

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Richard Harris S13315

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State of Alabama } On this 2nd day of November personally appeared in open Court before the
Madison County } Judge of the court of sd. County now sitting Richard Harris a resident of sd.
County and State aged seventy three years and eleven months 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 entered the service of the United States in the Militia troops in the year Seventeen
hundred and seventy five under Cap. Edward Munford and served several tours in Col. Tuckers [St.
George Tucker's] regiment or in Col. Willis [Robert Carter Willis's] regiment and one under Maj'r. Devol
[sic: Duval] as a private soldier. He afterwards acted as Quarter Master for Col. Tuckers regiment and the
last tour he served he acted as forage master for Gen'l. Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade at the Siege of
York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. He quit service immediately after sd. Siege at which time the war closed. He
was in the battle at Petersburg [Blandford Hill, 25 April 1781], Old Jamestown [Green Springs
Planatation, 6 July 1781] and the Siege of York, besides a number of small skirmishes which he cannot
name at this late period. He resided in Powhatan County in the state of Virginia when he entered service
and marched from thence every time he served a tour, he volunteered several times and was drafted
several times and is verry confident that he served at least three years in defence of his country, and that
he never received any pay for his services. He knew and faught under Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l.
Lafayette, Col. Willis and Maj'r. Devol [sic: Samuel Duval], besides others whose names are not
recollected at this late period. He has no documentary evidence of his services. he received a discharge
after the Siege of York from Majr. Wood Jones, Comand't. Second Division, in which his rank as Forage
Master and the pay to which he was entitled was certified, but it is lost or mislaid. He hereby relinquishes
every claim whatever 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

[signed 2 Nov 1832] Rich'd Harris

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in
Madison County ss. } and for the County and State aforesaid, duly elected, commissioned and
sworn; Richard Harris of said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old
age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service,
but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in
the following grades: For three months I served a tour as a quarter Master: For three months I served a
tour as a Forage Master: For three months I served a tour as a second Sergeant: I also served several tours
as a private which amounted to the best of my recollection to a period of Three years at the least; and for
such services I claim a pension. The said Richard Harris further swears that he knows of no witness now
living by whom he can prove the whole, or any part of the services above enumerated with the exception
of Thomas Hubbard [pension application S17227] who can prove a part of said services and whose
certificate and affidavit are hereto annexed as a part of this Amended Declaration: The said Richard
Harris further swears that he was born in the County of Powhattan in the State of Virginia, on the 20th
day of November 1758 where he resided until he was about 45 years of age: I ascertain my age and the
day of my birth from a Register kept by my father – left by him and which is now in my possession: The
said Richard Harris further swears that the following persons are his neighbors to whom he is known in
his present neighborhood, and who can and as he believes will testify to his character for veracity and
their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution – viz. Capt. Peyton Powell, John Connally,

Major Robert B. Armistead, Capt. William Eason, John Blevins, Isaac Skillern, Francis T. Martin, William Patton and John J. Coleman. The said Richard Harris further swears that by reason of his age and the consequent loss of memory as aforesaid, he cannot fix the distinct times at which the several tours of Service above mentioned were rendered, more accurately than he has already done in his original declaration hereto annexed, and to which this is an amendment.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1833. [signed] Rich'd. Harris

NOTES: Thomas Hubbard stated that he had served six or more tours with Richard Harris. A court document in the file indicates that Harris died 23 Jan 1853 without leaving a widow.