

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Barzilai Harrison (Harrison): R4675
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee}
Bedford County} SS.

On this 12th day of March - 1844, personally appeared before me James Foster - a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Ann Harrison, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged ninety years and thirty days, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Barizillia Harrison who was a private in the draughted Malitia of the State of North Carolina, in the Revolutionary War, that he entered the army of the Revolution as a draughted malitia man, in the month of January 1781 [sic], but the day of the month she cannot remember, that he entered the service in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Dyer, and William Adkins Lieutenant. His field officers she is unable to specify. She thinks he was in the army commanded by Gen. [Horatio] Gates. Her said husband continued in the service under the same company officers, eight months, and as well as she remembers he served under only one term of engagement, but she is certain as to the length of the term of his service. Her said husband resided in Surry County North Carolina when he was draughted and entered the service, and was mustered into service, according to the best of her recollection, at Surry Court House. she states that her said husband was in the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] as she always understood from him, and as she always believed. She is unable to state the country through which her husband marched, not having been along with him in his marches. She has no documentary evidence in support of her claim to a pension. She further declares that she was married to the said Barizillia Harrison on the 12th day of December 1775, which date she is able to state positively and accurately she believes, from a record of her marriage in her possession, made by her said husband in his own hand writing, shortly after it took place; that her husband, the aforesaid Barizillia Harrison, died in Bedford County in the State of Tennessee, where he had removed. He died in 1817; but she cannot state the day or month of his death, her memory not serving her and having no record of the date; and she states that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof accompanying this declaration Ann herXmark Harrison

State of Tennessee}

Bedford County} on this 29th Day of September 1846 personally before me James Foster an acting Justice of the peace in and for said county Mrs Ann Harrison a resident of said county aged ninety two years who doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress past July 4th 1836 & July 7th 1838 and 3rd march 1843 & 17th June 1844 that she is the widow of Barzilia Harrison who was a soldier from Surry County North Carolina in the war of the revolution and served as stated by her in a former declaration which she made in 1843 or 1844 which declaration was sent to the war office by C Ready she further declares that she was married to the said Barzillall Harrison on the 12th December seventeen hundred and seventy five in Bedford County Virginia that her husband the said Barzillia Harrison died in april 1817 that since his death she has not intermarried but still remains his widow she further states that the annex family record is is the same record which contains the correct date of her marriage & of the births of her children and is in the hand writing of her husband the said Barzillia Harrison that she also here attaches a certificate of Saml Thomas certifying to her husbands having taken the oath of allegous that the officers under whom her husband served was Capt Samuel Dyer Lt Wm Atkins sworn to and subscribed the date above Ann herXmark Harrison

NOTE: The family record is partly legible, and in it the soldier spelled his name "Barzilai Harrison." The first line reads, "Barzilai Harrison was born april 13 in the year of our lord 1751."

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me.
S/ James Foster, JP S/ Ann Harrison, X her Mark

[fn p. 4: On March 12, 1844 in Bedford County Tennessee, Moses Guest, 62 & 5 months, gave testimony saying he was well acquainted with Barzillai Harrison and his wife for about 50 years; that they lived together as man and wife; that the time he first met them they had 8 children and later had 2 more children for total of 10; that their oldest child, Temperance, was born November 8, 1776 as is shown in a family record in the possession of the widow and in the handwriting, he believes, of Barzillai Harrison; that said family record also shows that Barzillai Harrison and his wife were married December 12, 1775; that Barzillai Harrison was reputed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution and he believes that Barzillai Harrison was a soldier in the revolution.]

[fn p. 6: On September 29, 1846 in Bedford County, the widow then stating her age as 92 years, filed another claim to which she attached the family record.]

[fn p. 10: appears to be the family record, the first part of which is illegibly faint. Illegible portion reads as follows:

"Temperance Harris and the first daughter of Barzilai & Ann his wife was born November ye 8 1776

Richard Harrison the first Son of Barzilai Harrison and Ann his wife was born November the 9th 1778."

The portion of this record which is substantially illegibly faint appears to contain the statement that Barzilai was born in 1751.]

[fn p. 22: Certificate dated January 28, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to a "Barzilia Harrison" was services in the Revolutionary War pursuant to a certificate returned to the Comptrollers office by the capture of Caswell County North Carolina in 1784. The certificate also notes that there was a Captain Dyer in the North Carolina militia during the revolutionary war.]

[fn p. 24: On January 17, 1852 in Bedford County Tennessee, Tyre Harrison, 55 a resident of Bedford County gave testimony that he was acquainted with Ann Harrison, the widow of Barzillai Harrison and that she died in Bedford County March 7th, 1849. The relationship of the affiant to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[fn p. 33]

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