

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry, Mills, Samuel and William Harp VAS1400 [vsl 11VA](#)

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Henry Harp of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky do declare that I was born & raised in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia, my father's name was William Harp, he enlisted into Braddock's Army [British general Edward Braddock led troops during the French and Indian war and was defeated at the Battle of Monongahela, July 9, 1755] as a Soldier & went out with the Army & served through the campaign, returned to Brunswick County & lived until the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Soon after the commencement of the war, he enlisted as a Soldier into the Virginia Continental line to serve three years, but the Regiment I do not recollect, – he marched on to the North, After he had been in service nearly two years, was killed at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. My brother Samuel Harp enlisted in Brunswick County for two years into the Virginia Continental line, but the Regiment in which he was enlisted I do not recollect, – he marched on to the North & served out that time, & enlisted again into the said Virginia Continental line & into a Regiment of Dragoons to serve three years, & was made a Sergeant, & killed in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], – while a Sergeant. – My brother Mills Harp enlisted in Brunswick County into the Virginia Continental line but the Regiment I do not recollect, to serve three years – he marched into the South & [the image of this page cuts off at the bottom thereof on a slanted line with only the following words still visible] at Buford's defeat. –

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Regiments, but the Captains name I cannot recollect, but Major Duval was the Major. –

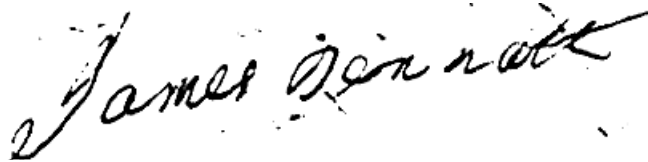
I was marched on to the South & was at the battle of Guilford Court-House [March 15, 1781], & was continued in the South until I was marched back to Virginia just before the battle of York Town, which battle I was then – & was wounded in the head by a piece of a Bomb Shell, my skull [skull] was broken & I was senseless for a long time & I have been troubled with it ever since, – It has caused me to lose my recollection.

I am the only heir to my father & brothers whom I know of living, – my father & all my brothers were killed in the Revolution, & I have never before applied for my own bounty land or for that due for the services of my father & brothers – that I have lost my own discharge & cannot find it, & I do not know of anyone now living who knew me or them in the service, I expected to have proved my & their services by Burwell Wilks of Buckingham County Virginia but I am informed he is dead. I was honorably discharged.

S/ Henry Harp, X his mark

I James Bennatt of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky do declare that I have been acquainted with Henry Harp for fifteen years – that I have always considered his recollection to have been injured by the wound received in his head at the battle of York Town, & it has been so universally considered by the neighbors, as I have understood from them – his head was very much fractured & there is now a hole in the skull which would contain a Partridge's egg. I have always considered him a man of truth & in whose declaration confidence may be placed.

S/ James Bennatt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Bennatt". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

[Attested in Franklin County Kentucky June 25, 1819]

Franklin County Sct. I have this day examined several respectable Citizens of this County as to the Character of the within named Henry Harp: They concur in their statements of the Credibility of the said Harp. They moreover state he is an industrious Citizen. That they have long been in the habit of dealing with him and have the utmost Confidence in his Veracity. That he has the appearance of having received a Severe Wound upon his head which is generally understood to have been received in a Juggernaut during the Revolution, and they are of opinion that his memory may have been somewhat impaired in consequence of said Wound. The undersigned has no personal acquaintance with the said Henry Harp but have the utmost confidence in the statements above made. Given under my hand this 31st day of June 1819

S/ O. G. Wagginor, JP

[Power of attorney dated May 25, 1818 executed by Henry Harp of Franklin County Kentucky in favor of Nathaniel Sawyer of Frankfurt as his attorney to pursue his claim for military land warrants due for his service and the service of his father William Harp, and brothers Samuel and Mills Harp. He signed the document with his mark.]

I Henry Harp of the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Kentucky do own oath declare that I was a Soldier enlisted for three years in Major Duvall's Regiment in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War – that my father enlisted in the said Virginia Continental line for the term of three years, but in what Regiment I cannot now recollect, – that he was killed in the battle of Brandywine, and never returned to his family– that my brother Samuel Harp, who was never Married or had a family, enlisted at an early period of the war in the Virginia Continental line ^{but the Regiment I do not now recollect} for the time of two years, & was made a Sergeant and served out the said two years, – on the expiration of which time he enlisted again for three years in the said line, & served as a Sergeant, but was, before the expiration of the last three years, killed at the battle of Germantown. – That Mills Harp another brother of me, who was likewise a single man & never married, enlisted in the said Virginia Continental line for three years as a private Soldier, that before his said time had expired he was killed at Buford's defeat & never returned. – And I do further declare, that I have never before made application for the military warrants, which the [again the bottom of this document is cut off on a slant with only the following words appearing: Father & brothers are entitled [there appears to have been

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now living any person who knew my said Father & Brothers in the said service.

S/ Henry Harp, X his mark

[Attested in Franklin County Kentucky May 25, 1818]