

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Harrell W8926 Rebecca Harrell VA
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On this eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of of Virginia, appointed by law to perform the judicial duties of the thirteenth circuit, which comprehends the County of Washington, personally appeared Reuben Harrell, aged sixty eight, resident in the county of Washington in the State of Virginia, 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 Reuben Harrell enlisted in the month of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the service of the United States in the county of Shenandoah [then called Dunmore], in the aforesaid State of Virginia, with Lieutenant Mathias Hite, and was of the company whose Captain was Richard Campbell, belonging to the eighth Virginia regiment on continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Frederick Augustus Muhlenburgh [sic: John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg]. That he continued in the service of the United States upwards of two years, and was discharged on account of an incurable lameness contracted while he was in service. He now exhibits his discharge, signed by a surgeon, and by Colonel Abraham Bowman, who succeeded to the command of the regiment aforesaid upon the promotion of it’s first named Colonel to the rank of Brigadier General [12 Feb 1777]. the said Reuben Harrell farther states that he was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy at or near Norfolk in Virginia, and in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]; that from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support, and has no other evidence of his services now in his power.

Sworn to and declared before me on the day and year first above written. Peter Johnston

Reuben [page damaged] of the 8 Virginia Reg’t. is discharged the Continental Service having an incurable Lam[page damaged] in his left arm, in consequence of his dislocated shoulder.

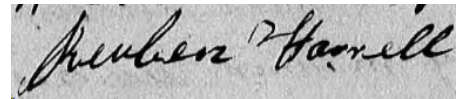
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October 11 1777	SSCH [see endnote]
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Washington county in the State of Virginia

On this sixteenth day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court for the said county of Washington, being a court of record for the said county Reuben Harrell aged seventy years, resident in the said county of Washington, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the eighth Virginia Regiment on continental establishment in Captain Richard Campbell’s company until he was promoted to be a Major [10 Aug 1777], and afterwards in Captain Matthias Hites company – The original declaration bears date on the 11th day of September 1819 – and he has received One pension certificate number 15728. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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. The said Reuben Harrell was by occupation a farmer when he was able to labour but has not ability now to pursue that occupation, that his wife Rebecca and his son Henry are all of his family who reside with him, that his wife is about

seventy years of age, and has been deprived of her reason for upwards of twenty years, so that she has very little capacity to contribute to her support. That his son Henry is afflicted with convulsion fits so that he cannot more than support himself with the care of his father.

The Schedule, a joint interest with his son Henry in a mare of the value of forty dollars, One cow purchased with the pension money heretofore drawn, half dozen of pewter plates, a small delf dish, a few pewter spoons, not exceeding a half dozen, a sett of knives and forks, & one sow and four pigs.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Reuben Harrell". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). One online image is illegible.]

Virginia Wythe County to wit.

This day David Harrell of said County personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath, that he was well acquainted with Reuben Harrell late of the County of Washington dec'd. That the said Reuben Harell entered the service as a regular Soldier during the revolutionary war, and that he served two years in the Virginia line, that during his service he acted as ensign, whether he was commissioned or not this affiant does not know, but believes from his military dress (which was different from that of a common soldier) that he was; he further states that the said Harrell was first under the command & indeed enlisted under Capt. Richard Campbell, who was afterwards promoted to Major & finally to Colonel. He further states that during the war the said Reuben Harrell came in to the neighbourhood where this affiant lived in the County of Frederick, in company with Vincent Howell who was ensign, as a recruiting officer. And that this affiant knew the said Reuben Harrell until the time of his death, & has had frequent conversation with him in regard to his services in the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand & seal this 11th day of February 1834

NOTES:

George Glentworth was a Senior Surgeon.

On 24 Aug 1839 Rebecca "Herral," 86, of Floyd County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Reuben Herral in Shenandoah County in the fall of 1770 or 1771, that she had two children named William and Nancy before the Declaration of Independence, and that her husband died in the latter part of Aug 1825. Other documents state that her maiden name was Rebecca Smith, that she and her husband had 13 children, and that she died 12 Mar 1842. In 1839 the following children were mentioned: John, about 66; Nathan, about 62; Jacob, about 60. Her application was supported by James Herron, 36, a son-in-law. Another son-in-law was Benjamin Fraley of Prestonsburg KY.