

HARRIS GAMMON DEAD

"At the residence of James Cox in this county on the 20th of December, 1843, Mr. Harris Gammon in the 87th year of his age. Another pensioner is gone. Mr. Gammon was one of a noble band engaged in the Revolution struggle. When in youth his active time delighted in the dangers of the tented field: and he was ever found where the enemy threatened, or duty called. When old age came on and he was so oppressed by its weight that he could no longer engage in the active scenes of life, he delighted himself with the thought that he had fought for a country whose freedom had been secured and whose freedom would descend as a rich heritage to posterity: even in the decrepitude of old age, his eyes would glow with all the ardor and enthusiasm of youth, while he relayed the interesting scenes of a bloody war thru which he had passed. He had been a member of the Methodist church 73 years. In the heat of battle he found his God a support in the perplexity of life and a relief(?) and in the hoary hairs of life a peaceful comforter. He ever showed the world that he was not ashamed of the cause he had so early espoused. When he was conscious that his end was near, he told his afflicted children and grand children, to weep not for him, that he was going to a better world, and rejoiced to the last that he could recommend the religion he had so long professed to his dying fellowmen. Thus after boldly defending the liberties of his country and earnestly contending for the Kingdom of Glory, having suffered a few days of acute pain, he sweetly fell asleep in the arms of the Blessed Savior, leaving an example worthy of imitation." [Knoxville (TN) Register, January 17, 1844][Thank you to **Jack T. Brawner**].

Note: Harris Gammon (1757-1843) was the spouse of Levicy Elizabeth Brawner (1760-1826). Both were natives of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Harris' father is believed to be John Brawner Gammon, a native of Norfolk Co., VA.. Harris served in Capt. Peter Perkins Co. and in Capt. William Dix's Regiment of Charles Williams Co. and saw service in the siege of Yorktown. He and Elizabeth had 12 children, and have numerous descendants throughout Tennessee, Texas and several other states.