

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hardison R4596 Lucretia fn28NC
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State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this 21st day of January A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lucretia Hardison a resident of Glisson district in the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina aged ninety-one years the 17th instant who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and other acts subsequent there to continuing pensions to widows of soldiers who served in the war of the Revolution: That she is the widow of James Hardison who was a private of militia in the war of the revolution and served five tours of duty.

1st In a company of Beaufort militia and served 3 months. The officers names unknown – her husband resided in Hyde County when he entered the last tour – was drafted this and some of his tours of service drafted twice & served three tours as a substitute for his brother Isaac Hardison. In one of his tours he marched through South Carolina and into Georgia and in the Army at Briar Creek and was detached across the River just before the engagement. John Sitgraves was Captain of some Company in the expedition into Georgia and thinks this tour was for 5 months Sitgraves was some officer but she is not certain what office he held. From her extreme old age and effective memory she is unable to specify any further particulars of her husband's services. She is satisfied that her husband performed five several tours of service as a private of militia – has no discharges.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Hardison on the 3rd day of August 1785 in Pitt County North Carolina by Thomas Ringold a Justice of the Peace; that her husband the aforesaid James Hardison died on the 13th day of November A.D. 1792, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated, and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Her name before marriage was Lucretia Garris. She annexes a family record of

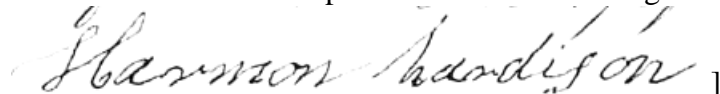
her children's ages, taken from an Old Testament by Daniel Webber a school master, in whose handwriting this he is – and it has been in mind & children's possession ever since drawn up by Mr. Webber.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ N. B. Whitfield , JP

S/ Lucretia Hardison, X her mark

[fn p. 23: On March 29, 1853 in Duplin County North Carolina, Harmon Hardison, 65, testified that he is the son of Lucretia Hardison; that his mother moved to Duplin County from Green County North Carolina in March 1809; that he moved from Edgecombe County to Duplin County in 1822; that his mother had 4 children, 2 daughters and 2 sons – the eldest Hannah who intermarried with James Somerlin & died about 5 years ago last January; this affiant is the 2nd child; 3rd Martha who never married & is still alive & William who died 11 years ago last November the 4th; that his father died when he, affiant, was between 4 and 5 years of age; "that as long ago as about the year 1800 or before he has heard his mother relate that her husband his father had served in the War of the Revolution five tours of duty in one tour was at Briar Creek in Georgia – that one or two of the tours were for five months the hardships that he suffered – that having lost tissues upon one occasion the is at the Briar Creek defeat that the rock or stones cut his feet badly while barefoot – that he has been shown by his mother a bottle in which his father carried water brought fifty miles beyond Charleston South Carolina to where he then resided in Hyde County North Carolina that he served upon Neuse about Kinston – that he resided in Beaufort County North Carolina when he first entered the service or performed his first tours of duty & removed to Hyde County North Carolina where he resided when he entered his last tour of service – that 5 or 6 years ago Dennis Somerlin a Grandson of his mother resident then in Cumberland County North Carolina understanding that the widows of Revolutionary soldiers were entitled to pension set out examining into the case of his Grandmother...."

 Harmon Hardison]

[fn p. 2: Family record – very rough with missing text: here is what I can make of it]

My Daughter Hanna Was born ?? 1786

Harmon my son was Born January 9: 1788

My Daughter ??? was

William ??? Born January 1791

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