Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Harvey S10830 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[NOTE: the scribe's handwriting is somewhat challenging—use the transcription with care.]

State of Alabama Clarke County

On this the first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Samuel Williamson Judge of the orphans court of Clark County and also Judge of the County Court and now sitting as judge of the orphans Court John Harvey resident of said State & County aged seventy-two years who being 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of Congress and served under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That the first Service was in the militia of North Carolina under Captain Golson [probably Capt. Charles Gholson] as a horseman in the year 1778 the service commenced the last of November 1778 and ended sometime in the month of February 1779. The commanding Colonel was __ Litles [probably Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle]. I volunteered in Randolph County North Carolina, we then marched into Chatham [County] in the same State to the Barracks that was commanded by Litles, from the Barracks in Chatham, we marched to Cumberland County to the town of Fayetteville and from there to Duplin old Court House, we returned from there to the Barracks where we were discharged, in this term of service I was employed three months.

The second tour of service was under Captain William Gray in the militia of Randolph County North Carolina and was under Colonel __ Collins [probably Col. John Collier]² in the year 1780. This service commenced in the month of January 1780 and was employed in the time in repelling the inroads of the Tory under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] we marched through Moore, Chatham, Cumberland and was discharged at Colonel Collins' House in the month of April 1780 making a term of three months.

The third term of service was under Captain Eamon Williams³ of the militia service of North Carolina who was commanded by Colonel Anam Befery [probably Col. Andrew Balfour]⁴

¹ The War Department Clerk interpreted this name as Captain Gilson

² The Ward Department clerk interpreted this name as Calling

³ The War Department clerk interpreted this name as Emore or Emove Williams.

This service commenced in July 1780 and we were employed three months in the Service & was discharged by Colonel Jones Dugn [sic, James Dougan] after the Tories had killed a Colonel Anum Belfry [sic, Andrew Balfour]⁵ – in this service we were horsemen.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Where and in what year were you born

State of North Carolina Randolph County 6 July 1761.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

I have none

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolution, and where do you now live

I was living in Randolph County North Carolina resided in the same County until 1825, thence came to Clark County Alabama in 1826 and have resided in said County ever since and is now living in said County

How were you called into service, were you drafted, were you volunteer or did you serve as substitute and if a substitute for him

I volunteered whenever there was a necessity.

Did you receive a discharge from the Service if so by home was it given and what has become of it –

I was discharged first by Colonel Litles Same by Colonel Collins then by Colonel James Dugan the whole of the discharges are mislaid or lost so that I cannot find them.

There is no one living near me who knew me in the Service nor can I produce anyone in court to prove the fact.

I am known to John Spinks, Christopher Pritchett who resides in the same neighborhood with me. Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and date first written.

John Hanney

S/ John Harvey

[Christopher Pritchett, a clergyman, and John Spinks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a cavalryman and 3 months service as an infantryman in the North Carolina militia.]

Anam Keefing

The War Department clerk did not attempt to interpret this name

in his summary of this application.

⁵ Balfour was killed at his plantation in Randolph County NC on March 11, 1782 by Tory forces commanded by Col. David Fanning.