Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Brantly Harris W19727 Elizabeth Harris NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 Aug 2014.

State of North Carolina }

Montgomery County } SS On this 11th day of January 18 hundred & forty-three personally appeared before me Nelson Harris, one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions in and for said County and State, (it being a Court of Record) Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, aged eighty-three 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 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3^d, 1837.

That she was married to Brantly Harris, who was a private in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution that lived in the aforesaid County & State and served at different times and places under the following officers Capts. Robertson Kimble [sic: Buckner Kimbrell] Gilmon and others, for nine months

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Brantly Harris on the 15th day of August in the year seventeen hundred seventy-seven. That her husband the aforesaid Brantly Harris died on the 19th day of January 18 hundred and twenty-two.— That she was afterwards married to Arthur Harris who died on the 9th day of June 18 hundred & thirty, and that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836, and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

[signed] N. Harris JP Elizabeth herXmark Harris

State of North Carolina }

Montgomery County } I Nelson Harris do certify that Elizabeth Harris who hath this day sworn to and subscribed the above declaration is a credible person and to be believed on oath I also certify that she is by reason of bodily infirmity unable to attend Court to make her said declaration And I further Certify that she is the widow of the identical Brantly Harris & Arthur Harris as above stated that they lived together as husband & wife & thus she is now a widow and has never married since the death of her last husband Arthur harris who died as above stated, and, and that she is a resident of the aforesaid County & State ~~ Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written

[signed] N Harris JP

State of North Carolina }

Montgomery County } I Richard Bell [pension application W25231] a Soldier of the Revolutionary war aged Eighty-three years, do Certify upon Oath that I was well acquainted with Brantly Harris who was a Private in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution also with his wife who is yet a living and an applicant for a Pension, that they both lived in my immediate neighborhood and were married at the fourpart of the Old War, that I know of my own personal knowledge that Brantly Harris was a Soldier

The first tour that Brantly Harris served & that I have a knowledge of was in the year of 17 hundred seventy six he Brantly Harris & myself werre drafted for three months under Capt Robertson Gen'l. Radiford [sic: Griffith Rutherford] & Col. Love to go to fight the Indians we mustered at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] in July we marched from that place to broad River where we garrisond for several weeks from thence we marched on to the Indian Nation destroyd their Town & returned home which occupied the three months for which we were drafted & we were discharged

The next tour that I served with Brantly Harris was in the year 17 hundred eighty Brantly Harris substituted himself in the place of his father for three months under Capt Kimble Gen'l. Arington [sic: Henry William Harrington] which tour he served out faithfully we left home in the Spring with the Army

marched on to South Carolina to Cheraw and down about Camden which place we were stationed with some prisoners at the time of the first Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] after which the division of the Army to which Harris & myself belonged marched on to Fayetteville from thence back to S. Carolina & on the way back our term of service expird & we were both discharged

The third & last Tour of three months of which I have nay knowledge Brantly Harris as well as myself volunteerd for three months into the light Horse under Capt Gilmore & Col Loftland [William Lofton] which was in the summer of 17 hundred eighty one we were out a scouting in different Counties in this part of the state after the Tories. [David] Fanning & his confederates who were engaged at that time in killing & plundering the people. of this last tour of three months we were out all of the time in actual service.

And I further Certify of the three three months tours that I I have mentioned I know of my own personal knowledge that Brantly Harris did serve the same out faithfully for I served with him

Sworn to and subscribed an this 12th day of January 1843 before

[signed] N. Harris JP Richard hisXmark Bell

State of North Carolina }

Montgomery County } I Benjamin Bell [W3925] a Soldier of the Revolutionary War aged eighty-one years do Certify upon Oath that I was well acquainted with Brantly Harris who was a private in the war of the Revolution that lived in my neighborhood both before and since that War. That I know that Brantly was out at different times in service both in the foot & lighthorse, when I have always understood he served faithfully – I also Certify that Brantly Harris was married to Elizabeth Edward at the begginning of the Revolution who is now living near me, & the widow of Arthur Harris and the applicant for a Pension

Sworn to and subscribed on this 16th day of January 1843, before [signed] N. Harris

Know all men by these presents that I Nancy Pennington of the County of Stanly and State of North Carolina do hereby constitute and appoint H C Spalding of the City of Washington & District of Columbia my true & lawful attorney for me & in my name to examine into & prosecute the claim I have I have as the only surviving heir of Brantly Harris Dec'd. and Elizabeth Harris Dec'd. his widow and to receive for me & in my name all such arrearages of pay and increase of pensions as may be due the said Brantly & Elizabeth or me as their only heir surviving, & I do further authorize & empower the said H C Spalding to do all & every thing pertaining to the above claim as I could do in my own proper person. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 7th day of October AD 1854 Witness J. Pennington

I Richard Harris Clerk of of the Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions in & for Stanly County hereby certify that the above power of attorney was duly proven by the oath of the subscribing witness John Pennington & that full faith & credit is due thereunto. Given under my hand & the seal of my office this Oct 25 1854.

[signed] R Harris CSC

NOTE: Included in the file is a copy of a bond signed with their marks by Brantly Harris and William Edwards in Swain County NC on 12 Aug 1777 for the marriage of Harris to Elizabeth Edwards.