

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Harris S31726

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State of Georgia } On this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen
County of Jasper } hundred and thirty four appeared personally before the Superior Court of the
County of Jasper, James Harris aged seventy six 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 provision made by the act
of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of
August in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, under Captain Gabriel Long; Philip Slaughter 1st
Liutenant, John Harrison 2^d Liutenant – at that time Dunmore County [renamed Shenandoah in 1778] –
State of Virginia, for the term of three years – in the Virginia Continental line. he resided at the time of
his enlistment in Dunmore County Virginia - That the company of soldiers marched under the above
named officers through the States of Maryland & Pennsylvania to the City of Philadelphia, where
Congress was then sitting and where Capt. Long received his commission as a regular officer, and then
the company was marched across the Delaware and joined the forces under General Washington – and
said company was then attached to the Virginia Regulars under command of General [Hugh] Mercer and
they (his company) marched over the Delaware River under Gen'l. Washington to Trenton in the
morning of the twenty sixth day of December seventeen hundred & seventy six - where he was present &
engaged in the battle at that place – and continued with the army of General Washington until the battle
of Princeton [3 Jan 1777] in which he was also engaged - after which his company went into winter
quarters with the army of Gen'l. Washington at Morristown – at this place the Virginia Troops were
under the command of General Stevens — He recollects [General William Alexander,] Lord Stirling –
Gen'l. [Israel] Putnam – General [John] Sullivan – Here while in Morristown he had the small-pox -
which pervaded among this troops – at Morristown his company - was placed under the command of Col.
[Daniel] Morgan as riflemen and marched toward Brunswick where Gen'l. [William] Howe with the
British forces was stationed – but changed their route & marched up the North River as far as Albany –
from Stony point they sailed in Sloops up to Albany and there joined the army of General [Horatio] Gates
– and was under him at the Battle of Saratoga and saw the troops under General [John] Burgoyne lay
down their arms [17 Oct 1777]. After the taking of Burgoyne, Col. Morgan returned down the Hudson &
rejoined Gen'l. Washington at Chester Hill – Fishorators mill and continued with the chief army and was
at the Battle of Monmouth on the eighteenth [sic: 28th] of June seventeen hundred & seventy eight – and
was afterward marched from Monmouth under his old officers to Schoharie [New York] a station up the
North River at which place they were left under the command of General Schoharie and while at this
place his term of enlistment expired & he with four and twenty others received passes to return to Gen'l.
Washington's army. Stationed at the Groves[?] in New Jersey were the Virginia Troops - he thinks -
under General [William] Woodford who gave him a discharge from the service – and returned home to
Dunmore County - Virginia — Here he remained a few months and in the fall or winter of seventeen
hundred & seventy nine [sic: 1780] he went as a substitute into the militia service for a three months tour
under Capt George Rinker – Lieutenant Jacob Rinker – and marched to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough]
North Carolina and was here placed under command of General [Nathanael] Greene and marched to
South Carolina – Cheraw hills [Jan 1781] & was here attached to Col. [William] Washington's troops but
was at no battles in the south — returned home after having served five months instead of three months.
This last mentioned service was performed as a substitute for George Prince of Dunmore County — he
then returned home & was there drafted in the summer of the year seventeen hundred & eighty one as a
militiaman under command of Capt. Martin All – Leiut. George Branham – and was made a sergeant &
marched to join the army of Gen'l. Washington at little Fork [sic: Little York, or Yorktown] where he
remained in service three weeks and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis' army [19 Oct
1781] and marched as a guard under Major Jones – officer of the Guard – conducting prisoners to Nolans

Ferry on the Potomac River [sic: Noland's Ferry in Loudoun County VA] where he received a written Discharge – (He states that both of his discharges are lost.) He recollects to have seen & conversed in German with Gen'l. LaFayette at York Town.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 the day & year aforesaid
James hisXmark Harris