

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Harlow <sup>1</sup>W8915      Susan Harlow      f57VA  
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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Sct.

On this 12 day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the 15 Judicial Circuit in Open Court George Harlow aged 77 the 13 of May last, resident in the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, That he volunteered in the Militia of the line of the State of Virginia in the Army of the United States for three months the year now forgot but it was before General Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga [October 7, 1777]. He volunteered at Charlottesville Albemarle County Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Maseleak [possibly an attempt to identify Captain Mark Leake], his son Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richison [probably Holt Richeson], he was marched to old Richmond, then to Cabin Point, then to Petersburg where he was discharged by his Captain aforesaid after faithfully served out his tour of three months. Again and before Burgoyne surrendered, he volunteered in the County aforesaid of Albemarle for three months, in the militia of said State in the company commanded by Captain Daniel White, Lieutenant & Ensign forgot, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lynsey [probably Reuben Lindsay]. He was marched again to old Richmond, then down the River about sixty miles until his time of three months had expired when he was honorably discharged by Captain White on James River about 60 [?]<sup>2</sup> miles below Richmond. About four months after this he again volunteered in the Militia of said State for 3 months in the Company commanded by Captain Ivey Hamner [??]<sup>3</sup>, his Lieutenant was Thomas Gaith, the Company was attached to no Regiment. The Company was marched to Richmond, then to the mouth of Tuckihoe [Tuckahoe] on James River, from thence conveyed munitions of war in canoes up to the pointy fork [Point of Fork] in Goochland County on James River, thence back to Tuckihoe where his term of service had expired he was honorably discharged at the mouth of Tuckihoe by Captain Hamner. Next & shortly about a month the time exactly forgot he

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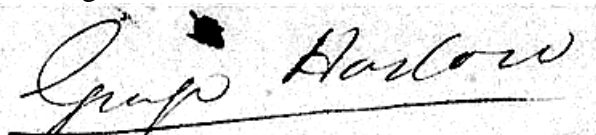
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McAllister list a Captain Nicholas Hamner as being a militia officer from Albemarle County.

volunteered for three months in Albemarle County in the Company commanded by James Garland, then was marched to guard the prisoners in Albemarle surrendered under General Burgoyne, shortly after they were removed to Winchester, where he was marched as a guard, & continued in the service for three months when he was honorably discharged at Winchester by his Lieutenant his name forgot, Captain Garland having been shot by one of our own men. In about six weeks after his return and not more he again volunteered in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the militia of state of three months, the Captain's name forgot but his Lieutenant's name was Fowler, Ensign forgot, in the Regiment commanded now as he believes by Colonel Armstrong. He marched to Richmond, thence in the neighborhood of Petersburg, then back to Richmond, then down the River about fifty miles, & back to Richmond then towards Petersburg and in the neighborhood of Petersburg he was discharged by his Captain after honorably serving out the term of his six months. He remembers on one of his tours he saw General Fayette [Lafayette], General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] who were said to be regular Officers. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services except the evidence of George Proctor here annexed. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect dates or many officers' names, but old as he is he knows he served the different tours in the Militia of the State of Virginia in the service of the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

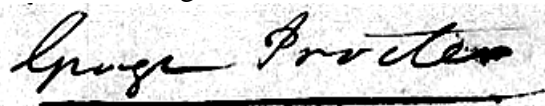
1. Where & in what year were you born Ans. In Hanover County State of Virginia, his age will show the year.
2. He has no record of his age.
3. When called into service each time he lived in Albemarle County State of Virginia & continued to live there until 16 years past when he moved to Kentucky Rockcastle County where he now lives.
4. He entered the service each time as a volunteer on his own account.
5. As to Officers he has stated all he can remember and the general circumstances of his service.
6. His discharges he has long since lost, by whom they were given he has described.
7. As to his veracity he refers to his neighbors (there being no clergyman in his neighborhood), George Proctor, James Dyhouse, John Edwards

S/ George Harlow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Harlow". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "George" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Harlow".

George Proctor, aged, being born in October 1742 a resident Citizen of Rockcastle County and a neighbor of the said George Harlow in open Court upon oath declares that he was a neighbor to the above George Harlow in the Revolutionary War Albemarle County State of Virginia, that he well knew him, that he well remembers that he was absent from home several times as he understood & has no doubt of the fact in the Militia of the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War. Such was the understanding of all the neighborhood, that he does not know how often he served or how long, but from his knowledge of said Harlow and the trips he served he has no doubt he served as stated by him.

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[General William Smith and Major Charles Colyer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On October 10, 1849 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Susan Harlow, born in September 1764, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Harlow, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he departed this life the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846 in Rockcastle County Kentucky; that she was married to him the next Christmas eve after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown in Virginia; that they were married by a minister of the gospel named Benjamin Bergin in Albemarle County Virginia; that she has no documentary evidence of her age; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 34: On October 9, 1849, Susan Procter of Rockcastle County, widow of George Harlow of said County filed a document revoking all previous powers of attorney given by her. She signed this document with her mark and name indicated as "Susan Harlow."]

[p 43: On January 1, 1850 in Rockcastle County Kentucky William Procter, a resident of said County, gave testimony reaffirming previous testimony at George Harlow and Susan Harlow lived together as man and wife; that Susan Harlow is his sister; that George and Susan Harlow moved to Kentucky; thereafter affiant, his father and mother moved to Rockcastle County Kentucky where they found George and Susan continuing to live together as man and wife which continued until the death of George Harlow; that affiant was too young to remember the marriage of Susan and George but the affiants father and mother, to wit, George Procter and his mother told him they were married in Albemarle County Virginia shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown; he never heard their marriage doubted. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 20: On March 31, 1855 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Harlow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]