

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Paul Haralson W1763¹ Mary fn38NC
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[fn p. 13: pages scabbled as posted on Footnote.com]

State of Illinois, County of Randolph

On the 4th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Roberds, John G. Nelson and William J. Hizer, the Justices of the County Commissioners' Court now sitting Paul Haralson a resident now of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy two years on the 6th day of September last, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was drafted in Militia for the term of three months and entered the service of the United States as a private in the month of September 1779 or as he now believes in the year 1780, that he met the Regiment then commanded by Col. William Moore at Caswell Court house and was enrolled in the Company belonging to Captain Farquar [sic, Farquhar?]. That from Caswell Court house they marched out towards South Carolina as he understood to give a Check to the Tories who were then embodying in many places in South Carolina and in the upper parts of North Carolina. That they marched across the Yadkin River some distance below the South fork, whilst stationed there an Election took place for Major Elijah Moore was elected over William Sanders about that time intelligence was brought into camp that there was a body of Tories collected near the Shallow ford forty or fifty miles above where they were stationed. That they then marched to give them battle, that on the second days march in the evening the applicant being then in the front guard some distance in front of [the] Regiment, that a heavy firing commenced but a few hundred yards from where the Guard then was. That they then stood under Arms till the regiment came up, they were then drawn in a line, when they received information that a Captain

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and his Company from Virginia had heard of them, Marched & defeated them, that there was several killed in that action; they encamped that night near the battleground, the ensuing morning they waded across the Shallow ford and Marched down the East side opposite to where they were first stationed where they continued but a short time, from thence they marched and stationed at a place then called New Providence near the South Carolina line some distance below Charlotte where they continued till their time of service was nearly expired. That there were a number of Tory prisoners taken in a fort near Camden. It was reported at that time by stratagem by placing a pine log on a pair of wheels which the Tories took for a field piece and surrendered the fort and themselves prisoners of war upon the first demand² and them Tory prisoners were brought into camp the day before they broke up camp, and this applicant assisted in conveying them to Salisbury and upon his return home was discharged by the said Captain Farquas some time as he believes in the month of December for the full term of three months. This applicant further states that in the year 1781 when General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] retreated before Lord Cornwallis through North Carolina into Virginia that this applicant's Brother Hearndon Haralson³ had received a Captain's commission and raised a volunteer Company of mounted Militia, that at about that time this Applicant agreed with his said Brother to join his Company providing he could get a horse that as he believes it was some time in the month of June he provided himself with a horse he then equipped himself; followed after the Army in company with one David Patterson through North Carolina and overtook his Brother Hearndon and his Company in South Carolina at or near General Greene's encampment; had himself enrolled in his company and continued and fought in his company in the battle at the Eutaw Springs. That after the battle he the said applicant assisted in conveying the prisoners to Salisbury in North Carolina and was afterwards Discharged by the Said Hearndon Haralson, as he believes in the month of October for the full term of three months, but on what day of the month he does not recollect neither does he recollect the day on which he was discharged by Captain Farquar nor does he know the days of the month on which he entered the service.

This applicant further states that before he returned home from his volunteer Tour the legislature of North Carolina had convened and passed a law for the raising twelve months State Troops. That he the said applicant was drafted to serve twelve months, that there was about that time two companies convened at Granville Court house, there two companies belonged to Captains Jones and Trouton [Swan Trouton?] Commanded by Major Bennett Crafton, he the said applicant was enrolled in Captain Jones' Company some time in the month of November but on what day of the month he does not recollect, they marched from Granville Court house 5th to an old Court house below where they were stationed for some weeks, from thence they marched to Durham Hall's Tavern near Tar River, from thence they marched up to Hillsborough where they continued till after the sitting of the legislature in the year 1782, from thence they marched out towards South Carolina where they hung up by the neck several Tories who had murdered and plundered the Whigs. The said two companies were then marched back to Hillsborough and was discharged by Major Joel Lewis who had some time before superseded Crafton

² The veteran appears to be describing the action which took place at Rugeley's mill December 4, 1780
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm> and

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

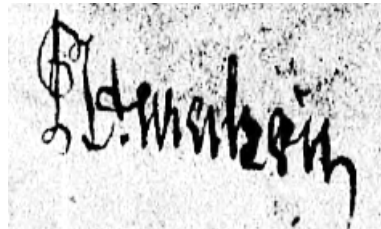
³ [Herndon Haralson S1828](#)

in the command. This discharge he received some time in the month of October but on what day he does not recollect. He sometime afterwards left in the auditor's office in the Town of Hillsborough and has never heard of it since the discharge he received by Captain Farquar and the discharge he received by his Brother Hearndon Haralson he believes he left with some of his Father's family when he afterwards went to the State of Georgia, paper money [torn and missing text-one word] that time being of little value, he neglected to take care of them.

This applicant was born near the Virginia line, in Caswell County, State of North Carolina the 6th day of September 1760. He has no record of his Age, but saw it on record in his Father's Bible when a youth. Soon after or about the close of the War this applicant went to the State of Georgia and lived with his Brother Jonathan who at that time moved to that state, and in the year 1795, he this applicant moved form the State of Georgia and lived with his Brother James Haralson on Holston River in the state of Tennessee, that the continued in the State of Tennessee till the year 1803. He moved to the State of Illinois in the County of Randolph, then a Territory, where he has since resided to the present day.

This declarant entered the service of the United States when he was nearly twenty years of age, and he is now upwards of seventy two, he has prepared this declaration and written it with his own hand according to the best of his recollection and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He knows of no documentary evidence which can testify to his services except the affidavit of his Brother Hearndon Haralson beside which he knows of no positive proof and is herewith enclosed. He refers to the statement of Josiah Mills and Robert Morrison Esqr. of the County of Randolph who has testified as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war. This Declarant also refers to the Hon. Elias K. Kain [sic, Kane] Senator to Congress and the Hon. Joseph Duncan representative to Congress as to his character for veracity and of their belief as to his services as to his being a soldier in the revolution.

S/ P. Haralson

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "P. Haralson". The signature is written on a light-colored, textured background.

Sworn and subscribed to the fourth day of December A. D. 1832 in open Court before me.

S/ James Hughes, Clk
by T. Wheeler, Dept.

[fn p. 38: Robert Morrison & Josiah T Betts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Haywood County: Sct.

On this 4th day of July 1833 personally appeared Hearndon Haralson aged seventy-five years before me William C Bruce an Acting Justice of the peace for the said

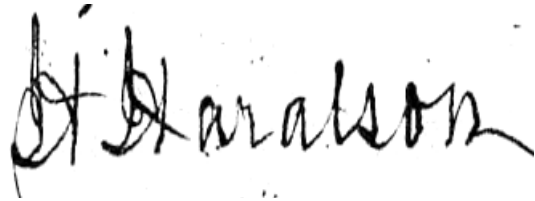
County and made oath in due form of law that during the Revolutionary war in the year 1779 Paul Haralson his brother then of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina and then about 19 or 20 years of age was drafted in the militia and entered into the service under the command of Captain Farquar to serve a Tour of three months, he this affiant was on the muster ground when said Paul was drafted and saw him in the service. That he performed a tour towards South Carolina for the purpose of giving a check to the Tories in North and South Carolina as this affiant then understood and was discharged at Hillsboro – that afterwards this affiant about the last of January or first of February 1781 received a Captain's Commission, raised a company of Volunteer mounted Militia was placed under the command of Colonel William Moore then of Caswell County and joined General Greene's Army and that sometime after the battle of Guilford in North Carolina the said Paul Haralson procured a Horse, equipped himself with arms and joined he is this affiant's Company, and as this affiant believes was enrolled in said Company in the month of June 1781 while in or near the Camp of General Greene. That the said Paul Haralson continued with him and as one of his company and fought in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs in the month of September 1781. That after the battle this affiant was put in charge of the prisoners taken in said battle and marched them to Salisbury in North Carolina where the said Paul Haralson was discharged after serving something more than three months.

This affiant further states that the within named very short time after the discharge of the said Paul Haralson he was again drafted in pursuance of Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to serve a tour of twelve months in the State line and as well as this affiant recollects and formed a part of Captain Jones' Company this affiant saw him several times while in camp and in service while stationed at Hillsboro. This affiant understood that a part of the time he was stationed near the South Carolina line. That as well as this affiant can now recollect in the month of November 1782 the said Paul Haralson was discharged and returned home having served out the full tour of 12 months exclusive of his 2 militia tours.

Subscribed and sworn to this 4th day of July A.D. 1833

Test S/ Wm C. Bruce, JP

S/ H. Haralson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Haralson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[fn p. 7: On February 28, 1849 in Marion County Illinois, Mary Haralson, 70, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Paul Haralson, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$62.50 per annum for his service in the revolution; that if she is not mistaken she married her husband in December 1797; that they were married by John McLernard [?], JP, that her name before her marriage was Mary Fulton; that they were married in Knox County Tennessee; that she has no family record of her marriage; that her husband died January 11, 1834.]

[fn p. 8: David Fulton gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Mary Fulton to Paul Haralson.]

[fn p. 5: copy of a marriage bond issued to Paul Haralson and John Brown; the bond is dated December 18, 1797 and was issued in Knox County Tennessee to secure the marriage of Paul Haralson to Mary Fulton.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year and 6 months service in the North Carolina militia 15 months in the Infantry and 3 months in the Cavalry.]