

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hardyman ¹R14719

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Names Rank and promotion &c of the Officers of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment from their first entering into the service to the reduction of the Regiment

| Names | First Rank | Year | different promotions | Present Rank | Present Date of Commission | Present State |
|---------------|------------|------|---|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| William Brent | Ensign | 1776 | Aide-de-camp 1776 with the appointment of Major by the State of Virginia 1776 & Lieutenant Colonel 14 June 1777 | Colonel | 1 st January 1779 | Supernumerary |
| John Baytop | Lieutenant | 1777 | | First Lieutenant | 1 st May 1779 | Ditto |
| John Hardyman | Do | | | Do | 24 th September 1779 | Ditto |

As I had not the Command of the Regiment until May 1779, Therefore cannot possibly be acquainted with the strength of Regiment when first raised. Discharged in April & May 1780 about 280 remaining about 31 for the War.

S/ W. Brent Colo.

The foregoing is a true extract of a Document on file in this Office
Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 31st July 1837

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

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Council Chambers February 12, 1783

¹ Va. Half Pay Va. Sea Service See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No 050 083 Half Pay & Va. State Navy YS Half Pay N. A. Acc. No 837

I do Certify that Mr. John Hardyman is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Lieutenant in the State Line for military service from September 3, 1777 to the 6th of February 1782

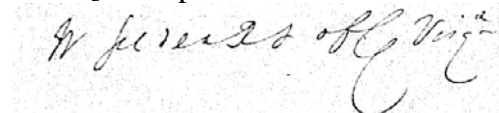
S/ Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

On the 12 February 1783 a military Warrant No. 1234 2666 2/3 acres of Land issued to John Hardyman

A Copy of the records of the Land Office of Virginia: as witness my hand and seal of office hereto affixed at Richmond this 31st day of July 1837.

S/ W. [indecipherable words or abbreviations] Virga.



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Pension Office December 6, 1836

I certify that from an examination of the claim of the Heirs at Law of the late John Hardyman, deceased, I am satisfied that he was a Lieutenant in the second Regiment of Infantry belonging to the State of Virginia: that he served until the 6th of February 1782, when he became Supernumerary; that he died in the year 1808, in Elizabeth City County, Virginia: that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia:" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of \$160 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783 when the war terminated to the first of January 1808, in which last mentioned year he died; and that the amount should be paid to his administrator Benjamin Harrison of Charles City County Virginia.

[No evidence of a signature]

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Pension Office December 6, 1848

I certify that from an examination of the claim of the administrator of the late John Hardyman, deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the 2nd Va. State Regiment and find that he became supernumerary by the 6th February 1782, and that there is, consequently, due under the Act of Congress of the 5th of July 1832 entitled "the act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," half pay from that day to 22 April 1783, the date from which the claim was allowed on the 6th December 1836, and has heretofore been paid – And that it is my opinion that the claim should now be allowed at the rate of \$160 per annum from the 6th February 1782, to the 22nd of April 1783; and that the Amount is payable to Francis H Dickins Attorney of the Administrator, Joseph Segar [?] of Elizabeth City County Virginia, the Administrator of the estate of the said John Hardyman.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved,
Secretary of War

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Pension Office July 10th, 1851

I certify that I have examined the Claim of the administrator of Captain John Hardyman

deceased under the act of 5th of July 1832, and find that he was appointed Captain of Marines, on the 16th February 1782, shortly after he had become a supernumerary Lieutenant in the land service in the State of Virginia, & that he served as such to the end of the War, & was therefore entitled to half pay as Captain of Marines, at the rate of \$240 per annum, from the 22nd day of April 1783 to the first day of January 1808, in which year he died, which sum, deducting the amounts heretofore paid, as Lieutenant of Infantry, is payable to Joseph Segar, the present administrator *de bonis non*, of said John Hardyman's Estate, and resident near Old Point Comfort Virginia.

S/ J. E. Heath
Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of the Interior

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Richmond February 12th, 1783

I do certify that Lieutenant John Hardyman has been in the service of this state from the 3rd day September 1777

S/ Chas. Dabney, Lt. Col. [Charles Dabney]

Richm. Feb. 12th 1783
I do certify that Lieut. John Hardyman has
been in the service of this state from the 3rd
day Sep. 1777.
Chas Dabney Lt. Col.

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The Affidavit of Ann Payne, taken and made before me Thomas C. Peek a Notary Public in and for the County of Elizabeth City this the 17th day of June 1851,

The said Ann Payne being duly Sworn deposes and saith as follows: That she knew the said John Hardyman both during and after the revolutionary War, That the said John Hardyman died in this County of Elizabeth City Sometime 25 or 30 years after said War, –

That the said John Hardyman was several years engaged in the State Service in said war, both in the land and Naval Service, That in the latter part of the War to wit, in the year 1782, the said Hardyman recruited a company of Marines for the Navy of Virginia, –in and about Hampton

and served as Captain of said Company of Marines on board of the *Cormorant*², one of the Vessels of the Virginia Navy which was frequently anchored at an off Hampton, and continued to Serve as such until the Vessel was Sold "laid up about the end of the War; That she recollects distinctly having seen the said John Hardyman recruiting in and about Hampton, and has frequently seen him at Hampton, in company with other officers of the Navy, Among whom she recollects Captain Richard Baron, and Captain James Gray, Further This Affiant saith Not

S/ Ann Payne, X her mark

[Attested in Elizabeth City County June 17, 1851]

Richmond May 8th, 1782

Sir

As I expect a meeting of Captains Maxwell and Harris at this place on Friday the 16th Instant, I have to request your attendance on that day in order to make your return of Marines, which you have enlisted, you will be kind enough to order them all to this place immediately, or if more convenient, to Broadway's to go on board the *Cormorant*, for the present – When you meet here, the arrangement of the Officers, their wagons & privileges will be ascertained.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient

S/ Wm Hay, C. A.

Copies sent to

Mr. Hardyman

Mr. Clark

Mr. Webb &

Mr. Selden

P. S. to Mr. Clarke's letter

I have this moment received your letter of this date, & have to inform you that no alteration has been made in the terms of enlistment.

S/ W. H.

First Auditors Office, April 28, 1851 the foregoing is a true copy of a letter and endorsements thereon on file in this office, in 2nd Volume of "papers concerning the state Navy"

S/ Ro. Johnston, Aud.

Richmond 16th February 1782

Sir,

As you are appointed Captain of Marines on board of the State Ship the *Cormorant*, commanded by James Maxwell Esquire & now at Baltimore, you'll please to proceed with the utmost expedition to recruit your company which is to consist of forty-seven besides your

² HARDYMAN, JOHN VA Captain of Marines, Virginia Marines John Hardyman apparently served in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment earlier in the war. In late 1781 or early 1782 [Stewart, 197. But presumably after May 1782, when the Navy was more or less re-established, see Paullin, 416] he was appointed as a Captain of Marines in the Virginia Marines and assigned to the Virginia Navy Ship *Cormorant* (Captain JAMES MAXWELL). With his Lieutenants JOHN CLARK, LEWIS WEBB, and SELDEN, he attempted to recruit Marines for the *Cormorant*, then lying at Hampton. [Stewart, 197] Hardyman was offering a bonus of \$5 for every able-bodied soldier who entered and \$10 for each recruit who had made one or more voyages to the West Indies or Europe. [Stewart, 122] Hardyman was presumably in service until the *Cormorant* was ordered sold in October 1782. [Cross, 79; Stewart, 126] He died 1 January 1808 in Elizabeth City County, Virginia.[Stewart, 197]

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20H.html>

4 Lary Eppes

5 Lucy B Eppes, who married Richard Williams and resided in Lynchburg in 1836

6 Angelina Eppes, who married Sampson Jones and resided in Richmond in 1836

The first administrator was Joseph Segar, bond \$300

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Dear Sir,

I was well acquainted with Major John Hardyman (who was called Major John) and uncle to Tyler Hardyman – That he rendered Military Services in the Revolutionary war, but cannot say in what grade, nor can I say, whether he left a Will, or an Heir, but that he married a Miss Hannah Harrison, and my belief is that he left no immediate Heir – I am respectfully your obedient Servant

November 26, 1836

Francis H Irby

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Virginia

In Charles City County Court the 21st day of July 1836

It appears to the Court from satisfactory evidence that John Hardyman formerly of Charles City County and who was a Lieutenant of the 2nd State Regiment in the Virginia line in the Revolutionary war died in Elizabeth City County without issue leaving as his heir at law his brother Stith Hardyman and one sister (name not known who intermarried with Peter Eppes) That Stith Hardyman died leaving as his heirs at law his son Tyler Hardyman who recently died in Alabama leaving several Children; that Peter Eppes by the above marriage had the following children viz. John Eppes who left two children George and Lucy, Peter Eppes who died leaving two children William and John; Sarah J Eppes, Mary Eppes, Lucy B Eppes who intermarried with Richard Williams and Angelica Eppes who intermarried with Sampson Jones. So that the children of the said Tyler Hardyman deceased, and the descendents of the said Peter Eppes are the only heirs at Law of the said John Hardyman a Lieutenant as aforesaid – And the Court further certifies that administration is granted to Benjamin Harrison to recover the half pay of the said Lieutenant John Hardyman with the Consent of such of the Heirs of Said Hardyman as our Capable in Law of giving consent.

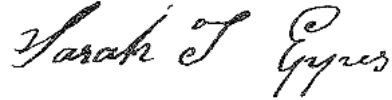
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The undersigned, one of the Heirs at Law of John Hardyman, formerly of Charles City County, Virginia, which said Hardyman she has always heard & understood & verily believes, was an officer of the Virginia State Line in the Revolutionary War, respectfully in her own behalf & of the other heirs of said Hardyman, solicits of the Treasury Department at Washington the small allowance of half pay under the act of Congress of July 1832 the same having been never received.

With respect to the services of said John Hardyman, she can state nothing of her own knowledge. She has always heard & is now informed by persons conversant with the records, that he was engaged in the State service as an officer in the War of the Revolution served faithfully as such & this she believes, having reasons for such belief & none to the contrary. But she will not & cannot state anything of her own knowledge, nor anything more than she has heard & been informed.

She also certifies that the other heirs of said John Hardyman reside in the following places viz. – Lucy B Williams in the Town of Lynchburg – Angelica Jones in the City of Richmond – this deponent, Sarah T Eppes, Mary Eppes, John & William Eppes reside in the City of Richmond & George & Lucy Eppes in Henrico County, Virginia

Sarah T Eppes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah T Eppes". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'S' and 'E'.

[The above affidavit is certified as having been given in the City of Richmond on August 10, 1836.]