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Pension Application of Herbert Harris R4669

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State of North Carolina }  
Warren County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1845.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 18 hundred & forty five (1845) Personally appeared before the court, Polly Harriss [Polly Harris] a resident of Halifax County North Carolina aged Eighty three years who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration in Order to Obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of Herbert Harriss who was a private, in the North Carolina Militia, in the Revolutionary War, and who served as such for the period of Six Months, under Capt. John White, & Capt. Turner [probably Nathan Turner].

She further declares that she was Married to the said Herbert Harriss on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 17 Hundred and Seventy Nine (1779). That her husband the aforesaid Herbert Harriss died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1815, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before Polly herXmark Harriss

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Francis Riggan [pension application S9054] an old Revolutionary Pensioner of this County, come before the Court & made Oath that. He was well acquainted with Herbert Harris, & his wife Polly whose maiden name was Polly West from his earliest recollection, they all being raised in the same Neighbourhood – That he was present when they were married & witnessed it. That he thinks it took place before 1780. That the said Herbert Harris died more than 25 years ago & that his widow the present applicant for a Pension was never married since – this affiant further says on Oath, that the aforesaid Herbert Harriss was a Revolutionary Soldier of the North Carolina Militia & did serve as such for six months, to his own Personal knowledge. That they served together two Tours of Three months each, the first Tour under Capt. Jordan Harriss [sic: Jordan Harris], commencing on or about the midle of February 1781, & the other three months under Capt. Turner, Commencing some time in July 1781.

This affiant says on oath that he may not be exactly correct as to the precise months that himself & Harriss served, but he is confident it was in the year 1781.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845. Polly herXmark Harris [sic]

NOTES:

A Captain John White commanded a company of Warren County NC militia at the Battle of Guilford Court House on 15 March 1781.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed by Herbert Harriss and West Harriss in Bute County NC on 17 Dec 1779 for the marriage of Herbert Harris to Polly West. Polly Harris stated that the reason for applying in Warren County was that “she was raised & married here” Warren County was formed from Bute County in 1779.