

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Harriss (Harris): R4674

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State of Illinois} On this day Towit the 17th of August A.D. 1836, personally appeared in
Vermilion County} Open Court, towit the Probate Court in and for said County now sitting,
William Harriss aged, Eighty Seven years, next June as he verily believes, who being first duly
sworn, (he being a resident of Champaine [sic: Champaign] County Illinois) according to law,
Doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of
Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he entered the Service of the United States under the
following named officers, and served as herein stated.

On the first tour, Declarant were drafted at the White house on the Shanadoah [sic:
Shenandoah] River, in Shanadoah County Virginia, in the month of September, as this declarant
verlies in the year 1776 or 1776 [sic], or-at-all events the year that King Cornstalk was killed, at
Point Pleasant [1777], marched from thence to Winchester there joined the Companies of Buck
& Nicewonger[?], marched from thence to Old Town - thence along the Road that was opened by
General Bradocks [sic: Braddock's] troops to Pittsburg [sic: Pittsburgh]. it was nearly an entire
Wilderness from Old Town to Pittsburg there stationed to guard against the depredations of the
savages until a few days before Christmas and went home were discharged by Captain Rader,
General Hann [sic: probably Edward Hand] commanded while at Pittsburg —
Served not less than three months on said Tour a private in said company.
On a Second tour were drafted at Millerstown in the County Shenadoah in the State of Virginia in
the month of September 1781 marched to Winchester or at Purkins Spring there were station to
Guard the British Prisoners, were a private in the company of Captain Seahorn [sic: possibly John
Sehorn] - under Colonel Brown - served not less that three months on said tour were
discharged about Christmas 1781 by my Captain and that he has no documentary evidence of
his services, and that he knows of no person now living who he can prove his Revolutionary
services by /Adam Recabaugh and John Recabaugh they being both dead, at this time —
and that he hereby relinquishes every claim to to a pension whatever except the present, and
declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any state. William hisXmark Harriss

Interogatories Presented by the War Department

Quest 1st. Born in Culpeper County Virginia as declarant believes in the year 1750. Quest 2nd no
record [of his age]

3rd Quest: In Shanadoah County Virginia lived in the State of Ohio Galia [sic: Gallia] County, in
the the State of Indiana about two years, now lives in Champaign County Illinois,

4 Quest: were drafted

5 Questions General Hann Col Gibson [probably John Gibson], Capt Arbuckle, Captains
Rader Buck & Nicewonger, and Captain Col. Brown, 6th I Rec'd. a discharge the one on the first
tour were signed by Capt Rader; the 2- one were signed by Captain Seahorn All of which were
burned with my house in Galea County Ohio

7th Joseph Thomas & Jacob Thomas [two from his neighborhood who could testify to his
character for veracity and their belief in his Revolutionary services]