

JOHN HARMON
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION

JOHN HARMON 3 September 1832 STATE OF TENNESSEE, GREENE COUNTY on this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Samuel Powel a Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Greene County now sitting John Harmon a resident of said County and State aged eighty two years 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 7, 1832. That in the year 1777 he was a citizen of Bedford County, State of Virginia and volunteered under Capt Thomas Dudley, a resident of said county and also Leutinat (*unreadable*) for three months to go against the British at Williamsburg Virginia and was (*unreadable*) at New London the County Seat in said county and was marched to Williamsburg where he joined the main army under General Washington who had drove the British Army from that post two days previous to the arrival of the sd Captain Thomas Dudleys Company. He states that on his arrival at Williamsburg he was placed under the command of Colonel Davis and Major Sharp, the later who was some there after broken of his commission for getting drunk and neglecting his duty. He states that shortly after the departure of the British from Williamsburg Washingtons Army was marched to the north and he remained at Williamsburg under the command of his same officers untill discharged by his said Capt Dudley after having served a term of three months. He states he believes he volunteered in July 1777 and was discharged at Williamsburg in October. He states that during his stay at Williamsburg he with eighteen others under the command of Capt. Dudley attacked a Bote (*boat*) at the fork of the Rivers below Williamsburg with seventeen men on bord took the men on bord prisoners tho without firing a gun and with lede they had on bord some silver ware it was understood they were going up the River after provisions for the British Army = He states that in the March previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis he volunteered under Capt _____ and Lieutenant McClung to go to Greenbryer County, Virginia to go against the Shawnees Indians. He states that when he arrived at Greenbryer he was placed under the command of Colonel Hambleton and was confined principally to the neighborhood & forts in sd County to wit, Fort Hambleton Fort Yocom & Fort Keeney where he remained for a term of twelve months in an United States service to gard the frontier country as an Indian spy he states that he was discharged verbally by his sd Lieutenant McClung. He states that he received a written discharge for his first term as aforesaid which discharge has been casually lost and also that he volunteered the last tour in the County of Bedford Virginia He further states that (*unreadable*) his Service as a Volunteer sixteen days under Captain Cotral against the Tores at New London in Virginia and that he also Volunteered in Bedford County making in all sixteen months which he was in actual service and he states he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The (*unreadable*) relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Role of any of any states (*unreadable*) he states that there is no resident minister of the gospel in his neighborhood (*several words unreadable*) subscribed this day and year aforesaid Isaac Harmon, John Balch, and John Harmon all residing in the County of Greene and state of Tennessee as hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John

Harmon who has subscribed and sworn to the above (*unreadable*) that we believe him to be eighty two years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd September, 1832
V. Sevier M. Payne Isaac Harmon and John Balch

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting this interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states, and the Court further certifies that it appears to him that Isaac Harmon and John Balch who has also signed the same are resident citizens in said County and are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit. (*unreadable*) Judge of the circuit court of the state of Tennessee

WILL OF JOHN HARMON (1750-1838)

In the Name of God Amen I **John Harmon**¹ of the County of Greene And State of Tennessee Being Weak of Body But of Sound Mind and Memory Do Make this My last Will and Testament as follows I Will and Bequeath My Soul Body and worldly possessions to the Devine God – To Be Disposed of By Him Just as he May See proper Knowing that it is appointed for all Men to Die Do make this My last Will and Testament as follows I Will and Bequeath My Soul Body and worldley possessions to God and My Body I Recommend to the Earth to Be Buried in a Christian Manner at the Discretion of My Executors Nothing Doubting But at the General Resuerection I shall Receive the Same again By the Mighty power of God in and through the Attonement Made for fellow Men and as touching Such worldley Estate Wherewith it Has pleased God to Bless Me in this Life with I give Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following Manner and form

1st I Will and Bequeath unto John Harmon and William Harmon Sons of **Peter Harmon** one of My Heirs A tract of land fifty Acres Beginning at A Black oak thence South to the fifty acre tract then North with Gasses line to the Newberry tract to a Stake and Black oak thence with that line to the Creek thence to the Beginning

2nd I will and Bequeath unto James Harmon and Nancy Harmon they Being Son and Daughter of **Bingeman Harmon Decd** also one of My Heirs one tract of land Known By the Name of the Newby place Beginning at A White oak and Hickory thence Eastward Southward and Westward to the Beginning – Also one other tract adjoining the former tract on the west Side Butted and Bounded as Will appear By a Deed of Conveyance I Got of Isaac Harmon and also one Smiths Anville and Vice

3rd It is further My Will that My plantation Known By the Mill place Bounded as follows By Charles Gasses land William Standley (?) Mrs. Vestols and Russells land then North along Russells line to two oaks on the Side of a Hill thence North forty five Degrees west to a Black oak on the Newby line thence With the Newby line to the Beginning Supp(*osed*) to be 100 and 50 acres that after my death Shall Be Sold to the Highest Bidder With the Exception of one Half acre includeing the graveyard opposite the Saw Mill which Shall Not (*be*) Sold and Shall Remain free for A Burying place and that the Money ariseing from the Sale of Said land Shall be Collected By My Executors and one Hundred Dollars paid to Rufus² Harmon and one Hundred Dollars to Mordica³ Harmon

Set My Hand and Affixed My Seal this 16
Day of November 1837 John Harmon Seal

Sons of **John Harmon** one of My Heirs to Make them Equal With the Rest of My grand Children in the land

4th and the Ballance of the Money Ariseing out of the Sale of the above Described Mill place if any there Be to Be Equally Divided Between My three Sons **John**⁴ **Peter**⁵ and **Jacob**⁶ Harmon and all the Notes Bonds and Receipts that I Hold on any person or persons Son or Sons to be C

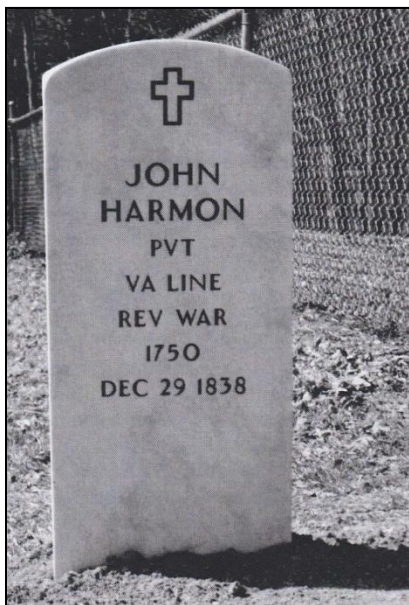
5th and it further is my Will that Milley Brown⁷ one of My Heirs Have one Hundred Dollars and Also Margaret Reynolds⁸ to Have one Hundred Dollars out of the Money and if I pay Either of them their Hundred Dollars or any part after the Date of My will their Receipt Shall Be a good voucher for My Executors to Settle with them their part

6th Further it is My Will that My Executors after Counting up all the Money that I have paid John Harmon or **Peter Harmon** or Jacob Harmon that is unsettled that they Shall count it up and Make them Equal out of the Money Ariseing out of the Sale of the property and Notes And land

7th and it is further My Will that the Balance of My property Whatsoever it May Be after My Death Casisting (*consisting*) of one large Clock one twenty four Hour Clock and all Balance of My property two tedious to Mention Shall Be Sold By My Executors to the Highest Bider and the Money Divided Equally as aforesaid

8th And I further Do appoint Thomas D. Arnold and Charles Gass⁹ My Sole Executors of this My last Will and Testament Hereby Revokeing all former Wills By Me Made and it is further My Will that My Executors Be Allowed a Reasonable Compensation for their Services out of My Estate in testimony Whereof I Have hereunto Set My Hand and Affixed My Seal this 16th Day of November 1837. John Harmon Seal

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged In the presence of us Elim Carter Wm C. Carter



A commemorative tombstone was place at Kidwell Cemetery, March 2012