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Pension Application of Thomas Harris W3414

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State of Virginia, Orange County to wit

On this the 1st day of April 1843 personally appeared before me Richard Richards Jr. a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary Harris a resident of said County, who after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 for the benefit of pensioners. That she is the widow of Thomas Harris who died in the year 1811 and to whom she was married in the County of Spotsylvania in the year 1793 by Parson Douglas, that the said Thomas Harris her husband was in the war of the Revolution, and although she can say nothing of his services, she has heard him say he enlisted and served two years, that he never did receive any pension from the government, and that she has remained his widow ever since his death. Given under my hand this 1st day of April 1843 – Mary herXmark Harris

State of Virginia, Orange County to wit,

On this the 1st day of April 1843 personally appeared before me Richard Richards Jr a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Chiles [pension application S8200] a Revolutionary pensioner who being first duly sworn upon Oath says that Thomas Harris (deceased) enlisted and served two years in the War of the Revolution, that he served in Capt. Garland Burnley;s Company under Col. Francis Taylor – that he was with the said Thomas Harris during the time, that they belonged to the same Company, that part of the time they were at the Barracks in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] and the balance at Winchester James hisXmark Chiles

NOTES:

A list of Capt. Garland Burnley's company from 1 Jan - 16 May 1781 (<http://revwarapps.org/b17.pdf>) shows Thomas Harris as a Corporal, discharged on 11 April 1781. This company was part of the Convention Army Guard Regiment raised to guard the prisoners surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 until Feb 1781.

The file includes a copy of the marriage bond of Thomas Harris and William Ferguson for the marriage of Thomas Harris to Polly Gardner, dated 23 Oct 1793 and filed in Spotsylvania County, with consent for daughter Mary by Thomas Gardner. The marriage of Thomas Harris and Polly Gardener is noted in *The Douglas register : being a detailed record of births, marriages and deaths together with other interesting notes, as kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750-1797*. Richmond VA: J.W. Fergusson & Sons, 1928.