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Pension Application of Robert Harris W23240

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State of Illinois White County SS

On this 1st day of February 1844 before me Abel Rice one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County aforesaid being a Court of record personally appeared Lucy Harris a resident of said County of White, aged Eighty four 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 on the 4th day of July 1836

That she is the Widow of Robert Harris who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution – he resided in North Carolina, and served probably in both North and South Carolina – from age and loss of memory she is unable to state many of the particulars as to the length of his services, or the officers under whom he served– he may have served before her marriage with him. and she knows that he served considerably after her marriage– he was at the Siege at Charleston [7 March - 12 May 1780] and the defeat at Munks Corner [sic: Monck's Corner, 14 April 1780] his Captains were [William] Bethel and Raiford She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Harris on the [blank] day of January 1779 by a minister named Thomas Mullins by being published, and in Guilford County North Carolina that she has no record evidence of her marriage and that her husband the aforesaid Robert Harris died on the 9th day of June 1806 and that she has remained a Widow ever since that time Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written, at her own residence about fifteen miles from Carmi the County Seat of said County, she being unable by reason of bodily infirmity to attend Court Lucy herXmark Harris

NOTES:

On 28 Oct 1844 Robert Orr, born in Guilford County NC in 1776, stated that when he was about eight years old Robert Harris had lived about two miles from him and married Lucy Stubblefield, daughter of Dicky Stubblefield. He stated that after the marriage Robert and Lucy Harris lived four or five miles from him. He also stated that their son, Richard Harris, was a “pious Minister of the gospel.” Richard Harris submitted a family record in his father's handwriting, transcribed below.

On 5 Aug 1850 Richard Harris, administrator of Lucy Harris's estate, applied on behalf of her children for the arrears of her pension up to the date of her death on 16 April 1848. The court certification adds that Robert Harris died in Rockingham County NC, and that Lucy Harris left the following surviving children: Nancy Trousdale, Robert Harris, Richard Harris, Susannah Taylor, Francis Taylor, and Sally Trousdale.

Nancy Harriss was Born January 4th 1780

Robert Harriss was Born December 2^d 1782

Rich'd Harris was Born november 11th 1785

Elizabeth Harriss was Born august 12th 1787

Thompston Harriss was Born December 21st 1789

Susannah Harriss was Born aprill 20th 1792

Lucy Harriss was Born november 17th 1759

Robt Harriss wife fanney Harriss was Born March 16th 1795

John Harriss was born January the 10th 1798

Polley Harriss was born July the 9th 1800

Note by D Hay/ After the above Robert Harris had registered the births of his six oldest children he register the birth of his wife and calls her his wife which I think would be strong presumptive evidence of their marriage

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Cure for worms or grubs take a pint of sweted milk and give them, and then give them a pint of Rum or Brandy one spoonfull of Jerusalem moak seed one spoonful of musterd seed half ounce Indego all Beat well together

Richard Harriss was Born November 11th 1785.