

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Harvey S5474

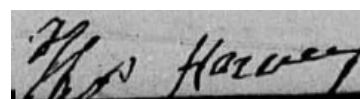
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State of Virginia

Campbell County

On this the 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Campbell County now setting Thomas Harvey a resident in the County of Campbell and state aforesaid aged seventy the 22nd day of last March 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That in the year 1780 about the first of May his Father William Harvey was drafted in the Malitia for a tour of six months and that he took his fathers place met the officers at said Malitia at New London, then Bedford Courthouse (the County of Campbell has since been taken off Bedford and New London is on the Campbell side) That he march from thence under the Command of Capt. Thomas Leftwich Lt Austin Leftwich [sic: Augustine Leftwich] and joined and made a part of the Brigade Commanded by Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] at Hillsborough in the state of North Carolina, and formed a part of the Reg't Commanded by Cols. Stublefeld [sic: George Stubblefield] & [Joseph] Spencer, from thence he march'd & joined Gen'l. Gate's [sic: Horatio Gates's] Army near Camden, South Carolina, near a Mill [Rugeley's Mill], between the mill & Camden was in the Battle, called Gate's defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. he with the remnant of malitia that did not run away returned to Hillsborough NC, where they again formed still in Leftwich' Company from whence the went to a place called New Garden in [Guilford County] North Carolina and were newly organized and his Captain among other supernumerary officers discharged. he was then placed in a company newly organized commanded by Capt. Daniel a stranger to him, there being only four Companies together, commaned by Major [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris. After which they march to Hogans Creek having a small action, dispersed the Tories and returned to Guilford Court House and was there discharged in the month of November (he thinks) he has no doubt but he received a discharge, but what has become of it he has no recollection. at that time he resided in the County of Bedford within one mile of where he now resides. it is now Campbell County. he was born and always lived in the same neighbourhood. That in month of August 1781 he was drafted in the malitia for a Tour of three months and march'd in the same month under the Command of Capt David Beard, Lt Thomas Hayth & Ensign Joseph Stith. There were two or three other companies that marched from the County at the same call. they marched directly to York Town where the Seige had commenced [on 28 Sep 1781] and remained at York until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when he was discharged. if he received a written discharge he has no recollection what has become of it. Whilst at Yorktown in a brigade commanded by Gen'l [Robert] Lawson and the Reg't. was commanded by Col. Holt Richeson during the time he was in York he was in good health and actively engaged in service. he saw Washington and Lafayette, and saw Cornwallis' Army marched out. after the Surrender, he thinks he was discharged about the latter part of October. That he has no documentary evidence that Sampson Evans [pension application S8440], Gen'l. Joel Leftwich [S8830] of Campbell and Benj'n Marshall [Benjamin Marshall S5728] of Charlotte whose evidence he intends to furnish, are the only witnesses known or recollected by him now living by whom he can prove 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



Where & in what year were you Born

Answer I was Born in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia March 22nd 1762

Question 2^d by Same

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer I have in my fathers family Bible now in my possession

Question 3rd by Same

Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live

Answer When called into Service I lived in the County of Bedford now Campbell in the State of Virginia & continued after the Revolutionary War to live in Bedford until the County of Campbell was taken from it; since which time I have lived & now live in Campbell County & in the Neighbourhood of the place of Nativity

Question 4th by Same

How were you called into service, were you Drafted, did you Vollunteer, or were you a substitute; & if a Substitute for whom

Answer The first Tour I served was in my fathers sted who was drafted the second I was drafted

Question 5th by Same

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental & Malitia Regiments as you can recollect, & the general Circumstances of your service

Answer In my first Tour I was in General Stephens's Brigade of Virginia Militia the Regiment was the 4th commaned by Colos Stubblefield & Spencer General Gates had [several illegible words] Battle of Camden in South Carralina. In my Second Tour at the siege of york I was in Capt David Beards Company Colo Holt Richardsons Regiment & General Lawsons Brigade General Washington Commander in Chief

Question 6th By Same

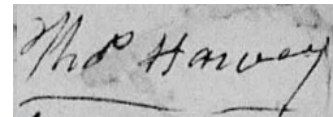
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it

Answer I did receive discharges from both Tours but do not recollect from whom & know not what has become of them

Question 7th by Same

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your charracter for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer General Joel Leftwich the Rev'd. Henry Brown & Mr Sampson Evans are acquainted with me Subscribed & sworn to in open Court this 13th day of Nov'r 1832



I hereby Certify that Capt. Thomas Harvey Sheriff of this County was attached to a company of Militia in the Service of the United States Commanded by Capt. Thomas Leftwich of the County of Bedford of which Company I was Orderly Serjeant & that we marched from said County [one or two illegible words] last of May or first of June 1780 to Hillsborough in North Carolina where the Militia was Organized into Regiments which formed a Brigade Command'd by Gen'l. Stevens & the Regiment to which Capt. Leftwich's Company was attached was commanded by either Colo. Stubblefield of Colo. Spencer at which place the Brigade was stationed five or six weeks & from thence marched to South Carolina & joined the Southern Army at Rudgeleys Mills about two days before Gates's defeat near Camden where he participated in the misfortunes of the day after which the Militia retreated in a scattered irregular manner to Hillsborough the Original Rendezvous where they generally joined their respective Companies & such was the general distress & privation of the Troops being wholly destitute

of Camp Equipage & frequently without provision that every man belonging to Capt. Leftwiches Company except the Commissioned Officers one other Serjeant Thomas Harvey (then a Private) & myself deserted. the Commissioned Officers being Supernumerary were discharged (after which the remaining Serjeant Thomas Harvey & myself were attached to a Capt. Daniels Company of the same Reg't where we continued to do duty untill our term of service expired which was about the last of October when we were Honorably discharged in North Carolina near Guilford Court House Given under my hand in the County of Campbell and State of Virginia this 8th day of October Anno Dommime

A small, rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name appears to be "John L. ..." with a large, stylized initial "J" and "L".

NOTE: Benjamin Marshall and Thomas Franklin (W1590) each stated that they had served more than six months with Harvey.