Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Revis S32475

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State of Illinois Madison County: On this fourth day of September personally appeared in open court before their Honors the Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Madison County, now sitting, Henry Revis a resident of Madison County and State of Illinois aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declarations, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

That he the said Revis entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in Surry County North Carolina in the fall of 1775 and joined the company commanded by Captain Jacob Free and marched in pursuit of McCloud the Scotch Tory and his company; but he was defeated before he could be overtaken by Free's men.

That he was in the service 3 months and returned home in January 1776.

That he was drafted and belonged to the company commanded by Captain Jacob Free and Colonel Martin Armstrong and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and employed in the Indian service in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians was in the service 3 months and some days not recollected the number.

He was again drafted in Rutherford County North Carolina and belonged to a company commanded by Captain William Neville's and was stationed on the frontier against the Indians at Walnut creek where they made excursions upon the frontiers and to Broad River was out in the service 3 months at this time.

That he was kept as a minute man for a long time and was out in many excursions against the Indians on the frontiers but the exact time is not known. But he believes he was in the service of the United States more than one year in all the tours he was out during the Revolution.

He has no documents to prove his services by, he never received but one discharge and that was lost many years since.

That he has but one person by whom he can prove his services in this Country that was knowing to his performing the services as herein stated -- he is Harris Revis¹ a resident of Montgomery County Illinois and he has been acquainted with him ever since. And he is also acquainted with Samuel Wood who lives in the County of Madison.

He was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County North Carolina on the 11th day of August 1752, that he lived there till a few years before the war and then moved to Surry County and from there to Rutherford County and that he came to the state of Kentucky in 1808 or 1809 where he lived more than 2 years and then he came to Madison County in 1811 where he has lived ever since. He has no record of his age and knows of none.

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¹ Sic, Harris Reavis, FPA S32472

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 this day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Revis, X his mark

Harris Revis a resident of Montgomery County and State of Illinois hereby certifies that he is well acquainted with Henry Revis who has sworn to, and subscribed the above declaration, and knows that he served as therein stated, and was in the service a part of the time with him, and believes that he served more than one year in the service of the United States during the war of the revolution. And that he is a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Harris Revis, R his mark

[Samuel Wood, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Madison County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace within and for the County of Madison and State of Illinois Henry Revis, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and 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 period mentioned below and in the following grade.

For one year I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed & sworn to before made this 27th day of May A.D. 1833

S/ Samuel Seybold, JP

S/ Henry Revis, E his mark