Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Harwood VAS1434
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

I Henry Buchanan aged 71 years do hereby certify that I was acquainted with William Harwood and know that he enlisted in the year 1781 in the State service, during the Revolutionary War for and during the said war and served during the period of his enlistment as a private, I think in Captain Armistead's Company of Cavalry, and on his return from service he lived in the County of war it where he died.

S/ Henry Buchanan

[Attested in York County Virginia October 8, 1833]

Petition for bounty land

William Harwood Soldier State Line

This Soldier's name has not been found on the Army Register. The only evidence offered in support of the claim is the affidavit of Henry Buchanan; who says that William Harwood enlisted in the year 1781 in the State service, for & during the war, and served during the period of his Enlistment as a private.

Your Excellency will decide upon this state of facts.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

April 14th 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell