Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Harris S38796

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District of West Tennessee Sct

On this first day of June in the year 1818. before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said District personally appears David Harris aged fifty nine years on the 13th day of last May now resident in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress, entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary War, that he the said David Harris enlisted in the county of Goochland in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Taylor of the Second Regiment of Virginia Continental troops, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the 11th of August 1780. having enlisted on the 20th day of July 1777. on which 11th day of August 1780. he was discharged from service in the county of Chesterfield at the Courthouse of said County in the State of Virginia, that he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 June 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his county for support, and that he has now no other evidence in his power of his said services. Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

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David Harris in further support of his claim to a pension, brought before me Obediah Jackson a citizen of Davidson county in the State of Tennessee Who after being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that he knows the Applicant David Harris, that he was in the continental service in the same company with him under the command of Captain William Taylor in the second Virginia Continental Reg. and under the command of Colo. Christian Febeggar [sic: Christian Febiger], that he was in said service more than nine months That he is now acquainted with him, that he is a poor man living on rented land and needs aid from government, he is crippled in the right hand, all the fingers on said hand is stiff except one [signed 31 May 1819] Obediah Jackson

On the 1st of June 1819 Robert Thomas [S1880] came before me and made oath that he knows David Harris a soldier in Captain William Taylors company in the 2^d Virginia continental Reg't. Commanded by Colo. Christain Gebeffar, and that he was a soldier with him and knows that he served 12 months or more [signed] Robert Thomas

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district David Harris aged sixty one years resident in davidson County in said district who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the second virginia regiment Capt William Taylors company virginia line. The original declaration is dated on the first day June 1818, the number of his pension Certificate is 12,387. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 17 day March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with the intent thereby to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, Viz Say 6 Head cattle, 46 Pigs & Hogs,

& one sheep some little kitchen & Table furniture, and a few farming utensils, a Farmer by occupation unable to do much work from the infirmity of age, My wife Ann Harris & son Mastus Harris, my wife is about fifty four years & my son 12 years of age – are the only family living with me

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NOTE: This may be the David Harris referred to in the pension application of William Harris: S13314.