Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Harper S31091 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky County of Muhlenberg}

On this 24th day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Muhlenberg County Court now sitting Nathan Harper a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty eight years 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following and served as herein stated. He was born in Dobbs County North Carolina on the 8th of November 1764 and enlisted under Captain Armstrong [William Armstrong] in said State for one year on the 4th day of June 1781 he was marched to Kingston [Kinston] from that to tarberry [Tarboro] from that to Sallsberry [Salisbury] and Hillsboro and joined Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Army at the High Hills of Santee and was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs on the 8th day of September following where General Green commanded, was marched from Eutaw Springs back to the High Hills of Santee and remained there until the spring and was then marched across Santee on to above Charleston and was stationed at Bacons Bridge was marched to Wilmington and after serving one year was discharged my discharge was signed by Captain Walton [William Walton] of the 2nd Regiment [sic, 1st Regiment] of North Carolina troops which discharge he has lost.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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

S/ Nathan Harper, X his mark

[Isaac Bard, a clergyman, and Valentine Whitmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State on the revolutionary war, that Nathan Harper a private in Captain Sharpe's [Anthony Sharpe's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 4th day of June 1781 for the term of 12 months and [left] the service on the 4th day of June 1782.

Given under my hand this 25th day of May 1833

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina service.]