

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Edward Harmon: S36000
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State of Delaware}

Sussex County ss}

Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, Edward Harmon a soldier of the revolution, aged about sixty, personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, and being duly sworn on the holy evangel of Almighty God did depose and say that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he enlisted under Captain [Robert] Kirkwood of the first Company of the Delaware Regiment, and continued in the service from that time as a common soldier until the conclusion of the war, when he was discharged by general proclamation, and that from the time of his enlistment to his discharge he served in the southern states in the Army under the command of Generals Gates and Green. [See note below.] And the said Edward Harmon did further depose and say that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country. Edward hisXmark Harmon

State of Deaware}

Sussex County}

Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen Mitchell Kershaw Lieut. Colonel of the ninth regiment of Delaware Militia, aged about sixty years, personally appeared before me Samuel Paynter one of the associate Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware who being duly affirmed being conscientiously [illegible word] of taking an oath did depose and say that he knows Edward Harmon, in the foregoing deposition named, an inhabitant of Sussex County, and has known him from the years seventeen hundred and seventy eight or nine, and that he was at that time a soldier in the Delaware Regiment and continued in the said regiment to the knowledge of this deponent until the sixteenth of August seventeen hundred and eighty when this deponent who belonged to the said Regiment was taken prisoner at Gates defeat, when this deponent was taken on board the prison ship at Charleston. [signed] Mitchell Kershaw

State of Delaware}

Sussex County ss}

Be it remembered that on this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, Hezekiah Lacey a native born citizen aged fifty four years, personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, and being duly sworn on the holy evangel of Almighty God did depose and say that Edward Harmon was a boy in the neighbourhood where he lived, that he worked much of his time before he enlisted with this Deponents Father, that about the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he the said Harmon enlisted under Captain Kirkwood, and marched off with the Delaware Regiment, that this Deponent never saw said Harmon from the time he marched off aforesaid until the year seventeen hundred and eighty three, when he saw him with others of the Delaware Regiment, with uniforms and equipment just as they returned from the Army - at the same time he heard People say to Harmon he was a fool to spend so much time in the army without pay - that Harmon replied he was willing to go again and that he hoped he should get pay at some time [signed] hezekiah Lacey

District of Delaware Sct.

On this sixteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in Open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware in and for Sussex County (it being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Edward Harmon, aged about seventy years, resident in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred in the said

County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the Delaware Regiment in the Company of Captain Kirkwood. The first declaration made by this deponent was on the twentieth day of April eighteen hundred and eighteen and the pension he has received has been on the pension certificate No. 1790. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth of March eighteen hundred and eighteen that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an "Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit.

Three Shoats of the value of	\$3.00
One Square Cupboard and all that is in it	4.00
One old writing desk	0.25
One old table	0.06
Coopers ware	0.75
Hollow ware	0.50
One old Chest	0.25
One Old Spinning Wheel	0.50
One Square Table	0.25
One Plough and one Harrow	1.25
Two Axes	1.50
One grubbing hoe	0.50
One old [?]ark [bark?]	0.50
One basket	<u>0.25</u>
	13.56

Edward hisXmark Harmon

And this Deponent further saith that his occupation is that of a farmer. That he is infirm, has a wife named ~~Peggy~~ Agnes aged about fifty years, who is sickly, a son Benjamin aged twenty five does not reside with deponent - a son Dirickson aged twenty three, does not live with deponent - and a son Paynter about twenty one, a son Woolsey about twelve and a daughter Eliza about ten years old who live with this Deponent.

Sworn and declared by the said Edward Harmon on the sixteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Edward hisXmark Harmon

NOTES:

The pension application states that Harmon served in the South under generals Horatio Gates and Nathanael Greene from 1777 until the end of the war, but Gates was not given command of the southern army until 25 July 1780. Gates and the Delaware Regiment were active in the North until then, and they were present at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780. Greene took command of the southern army on 2 Dec 1780.

In the 1820 federal census for Sussex County DE, Edward Harmon is recorded as a "Free Colored Person" over 45 with a female over 45, a male under 14, and a male and a female 14 -26.