

State of Ohio
Lake County

On this ~~thirtieth~~^{thirty} day of ~~April~~^{May} Eighteen
Hundred and fifty one personally appeared before me
W. W. Branch, one of the Judges of the Court of Common
Pleas in said County of Lake Margaret Wheeler a
resident of Madison in the County of Lake and State
of Ohio who was born the 12th day of June A.D. 1772. who
being first duly sworn according to law doth on her
oath make the following declaration in order to obtain
the benefit of the act of Congress passed ~~Sept 1832~~^{July 4th 1836} -
My fathers name was Alexander Harper and resided in
Harpersfield Delaware County and State of New York.
Soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary war
he was a captain of a company of Rangers raised in that
Section of Country for the protection of the frontier
settlements against the attacks of the Indians & Tories
during the war of the Revolution. According to the best
of my recollection the inhabitants of Harpersfield were
driven away from their homes in the month of July
1778 and left to avoid being massacred by the Tories & Indians
and after we had gone Capt. McDonald with a party of
Tories followed us about ten miles from the Fort night
compelled us to encamp near a small stream called
West Hill. our party had sent an Express to the Middle
Fort at Schoharie informing the Officer in command
that we were on our way to the Fort & was pursued
by a party of Tories. a party of men were sent out to our
assistance & after they had pursued us about half a mile they
after they had met Capt. McDonald & his party of about 50
Tories & had a skirmish with them our friends were
compelled to retreat before Capt. McDonald till they were
within a short distance of the Fort & his party and

We reached the Fort safely - My Father's family remained ~~till~~ ^{till} at the Fort, the Spring of 1782. My Father Alexander Harper was taken prisoner at ~~Harperfield~~ on the 7th day of April 1780 by a party of Tories & Indians under Capt. Brewster the following persons were taken prisoners with my Father to wit - Mr Lamb & his son William who was a boy of 12 or 13 years of age a man of the name of Brown and his three sons John Hendry Ezra Thersp & Datchin & Isaac Datchin & the following persons were killed by the Enemy to wit - Mr Stevens Thomas Hendry & James Hendry. My Father was carried captive to Canada where he remained till the 27th of November 1782 he was kept in Irons about one year of that time as I have often heard him say - My Mother Elizabeth Harper Wife of Alexander Harper and her family were in the Fort at Schaherie the principle part of the time that my father was confined in Canada as a prisoner. She baked for the Sachews whole in the Garrison. Capt Alexander Harper returned to his family on the 27 day November 1782 and he and Elizabeth Harper & his family moved from Delaware County New York to the State of Ohio in 1798. Capt Harper died the tenth day September 1798 and Elizabeth Harper his Widow ^{remained} in the same place until the year 1843 when she died on the Eleventh day of June 1843 in her Eighty fourth year of her age. I was in the Fort at Schaherie with Elizabeth Harper when my Father was a prisoner in Canada. During that time the Fort was attacked by Gen. Butler ^{or Johnson} & Capt Joseph Brewster and the Sachews in the Fort were commended by Maj Wooley and I recollect that during the Battle Elizabeth Harper & some other women were engaged making Catridges for the Sachews in the Fort - I think Joseph Bartholomew was

a Lieutenant in my Fathers Company, but I am not positive
I am positive that my Father had a Capt's Commission I
recollect of seeing his Commission frequently before and
after his death - but it has been lost or destroyed some
years ago I would further state that Elizabeth Harper was
the wife of Alexander Harper and that they lived together
as husband and wife until his death and that Elizabeth
Harper remained his widow so long as she lived and
there are three of their children now living and
their names are Margaret Wheeler Elizabeth Tappin
and Robert Harper - they being the only surviving
children of ~~the~~ ^{our} family - I have ^{no} knowledge of my Fathers
receiving payment of the Government for his services while
in the service but have understood that he did not

and the said Margaret Wheeler hereby relinquishes
every claim to a pension or annuity ^{except the} on account
of or for ~~the~~ Margaret Wheeler for obtaining
Elizabeth Harper's pension Margaret Wheeler

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Be it Remembered that on the third day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& fifty one Personally appeared ^{before me} the above named Margaret
Wheeler whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Declaration
and made oath that the matters & things set forth in
her Declaration are true according to the best of her
remembrance information and belief - And I further
certify that the said Margaret Wheeler is bedily infirm
or such that she is unable to appear in Open Court
and make her said Declaration - In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand - at Madison in said County & State
the day & year last above written - William W. French
a Justice of the Peace

Reply to your request of _____, received _____
 statement of the military history of Alexander Harper
 soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his ^{daughter} (or his widow's) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau.

R. 4626

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT. | LENGTH OF SERVICE. | RANK. | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED. | | STATE. |
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| | | | CAPTAIN. | COLONEL. | |
| 1778 | | Captain of Rangers | | | New York. |
| Apr. 7, 1780 | Captain Harper was captured by Brant, carried to Canada where he was kept in irons one year and confined over two years, reaching home Nov. 27, 1782. During his captivity his family remained in Fort Schobarie where his wife baked for the soldiers & made cartridges. | | | | |

Battles engaged in, ✓ _____
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y. and
removed to Ohio in 1798.
 Date of application for pension, by daughter: May 3, 1851.
 Residence at date of application, Madison, Lake Co. Ohio
 Age at date of application, the son June 12, 1772.

Remarks: Alexander Harper was mar. to Elizabeth Harper July 30, 1771,
he died Sept. 10, 1798, she died June 11, 1833 in
her 84th year leaving 3 children in 1851. Names of children: Elizabeth Harpin, &
Robert Harper. Claim was rejected on the ground that the widow
died prior to the passage of the act of July 4, 1836, under which the children
applied.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.