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Pension Application of Robin Harris R4672

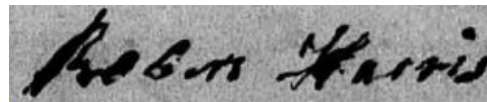
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State of N. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
Warren County } August Term A.D. 1832

On this the 28th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now sitting, Robin Harriss a resident of the County of Warren & state of No Carolina aged Seventy three years 73 – 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 was born in the County of Bute (now Warren Co) State of No. Carolina as appears from a record kept in his father's family (which he exhibits to the Court) on the 24th Nov. 1758. That a draft was made of the militia of said County as well as he recollects, about the 10th September 1780 when he was drafted to perform a tour of service for the term of three months – By his discharge accompanying this declaration it will be observed that he was dismissed after performing his tour on 10th Dec'r. 1780. Gen'l. Allen Jones commanded the militia forces drafted in Halifax Counties about this time – Gen'l. Jones was a citizen of Halifax. Col. Hart commanded the Regiment to which I belonged – he I believe was from the County of Edgecombe No. Carolina – The name of my captain was John White who was a citizen of the then County of ~~Bute~~ Warren – Col. Branch of Halifax Cty N.C. & Maj. Hill of the then County of ~~Bute~~ (now Franklin N.C.) – After being drafted he was marched to Louisburg Franklin Cty. N.C. from thence westwardly, first to Wake Court House (now Raleigh) and thence to Salisbury No.Car. From Salisbury they took up the line of march towards the South Carolina line leaving Charlotte, Mecklenburg Cty. No.Car. to the right, not being marched thro' that place as it was reputed that the small-pox was then raging there – At a place called New Providence or Six mile creek they met the regular troops under the command of Gen'l. [William] Smallwood – New Providence is between Charlotte & the Waxaw [sic: Waxhaws] settlement in S.Car. He recollects seeing at this place Col. [William] Washington & his company of horse – While stationed at this place a company was detached and sent off to take a gang of Tories under the command of one Col. Rudgely [sic: Col. Henry Rugeley] Tory General [sic] – This company fell in with the Tories at Rudgely's Mill & by using a statagem (it was said a large pine log made to resemble a cannon) took most of them prisoners [4 Dec 1780] – and brought them into Camp. This affiant never saw Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] but was informed he was there – during this term of service he never was in an engagement – but shortly after the capture of the Tories was taken sick & was brot home or nearly home in a waggon pressed for the purpose – reached home on Christmas eve – 1780. About the 20th of April 1781 he was again drafted on a Tour of duty for three months – his Captain's name was Joel Reme [see endnote] (from the County Warren who has long since been dead) whose name appears to the accompanying discharge – among the officers he recollects Col. [William] Linton – Col. Sitgreaves from Edenton district No.C. & Col. Jo. Hankins of Warren who commanded a company of horse – Cornwallis about this time was in the Ronoke [sic: Roanoke River] Country and great consternation prevailed. The Company to which affiant belonged crossed Roanoke at Black's Ferry Mecklenburg Va. & marched up the river to Taylor's Ferry destroying canoes and vessels of all kinds on the river at Taylors Ferry they crossed again to the No.Carolina side and marched down to Halifax – before we reached Halifax Cornwallis had pass'd & gone to Virginia [early May 1781] – from Halifax we were marched to Tarboro – from Tarboro to Kinston in Lenoir Cty. N.C. from Kingston [sic] down Neuse River towards Newbern by the way of Cox's Ferry – then back again up Neuse to Johnson [sic: Johnston] C. H. near Smithfield – thence thro' that whole Neuse country again to Kingston – at Kingston this affiant was left in charge of the sick & wounded as will appear by the accompanying certificate of Jas. Bradbury [James Bradbury] dated 11th July, 1781. he was not again called into active service but was

discharged July 25th 1781. This last expedition was confined to the object of suppressing the [illegible word] of the Tories who were much inspirited about this time on account of the triumphant progress of Cornwallis thro' the center part of the State — during this excursion many tories were taken & destroyed This affiant hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

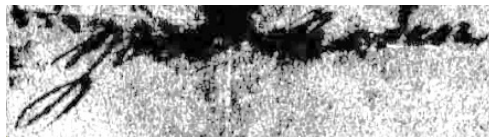


[The left edge of the following discharge is missing, at the places marked \*.]  
[\*]ese are to certyfy that [\*] barrer Robert Harris [\*] left at my hous to take [\*] of a Cripled man and [\*]ow  
garding him home [\*]arrin County theese— [\*] from me James Bradbury  
[\*] 11 day of july

December 20<sup>th</sup> 1780

This is to cirtify that Robin Harris a militia soldier in general jones briggaid Colonel Harts regement.  
Captain Whites cap[?] has performd his Tower of duty according to law and is hereby Discharged by  
order of Major Gen Small[wood] J Devany Capt [Jenkins Devany]

[Several illegible words] Harris [several illegible words] Ridgment has served his tower of Dieuthy and is  
hereby Dischargd from the same the 25 July 1781 Capt



Wm. P. Riggan [William P. Riggan, pension application S9077] maketh oath that he is perfectly well  
acquanted & has been from his childhood with Robin Harriss whose name appears to the above  
Declaration. That their fathers lived within three miles of each other & that it was their lot to be drafted  
together in both the tours of service mentioned above. That of his own knowledge the facts set forth by  
the said Robin Harriss are true — that he was a good soldier & he believes is justly entitled to the pension  
for which he applies.

[signed] William P Riggan

[James Durham (S8371) stated that he saw Harris on the march from Hillsborough to Salisbury.]

#### NOTES:

The surname of the Captain whose first name was Joel is unclear in both the declaration and the  
discharge signed by him. In other pension applications the name is usually given as Joel Wren, but in the  
discharge it appears to be Joel Renn.

On 23 Nov 1846 Tabitha Harris, 85, applied for a pension stating that she married Robin Harris in  
Bute County on 1 Dec 1778, and he died 20 May 1843. Her daughter, Jane C. Harris, was her legal  
representative. On 3 May 1847 Sugar Kimbell, 80, stated that he was present at the marriage of Robin  
Harris and Tabitha Bobbitt, which took place more than a year before he entered service.