

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Harlan (Harlen) W8918 Catharine Harlan f39VA
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State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

On this 27th day of July 1832 personally appeared before me David G Cowan Justice of the Peace for said County and a Justice of the Mercer County Court George Harlan, resident in Lincoln County and State aforesaid near the town of Danville in Mercer County aged seventy-one years on the 21st of June last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to enable him to receive the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

That in his sixteenth year he enlisted in the State of Virginia at the Glades of Sandy Creek (in what County he does not recollect) with Captain James Neal in Colonel __ Crawford's [probably William Crawford's] Regiment then called the 13th Virginia Regiment; but was afterwards reduced as I understood to perhaps of the 9th Regiment for the Term of three years. After the enlistment aforesaid I was marched with said Regiment to Philadelphia, but under what Commanding Officer I do not now recollect; Colonel Crawford having resigned. I now state the exact time of my enlistment, which was on the 7th day of January 1777. After remaining at Philadelphia, Valley Forge and other places until sometime I think in 1778 we were marched to Pittsburgh and at length to Wheeling, where I served until I was entitled to my discharge when I returned to Pittsburgh where I obtain my discharge from Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell, a copy of which is hereto annexed and transmitted, having lost possession of the original in the following manner. After his discharge at Pittsburgh he returned to Kentucky in the fall of 1780 and resided at Harlan's Station upon Salt River, and (as well as he now recollects the date) the latter part of the year 1783 a certain Thomas Hartley, who then resided at the same Station proposed that if I would give my discharge into his hand he would take it with him to the Falls (now Louisville Kentucky) and would make inquiries from Colonel Richard C Anderson who His office near, at least not far from Louisville, and would on his return and tell me how I could get my land &c. I acceded to his proposition but thinking as the Indians were troublesome that he might be killed on his way I got the late Major Jeremiah Briscoe, then also a resident of Harlan's Station to take a copy, which he did, and was witnessed, by him, James Harlan deceased and Edward Brownfield also deceased, which is the copy now forwarded. That sometime afterwards, how many years I do not recollect, I went to Colonel Anderson's Office to inquire about my land, when upon examining his Books he informed me that my land lady upon Clear Creek in the now State of Ohio and had been entered in his Office in the name of __ Evans Assignee of George Harlan. I afterwards went to Chillicothe and saw Evans, but got no satisfaction about my land, nor have I ever obtained it.

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 in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 27 July 1832

S/ D. G. Cowan, JP

S/ George Harlan, X his mark

At the same time & place Philip Walker of Washington County Kentucky being now present states that he knows George Harlan, now here present, is the same George Harlan who enlisted and served as above stated in his said declaration, that he knew him in the Army, that he enlisted for 3 years and that he served as he verily believes his full Term as therein stated. Witness is now in his 75th year. In testimony whereof he has hereunto subscribed his name.

S/ Philip Walker, X his mark

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George Harlan of the late Lieutenant Ralph Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment Enlisted in the Continental Army for the Term of three years and has served his time out as a Good and faithful Soldier and is entitled to his Discharge. And is hereby Discharged. Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1780

S/ Rich'd Campbell

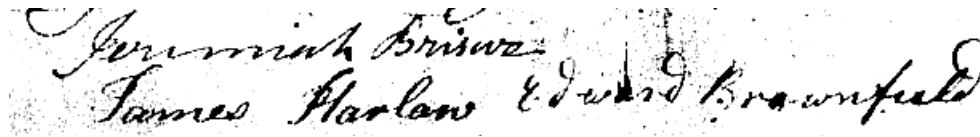
Lt. Colo. Virginia Regiment

N. B. This being a Copy of the Original as witness our hands

S/ Jeremiah Briscoe

S/ James Harlan

S/ Edward Brownfield



[p 14: On December 10, 1838 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Mrs. Catharine Harlan, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of George Harlan, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him April 14, 1783 at Harrods Station, Lincoln County, State of Virginia now the County of Mercer in the State of Kentucky; that the marriage ceremony was performed by John Cowan, JP; that she was born in Lincoln County North Carolina December 14th 1763; that her husband died in Lincoln County Kentucky January 24, 1837; and that she remains his widow; that her maiden name was Pope; that the family record shows the marriage in the following words and figures: "George Harlan and Catharine Pope was married on the 14th day of April 1783". She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: family record:

George Harlin [sic] was Born June 21st, 1761

Catharine Pope was Born the 14th December 1762

George Harlin & Catharine Pope were married on the 14th day of April 1783

Elizabeth Harlin was born on the 28th of October 1784 deceased June 9th 1785

Jacob Harlin was born 14th day of [paper damaged and month obliterated] il [April?] 1786

Christiana Harlin was born 31st day of March 1788

Henry Harlin was born 19th of May 1790

Jeremiah Harlin was born on the 11th day of September 1792
Mary Harlin was born the 30th day of January 1795
George Harlin was Born on the 10th day of February 1797
James Harlin was Born on the 19th day of March 1799
Joseph Harlin was Born on the 23rd day of July 1801
one daughter Born November 5th 1803 Deceased on the 20th day of November 1803
Bengamin Harlan [sic] was born on the 28th day of October 1804
Susanna Harlin was Born on the 5th day of March 1807
John Harlin was Born on the 17th day of July 1811
Christiana Harlin Departed this life on the 19th day of August 1808
Left Silas Harlin who was born on the 10th day of December 1804 –
also a daughter named Mademosella was born 22nd of November 1805 departed this life 13th of
August 1808

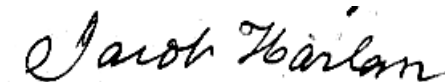
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The statement of Jacob Harlan made on oath in Lincoln County & state of Kentucky to be used as evidence on an application of Catharine Harlan (the widow of George Harlan deceased) of said County & State for a pension under an act of Congress of 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –

The affiant states that he is the oldest son of the said George & Catharine Harlan – that he is now fifty-two years old – and always lived in the family of his father in his lifetime & since his death in the family of his mother. And further states that the paper hereto annexed & marked Family Record is that which has for more than twenty years been preserved & kept by his father & mother family as the family Record – he states that it is in the hand writing of one Jacob Swope who is the uncle of this affiant having married his mother's sister – & was at the time the record was made very intimate in the family of the affiant's father. This paper was as this affiant believes copied by said Swope at the request of the affiant's father – from an original record some twenty years & more cents – the original has been together with the old Bible in which it was kept long since lost & destroyed – And the paper hereto annexed has been ever since it was so copied regarded & treated by his father & mother as the true family record & as containing the true statements of the marriages, births & deaths as therein set forth. And this affiant states that there exist no other record proof of his father's and mother's marriage of which this affiant knows & that the same has been since that time named above in the possession of his Father's & Mother's family – and of course as much in this affiant's possession as any other member of the family.

And this affiant states further that his Father departed this life on the 24th day of January A.D. 1837 at his residence in Lincoln County Kentucky – and that since his death his widow who is still alive has never married again. Signed this first day of February 1839

S/ Jacob Harlan



The statement of James Harlan taken at same time & place to be useful same purpose he states upon oath that he is the son of the said George Harlan deceased & Catharine and concurs with his brother the above signed Jacob Harlan in his statements made in reference to the paper hereto annexed & marked Family Record and as to the time of his Father's death & his Mother's

continued widowhood & life. And further states that he knows of no other Family record of the marriage of his Father and Mother that now hereto annexed. Signed this first day of February 1839

S/ James Harlan

James Harlan

[p 37: Elizabeth Briscoe gave testimony on December 27, 1838 in Mercer County Kentucky that she is the sister of George Harlan, the husband of Catharine Harlan now applying for a pension; that the marriage took place between her brother George Harlan and Catharine Polk now Catharine Harlan; that the marriage took place in the month of April 1783 and was celebrated by John Cowan, a justice of the peace at Harrods Station in Lincoln County, now Mercer. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing January 24, 1837.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 3-page file indexed under the name George Harlan

George Harlan of the late Lieutenant Ephraim Ralph's Company of 9th Virginia Regiment enlisted in the Continental Army the 3rd January 1777 for the term of three years and has served his time out as a Good and faithful Soldier and is entitled to his discharge and is hereby discharged accordingly.

Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1780

Richard Campbell

Lt. Colo. 9th Virginia Regiment

Josiah Tannehill, Lt.

Virginia Line

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Lt. Colo. 9th Virginia Regt
Josiah Tannehill Lt.
Virginia Line*

I do Certify that the within named George Harlen was enlisted in my Company for 3 years and served out his time faithfully. Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1786

S/ James Neal

Lt. Capt. 9th Virginia Regiment

*I do Certify that the within named
George Harlen was enlisted in my
Company for three years and served
out his time faithfully given under
my hand this third day of May
1786
James Neal
Lt. Capt. 9th Virginia
Regt.*

Entitled to three years Depreciation ending the first of February A.D. if not settled.

T Meriwether

July 1st 1786

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Jno. Pendleton

Sir, Please deliver my pay and land warrant for my services in the Virginia line three years to Mr. Smith Slaughter.

George Harlen

John Pendleton Esquire

15th of October 1786

Berkeley County Sct.

The above order was acknowledged and delivered before me

Joseph Mitchell

Sir, Please to deliver the with then to Mr. David Gray, S. Slaughter

John Pendleton Esquire

Copy

P. Southall