

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Hargis W4480 Elizabeth Hargis NC
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State of North Carolina }
Person County } SS

On this 22nd day of January AD 1841 personally appeared before me Augustin Vanhook one of the members of the County Court for the County of Person Elisabeth Hargis a resident of Person County State of North Carolina aged eighty years last May & from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court, 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 7th 1838 entitled “an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows”

That she is the widow of Abraham Hargis who was a soldier in the Revolution. That she understood from s’d Abraham Hargis in his life time that the s’d Abraham Hargis enlisted as a common soldier in the Revolution & served two years & six months & then returned home & in a short time was draughted & served six months & that this was previous to her marriage with him which was the 1st day of August 1782 so that she supposes he must have enlisted the service in 1778 or 1779 & left the service about the latter part of the year 1781. That she has frequently heard the s’d Abraham Hargis speak of having served that length of time in the war & she believes it to be true but of her own knowledge she cannot say – That she frequently heard her husband the s’d Abraham speak of being in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [in South Carolina, 8 Sep 1781] & in the battle when Genl Nash was killed but she does not remember what battle that was but believes it was the battle of Germanton [sic: Gen. Francis Nash of the First N. C. Continental Regiment, who died three days after being wounded at the Battle of Germantown PA on 4 Oct 1777] – That she has heard her s’d husband say he was at Philadelphia when the battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777] but does not remember whether he s’d he was engaged in battle– That she does not remember what officers her husband the s’d Abraham served under– That the s’d Abraham Hargis her husband at the time he entered the service lived in Caswell County (now Person County) North Carolina. That she does not know of any documentary evidence of the s’d Abraham Hargis’ service

She further declares that she was married to the s’d Abraham Hargis on the 1st day of August 1782 – That her husband the afs’d Abraham Hargis died the 2nd day of Nov. 1827. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first January 1794 viz at the time above stated – She further declares that she was married to the s’d Abraham Hargis by a regularly ordained baptist preacher named Timothy Burgess who is now dead & that there was never any record made of their marriage that she knows of nor does she remember that any person now living was present at the marriage except Kindle Vanhook & Elizabeth Hargis a sister of the s’d Abraham Hargis – That she has never married since the death of her s’d husband the s’d Abraham Hargis but continues still his widow.

Elizabeth herXmark Hargis

Sworn to & subscribed before A. Van Hook J.P.

North Carolina } Ss
Person County }

On this 22nd day of January 1841 personally appeared before me Augustin Vanhook one of the members of the County Court for Person County & an acting justice of the peace in & for s’d County – Elisabeth Hargis who maketh oath that she is the sister of Abraham Hargis dec’d a revolutionary soldier that she is eighty three years old. That she well remembers & is very positive that the s’d Abraham Hargis dec’d enlisted as a soldier in the Revolution & she believes in the year 1777 or 1778 the precise date she does not remember but she knows it was about that time & that she knows he entered the service & was carried to Charleston in South Carolina. He did not remain there long but was brought back

through this county & was carried to Hallifax [sic: Halifax] in North Carolina & thence on North, & that she has frequently heard her brother the s'd Abraham Hargis speak of being in battles particularly the battle of the Eutaw Springs. That he remained in the service two years & six months & then returned home & in a few months was draughted & entered the service again & was in the service six months longer She swears positively that her brother the s'd Abraham Hargis did enter the service as a soldier & that he was gone two years & six month & that he was after draughted & againd entered the service & was gone six month but as to his being engaged in battles or to what particular places carrid or under what officer he served she cannot & does not state as of her own knowledge

She further swears that she was present at the marriage of her brother the s'd Abraham Hargis to Elisabeth Kilgore who is now his widow that she saw the marriage celebrated between them & that they were regularly married by one Timothy Burges, a regular Baptist minister & they always lived together as man & wife until the death of the s'd Abraham Hargis which was 2nd Nov. 1827 & that the s'd Elisabeth hath remaind his widow ever since. She further swears that there was no record made of the marriage that she knows of & that Kindle Vanhook was also present at the marriage & is still alive. She further swears that the s'd Abraham lived in Caswel County (now Person County) North Carolina & that he died at the time above mentioned in Person County North Carolina Elisabeth herXmark Hargis

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Person County } [26 Jan 1841]

Personally appeared before me Augustin Vanhook one of the members of the County Court for Person County N.C. & an acting justice of the peace in & for s'd county Kindle Vanhook who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath say that he is about seventy five years of age & that he was from his youth acquainted with Abraham Hargis dec'd & always lived in the same county with him. That he was present at the marriage of the s'd Abraham Hargis with Elisabeth Kilgore who is now his widow – that they were regularly & lawfully married but he does not remember who was the parson. He does not remember the year when they married but he knows it was previous to the year 1794. He never heard the legality of their marriage doubted. The lived together as man & wife until the death of s'd Abraham which happened some years ago but he cannot remember the precise date of his death. That the s'd Elisabeth is now his widow & hath not married since his death

He further states that he knows the s'd Abraham Hargis was a soldier in the Revolutionary War & was in the service a considerable length of time but whether he was a regular or a malitia man he does not remember – nor does he remember the date when he entered the service or when he left but he knows he was in the service a good long time – & he never heard any one doubt that the s'd Abraham was in the service. He further states that he the s'd Kindle Vanhook had a brother named Aron Vanhook [Aaron Van Hook] who was a soldier in the Revolution & was killed at the battle at the Eutaw Springs. that the s'd Aron after having been in service a considerable time came home & he frequently heard the s'd Aron speak of being in the sevice with the s'd Abraham Hargis & what fixes it in his mind particularly is that the s'd Aron frequently spoke of a quarrel between him the s'd Aron & the s'd Abraham. In a short time the s'd Aron returned to the service & was killed in the battle at the Eutaw Springs & although he does not know the fact yet he has little doubt but that the s'd Abraham Hargis was also in s'd battle & that he has a feint recollection of the s'd Abram's bringing home from s'd battle something that belonged to s'd Aron. But the s'd Kindle would not be understood as speaking positively of any thing except as to the fact of marriage & sevice of the s'd Abraham – but of of the marriage & service he is positive

Sworn to & subscribed before me

[signed] Kindle Van Hook

[signed] A. Van Hook J.P

NOTES:

A certificate in the file states that on 2 Feb 1784 a soldier named Abraham Hargis was allowed 228 acres of bounty land by North Carolina for 30 month's service.

A document in the file states that Abraham Hargis's widow died on 28 Jan 1851.