

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Harrison W360

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

On this 7th day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting, Thomas Harrison, a resident of the County & State aforesaid and about seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

That he volunteered as a private soldier of North Carolina Militia, in the County of Lincoln in the year 1779 or 1780 as well as he recollects, to serve for a term of three months in the company commanded by Captain George Smith, Isaac Shockey Lieutenant. We rendezvoused at 12 mile Creek in the County, being at that time the headquarters of General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. He was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Dickson (or Dixon) [sic, Maj. Joseph Dickson] number not recollected – from thence we marched into South Carolina crossing Peedee [River] into Cheraw District, we were then Countermarched to Salisbury in North Carolina, where we were stationed a short time guarding Prisoners taken as well as he recollects at Rugeley's Mill.¹ He saw Rugeley surrender his Sword to Gen. Davidson – this was at 12 mile Creek – Major Cook of the Tories was also a Prisoner. He obtained a discharge but has it not in his possession. He sold it to a Mr. Steele in Lincoln County North Carolina. He served the full term of 3 months – During this term he was part of the time under General Green [Nathanael Greene] with the main Southern Army. He here saw General Daniel Morgan, present at 12 mile Creek.

After being at home a short time, and the call was made upon the Militia of North Carolina. Having stood a draft, in which he was not included, he hired as a substitute for Jacob Tipps, for another term of 3 months in a company Commanded by Captain Nail [Nall]². We were marched to Fort Charles in Burke County where we were stationed nearly the whole time.

¹ The action described by this veteran sounds more like the action at Colson's Mill North Carolina on July 21, 1780 than the action at Rugeley's Mill in South Carolina on December 4, 1780. Gen. Davidson was not at the latter action. He commanded the forces at Colson's Mill.

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html His description, however, does not match much of what is known about the action at Colson's Mill and the opposing officers who participated in that action.

² Probably Capt. William Nall of Wilkes County NC

The Fort was called as he understood after Colonel Charles McDowell, who had the command of the Militia of Burke. During the time we were in the Fort, several skirmishes took place between the whites & Indians. On one occasion a Detachment was sent to guard the family of one Armstrong living about 2 miles from the Fort. Here we were besieged by the Indians. We sallied out & succeeded in returning to the Fort with no other lost but a Negro woman belonging to Colonel Warford [Wofford?] – Part of the time he was engaged in guarding another family about 12 miles from the Fort. Having served the full term of 3 months, he was again regularly discharge. He again substituted in the place of Comrod [Conrad?] Rudolph, to serve another term of 3 months & served under the same officers at Fort Charles the full term of 3 months – where he was again discharged – Not expecting his discharges would at any subsequent time be of service to him, he thinks the second was also sold to Mr. Steele – the 3rd he does not recollect what became of it. He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his said services or any part thereof. Nor does he know of any person within his reach, by whom he can prove any part of his said services, except his brother Richard Harrison³ of Allen County Kentucky, whose affidavit taken before John Jones & John Landers Esquires Justices of the peace of this County is hereunto annexed. He is informed that said Affidavit is not as full & explicit as it ought to be, but owing to his age & infirmity & the distance from hence to his brother's residence, it would be very inconvenient to procure his attendance here, or retake his affidavit:

He was born in Maryland, about the year 1760 according to the family record of his age in the possession of his son in Alabama – When called into service he resided in Lincoln County North Carolina as before stated. He continued to reside there for several years. Some time upwards of 30 years ago, he removed to Warren County Kentucky, from thence he removed to Franklin County Tennessee, about 24 or 5 years ago. He removed from Tennessee back to Kentucky resided there a short time & removed to Indiana, then back to Kentucky – removed again to Missouri, & from thence to Alabama, where he resided about 2 years, & then returned to this County, where he at present resides & has done so for the last 2 years: He hopes he is now settled for life, after rambling over almost all the Western & South Western States

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Thomas Harrison, X his mark

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

[George Roberts, a clergyman, and John Landers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: This day personally appeared Richard Harrison before us John Jones & John Sanders – two of the Justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County – and made oath in due form of law – that Thomas Harrison served three towers [tours] as a soldier in the Revolution War – I served with him myself one of the three tours – and I have a knowledge of his serving the other two.

Sworn to and subscribed before us

S/ Richard Harrison, X his mark

S/ John Jones, JP

S/ John Sanders, JP

³ [Richard Harrison \(Harrison\) W2934](#)

19th of September 1832

[Facts in file: Veteran died November 2, 1839; veteran married 1783 or the fall of 1784 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Nancy Pack; the veteran's widow was allowed her pension under application executed September 17, 1845 at which time she was 81 years old and living in Grundy(formerly Franklin) County Kentucky; in 1851 she stated she was 91 years of age; in 1852 she stated she was 90 years of age and still living in Grundy County with her daughter, Susannah Sartain; widow died March 10, 1845; in 1795, the veteran and his wife had 5 living children as follows:

William, the oldest, born November 9, 1786 and died in 1851

Johnson, in 1846 a resident of Madison County, Alabama.

Susanah or Susannah Sartain, the 3rd child, born October 2, 1789, and in 1851 living in Grundy County Tennessee, at which time she stated that the 2 children older than herself were dead.

Elijah, the 5th child, born July 27, 1794, and in 1852 living in Grundy County, Tennessee.

The family record also shows the following:

Miles Harper Harrison born September 7th 1814

Harrison Sartain born July 2, 1788

Susanna Sartain born October 2, 1789

Rosanna Sartain born May 22, 1811

Mahala Sartain born May 16, 1818

Virginia Sartain born February 11, 1822

Parillar (?) Born December 18, 1824]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]