

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Harper S30453

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State of Kentucky Woodford County: SS

On this the 25 day of February 1843 personally appeared before me Goodloe Carter an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mr. Adam Harper resident of the County of Woodford State of Kentucky & who is by reason of Bodily infirmity prevented from appearing in open Court – being aged upwards of eighty-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War in the month of March 1780 and left the same in October thereafter, and that he entered as a drafted Militia Private and was drafted under Captain Stratton [perhaps Jeremiah Stratton of Rockingham County Virginia] and John Harpole was the Sergeant and marched from the South Branch of the Potomac River in Pendleton County Virginia to the North Fork or Branch, about fifteen miles from the South Fork or Branch, where the Indians had been (North Fork) and Just killed some of the white people and burnt houses &c and at this place he remained about four weeks guarding this portion of the County from the ravages of the Indians; and Sergeant John Harpole and an officer by the name of Abraham Hinkle were the commanding officers at this Station as Captain Stratton returned back to South Fork and at the termination of said four weeks Captain Cravens [perhaps Robert Craven] from Rockingham County Virginia arrived with more men and took the command of the whole troops and then marched them to what was called the West Fork on the extreme frontier about one hundred thirty miles, he thinks West of North Fork, and that they remained at West Fork until the tour for which he was drafted being for three months had terminated – and at the termination of the same they were about to start home when the Indians again appeared and commenced depredations, and he then volunteered for another tour of three months and did continue in actual service until it terminated and during which he continued at said West Tour as a guard or guarding the frontiers from the inroads of the merciless Savage – in would in Companies of two, three &c go about hunting to kill deer &c yet the men would not venture out from the Fort on account of the great danger to which they were exposed of being killed or taken by the Indians and that he frequently had hunts of this character and in this way he was engaged until the last mentioned tour had terminated and afterwards they returned back to South Fork in Pendleton County Virginia which was the first of October thereafter and declares that he was in actual service from the time he was drafted as aforesaid until he returned home at the period just mentioned. He further declares that he resided in Pendleton County Virginia when he entered the Service aforesaid as a drafted Private and that he served out the tour and then volunteered for another as aforesaid and after

