

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Sherwood Harris: no number

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To Mr. F. E. Hassler General a'g- [agent]

Dear Sir. after my respects, Having lately got into possession of one of your advertisements of the Revolution naval, and military pension laws, and wishing to employ some agent to transact some business of that nature for myself, I have selected you for that purpose if you will be so good as to undertake. Sir I wish to obtain my fathers pension for his revolutionary services my fathers name is Sherwood Harris, Capt. Morgan & Capt. Williams he served under in the state of N. Carolina was in the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Court House NC, 15 March 1781] and at the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781], was a Citizen of the state of NCarolina when he entered the service, was a private. He died in the year 1815 in the state of Georgia, my mother died in 1845. The married some time in 1788 or 9. they have neither of them drawn any pension before their death nor since. I have been trying to git the pension. I Employed a man in this Country to aid me he told me that he had an agent in Washington by the name of Webb, his given name I do not recollect, that would transact all the business pertaining to it Webb rote to my agent here & we furnished all the testimony that he required in the case, he also requested me to send him the power of Attorney which I did to draw the money. Some near twelve months ago, and I have heard nomore from the power nor the money since, the man I employed here is responsible to me if I could ascertain that the money has been received or paid over by Webb. I am suspicious that there is some rong in the matter and wish you to dig to the roots of it for me. & I will satisfy you to your own likeing if you will git the money for me, or put me in the right track to git it. please ascertain the amount if you can that is due. and write me how I am to proceed further and what is required of me Concerning the whole matter. I can in short order I think furnish all the proofs necessary direct your letter to Yellow Creek, PO. Lumpkin County Georgia your service and attention to the above will much oblige your friend & humble servant
[signed] Thomas Harris Son of Sherwood Harris

This paper was found in claim of Patty or Martha Harris, W.3984, widow of Sherrod (or Sherwood) Harris, and was written in 1852, stating his mother died in 1845. Patty applied for her land in 1855, so there must have been two soldiers named Sherwood Harris. Aug. 5 - 1929 [initials illegible]