

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jacob Harvick (Harwick) S32298

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State of Illinois, Johnson County

On this third day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the court of County Commissioners, in and for the said County of Johnson, now sitting, Jacob Harvick, a resident of the said County of Johnson, aged 81 years, or thereabouts, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Early in the year 1781, as well as he now remembers he turned out as a volunteer private for three months, under Captain Hulet or Hewitt of Surry County, North Carolina, where this declarant then resided. In this company, under the regimental command of Colonel Phillips, this applicant marched to Salisbury where the command was stationed to guard some prisoners who were confined there. In this service they were engaged during the term of three months, about the end of which time, Cornwallis being in the neighborhood at the head of the hostile forces, they left Salisbury carrying with them the prisoners, and retreated to the Virginia line, where this declarant was discharged by Captain Hulet. He does not now remember the name of the place where he was thus discharged, and he has lost his discharge.

There were no Continental, or regular, or soldiers with the forces to which this applicant belonged during the term of service just described.

This declarant returned home to Surry County, where he remained until the Fall season of the same year, when he again entered the service in the North Carolina State line for one year as a private. His Captain was Captain Charles Gordon. He was again marched to Salisbury and remained there guarding the prisoners, who were confined there, having been taken there as soon as the danger from Cornwallis had passed. At Salisbury they remained about two months, at the expiration of said time, his company was taken down to a place on Drowning Creek, about 70 miles distant from Salisbury where the State troops were encamped under Major Crawford, or Major Lewis, he does not recollect precisely which of them. At this place Captain Gordon's company remained only a few days, and was marched down to the Pedee [River], where they were engaged three months guarding the neighboring Country against any insurrection of the Negroes and mulattos, of whose rising and assisting the British apprehensions were seriously entertained by the People. During this service they the troop to which this declarant was attached, met with no engagements, as the Negroes were overawed. Captain Gordon

next lead his company to the waters of Deep River, at Lindley's mill, where is it again joined the Main body of the state troops under cap major Lewis. Soon after arriving at Lindley's mill, Captain Gordon left his company under some charge of misconduct, who had after this the immediate command of the company this declarant does not now remember, but recollects that Major Lewis still retained command of the troops there assembled. After about three weeks or eight months stay at Lindley's Mill, Major Lewis ordered the troops to Hillsboro, where at the expiration of his term of service (one year) this declarant received his discharge by Major Lewis. In all the course of this year's service in the State troops, there were no Continental soldiers in service with the declarant. His discharge was given in 1782, some time after the termination of the war; and has since been lost.

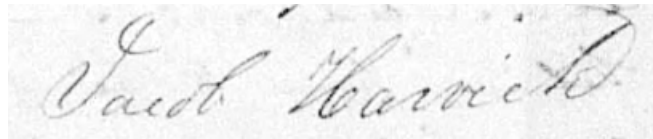
This declarant, during the time he was as herein before stated in the service of the United States, was engaged in no civil pursuit, but was entirely devoted to and exclusively occupied by, that service.

When called into service this declarant resided, as he has before stated in Surry County North Carolina, which remained to be his home until after the close of the revolutionary war. From that place he removed to the State of Georgia, thence to the state of Tennessee, and thence to the then Territory, now state, of Illinois, where he has continued to reside, and still does reside.

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.

This declarant furthermore states that he has no documentary evidence to prove the foregoing related facts, nor does he know of any living witness whose testimony he can broke your to them. He was born and what is now the State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1752, but has no record of his age.

S/ Jacob Harvick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Harvick". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ John McIntire, Clerk

And the following interrogatories were then put to the said Jacob Harvick by the said court, to which the said Harvick made answer upon oath as annexed to said interrogatories respectively.

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: -- I was born in the Colony of Pennsylvania, in the year 1752.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: -- I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: --I lived in Surry County, North Carolina, when called into service, and since the war have lived in Georgia, Tennessee and Illinois, successively, and in Illinois I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: -- I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: --There were no regular officers with the troops where I served, nor any Continental regiments, the only militia Regiment he now recollects was that of Colonel Phillips, and such as Major Lewis commanded, whether a full Regiment or not I do not remember. I was engaged guarding prisoners at Salisbury, retreated to the Virginia line, returned to Salisbury thence marched to Drowning

Creek, thence to Pedee, thence to Deep River & otherwise as before stated.

[This question omitted 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?]

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: -- Samuel Copeland, Sheriff, and the Rev. Hezekiah West.

S/ Jacob Harvick

Answered, subscribed and sworn to as above stated, in open court this day & year first above mentioned.

S/ John McIntire, Clerk

[Hezekiah West, a clergyman, and Samuel Copeland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died November 22, 1833, presumably in Johnson County Illinois.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]