, 1839 in Barren County Kentucky, Claiborne Harlow, 73, gave evidence in support of the claim of Lucy Harlow; that he, the affiant, well recollects the eldest son of Michael and Lucy Harlow, that said child is now 55 years of age.]

[p 27: On September 21, 1839 in Barren County Kentucky, William D Harlow a resident of said County gave testimony that he is the son and eldest child of Michael and Lucy Harlow; that he is now 55 years of age.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.