

John Harris

Martha Harris, widow of **John Harris**, appeared before the court at Adams County, IL on 09Apr1851 to apply for a federal pension (FPA W24391).

Martha state “that he left his father’s residence in Granville County North Carolina and enlisted in the Continental Line at Halifax VA or Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] NC. about the 15 of July AD 1775 for the term of one year, that he was at the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], that he continued in said service for the term of 3 years and was honorably discharged at some point in Virginia under two men by the name of Campbell as a Colo. and the other holding a superior or an inferior Grade [William Campbell and Arthur Campbell of Washington County VA], that he was also in the Battle of the **Cowpens** [17 Jan 1781] Kings mountain [7 Oct 1780] and Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] for which service she has no documentary evidence. That he also served 18 months in the Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Col. John Montgomery as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented, that he was **wounded in the right hip** slightly in some of the engagements above mentioned. She further declares that she was married to the said John Harris on the 31st day of October

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John Harris died in Warren County KY on 18Aug1816.

This is to Certify that the Bearer hereof, John Harris, has Served as A soldier in my Regiment on the western of Virginia Eighteen Months now discharged. Given Under my hand this Eighteenth Day of May 1780. John Montgomery

From Martha Harris Bounty Land application:

“She further states that she was married to the said John Harris on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October AD 1781 in Washington County VA by Thomas Wolsey a minister of the gospel, that her name before said marriage was Martha Thomas, that her said husband died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1816 near Bolingreen Ky and that she is still a widow.”

Convincing evidence is presented that John Harris was a soldier wounded in the Revolutionary War. That John Harris was at the Battle at the Cowpens is uncertain. That, if so, it was the one in which he was wounded is more dubious.