

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

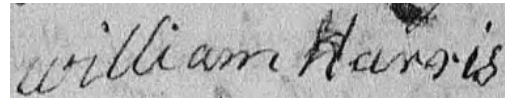
Pension Application of Josiah Cheatham W18889 Lucy Cheatham VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }
County of Nelson } SS.

On this 18 day of March 1839 personally appeared before me John Digges a justice of the peace, Lucy Cheatham a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836: that she is the widow, of Josiah Cheatham, who was a regular, in the Revolutionary War; she does not recollect the year, nor the month he entered the service, nor the time when he left the same, he was as she is informed at Bluford defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford, Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], he was at the captivation of Burguoyne at the battle of Saratoga [sic: Gen. John Burgoyne, 17 Oct 1777], at Mobbins Hill [sic: bivouac at Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond, Jul 1781], also at Williamsburg, at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]; – she does not recollect the particular periods of these engagements, she believes from information, Archer Perkins was Leftenant & Samuel Cabell was Colonel; under whom the service was performed; he resided in Amherst County, and State aforesaid, when he entered the service; he enlisted as a Volunteer; she does not recollect the country through which he marched, she further declares that she was married to the said Josiah Cheatham on the fifth day of November, in the year Seventeen hundred & eighty six. that her Husband, the aforesaid Josiah Cheatham, died on the thirteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred & thirteen, and she has remained a Widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Lucy herXmark Cheatham

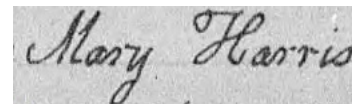
State of Virginia }
County of Nelson } S.S.

This day personally appeared before me John Digges a justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid William Harris [pension application S6956] and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Josiah Cheatham, he enlisted from Amherst County under Capt Samuel Cabell at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and during the war, Samuel Cabell was promoted to Colonel, Clough Shelton was Lefttenant and during the war he was promoted to Captain; I saw the said Josiah Cheatham frequently during the war, I saw him at Mobbin Hill, and from every circumstance, I can with confidence say he served from the commencement to the conclusion of the Revolutionary war as a Regular,
[23 March 1839]



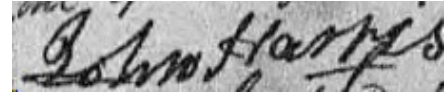
State of Virginia }
County of Albemarle } SS

On this 3rd day of July 1840 personally appeared before me Wilson C. Nicholas a justice of the peace in and from the county aforesaid Mary Harris and made oath in due form of law, that she was well acquainted with Josiah & Lucy Cheatham; that he came in the year 1787 to live with my late Husband Benj'n Harris [Benjamin Harris W7664] as overseer and remained in that business a number of years, then purchased part of said tract of land where he lived with the exception of one year, untill the fall of 1812 at which time he again become overseer and died the next Spring, his brother finished the crop and recognised her as the lawful widow of Josiah Cheatham and have never heard a suspicion by any person of their not being lawfully married



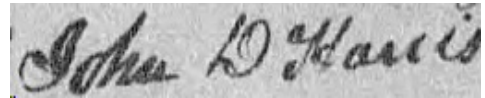
State of Virginia } ss:
County of Nelson }

This day personally appeared before me John Digges a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Harris and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Josiah Cheatham, who, as he was informed was married sometime between the years, one thousand seven hundred & eighty five, & one thousand seven hundred & ninety to Lucy Cheatham, his wife, and the said Josiah Cheatham died as he thinks in the year one thousand eight hundred & twelve or the year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen since the above was written the said John Harris says he does not recollect what year the said Josiah Cheatham was married or died and cant speak of his own knowledge.
[25 March 1839]



State of Virginia }
Nelson County } S.S.

This day personally appeared before me John Digges a justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid John D Harris and made oath in due form of law, that he is well acquainted with Lucy Cheatham who was united in matrimony to Josiah Cheatham sometime between the years one thousand seven hundred & eighty five & one thousand seven hundred & ninety and the said Josiah Cheatham died in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen and the said Lucy Cheatham is now living and has remained a widow ever since
[25 March 1839]



NOTE:

Richard Hare, pension application S8697, stated that he served with Josiah Cheatham at the Siege of Yorktown.

On 2 July 1840 Lucy Cheatham stated that she was married at the house of Rev. Martin Dawson six miles from her present residence.