

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Application for Pension for Revolutionary War Service
NANCY HARDIN, WIDOW OF JOHN HARDIN
No. R-4599, North Carolina
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State of Tennessee
Blount County

On this 12th day of January, 1852, personally appeared before me Samuel Ghormly, an acting justice of the peace for the county of Blount in the state aforesaid, NANCY HARDIN, a resident of the county of Blount and state aforesaid, aged about 96 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, that she is the widow of John Harden, who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in the state of North Carolina, as will more fully appear by the annexed certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for said state of North Carolina. But the particulars of her said husband's service she is unable to state, but knows that he served a considerable time. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hardin as well as she can now recollect in the month of September in the year seventeen hundred & seventy four, and that her said husband was in service when their third child was a sucking Babe, which said child was born in the year 1779. She further declares that as well as she can now recollect, her and her said husband were married by the publication of the Banns. They were married in Guilford, North Carolina. She further declares that the Bible containing the family record, a Mr. Moses Curtis who then lived with them sometime about the year 1800 wished to get it, to which she objected, but upon the said Curtis promising to copy off the record & sent it to them, they let him have it. She is unable to state where said Curtis now lives. She further declares that her husband John Hardin died in Burke County, North Carolina on the 1st day of April, 1821, and that she has remained a Widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to

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the proof hereto annexed. Nancy Hardin (X) her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me Saml. Ghormly, justice of the peace for Blount County. I do further certify that I am well acquainted with the aforesaid Nancy Hardin who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing Declaration, and have been well acquainted with her for some twenty years, and know that she has been a widow during all that time and can safely say that she is worthy of full confidence and the statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that she is in such feeble health as to be unable to appear before a court of record.

And witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of January, 1853. Saml. Ghormly. (seal) Justice of the Peace for Blount County. And I do furthermore certify that I am in no way related to Mrs. Nancy Hardin, who has made the foregoing declaration, nor am I interested directly or indirectly in the pension which she is making application for. Given under my hand the 5th day of April, 1853. Saml. Ghormly (seal) Justice of the Peace for Blount County.

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North Carolina
McDowell County

This day officially appeared before me, Albert Higgins, Esquire, one of the acting justices of the peace in the said county of McDowell, Moses Curtis, being duly sworn according to law, deports that all that he knew John Hardin and wife Nancy Hardin, late of Burke County, that

he lived in the family as a boarder in the year 1798, that they then lived together as husband and wife; that they had several children, some of whom were grown, that two paper _____ was this day taken from a Bible now in his possession which he purchased from Robert Woody, a son in law of said Hardins, about the year 1798 or 99. That this said Bible has been in his possession ever since he purchased it from Woods, that the record hereto appended was made in the said Bible before this affiant bought it, that it has not been altered and that he believes it is a correct record of the births of the children of John Hardin and wife Nancy. Moses Curtis

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 26th day of March, A.D. 1853
Test. A. Higgins, J.P.

State of North Carolina
County of McDowell

Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me & I hereby certify that Moses Curtis is a man of good moral character and worthy to be believed.
Given under my hand & seal this day and date above written.
A. Higgins, J.P.

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State of North Carolina
McDowell County

I Samuel J. Neal clerk of the Court of Pleas & Trustee Jepias? for said county of McDowell do hereby certify that A. Higgins, whose name is signed to the foregoing affidavit is _____ at the time of signing is duly qualified justice of the peace of said county acting under a commission and that his signature thereto is genuine.
Given under my hand and the seal of my office at Marion this 30th day of March, 1853
S. Jasper Neal, clk.

[A pasted-on piece of paper follows.]

Rebakah Hardin was born July the 12, 1775
Bety Hardin was born March the 19, 1777
William Hardin was born August 26, 1779
Nancy Hardin was born March the 06, 1783
Jane Hardin was born Janery the 26, 1786
Sarah Hardin was born August the 1st? Day, 1788
Marget Hardin was born June the 11, the 1791
John Hardin was born Janury 23, the 1794

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State of Tennessee
Blount County

On this 6th day of January 1854 personally appeared before me Samuel Ghormley, an acting justice of the peace for Blount County, John Hardin, a citizen of the county with whom I am personally acquainted, aged about 60 years, who after being duly sworn according to law, makes oath that he is the son of John Hardin Decsd Late of Burke County, North Carolina, and of Nancy Hardin, his widow now residing in Blount County, Tennessee who filed a declaration dated in January 1853 asking a Pension under the act of congress passed July 4, 1836. That he has on many occasions heard his father John Hardin speak of his service as Soldier of the Revolution, that he does not recollect with any degree of certainty the length of service alleged to have been performed by his father, nor any of the officers under whom

he served, except Genl. Green, of whom his father often spoke. He states that his father in speaking of the particular service performed by him said that he was a portion of the time in charge of a Baggage waggon, that at the time of the Battle of Guilford, he was at home, having got a furlough or permit a day or two before the Battle, that he was then living in Guilford in the neighborhood of the Battle ground, that his father stated that he heard the report of the guns on the day of battle. He stated that at the battle of the Cow Pens he was in charge of a baggage waggon, that he does not recollect to have heard him say that he was in any regular pitched Battle, but that he was in a good many skirmishes when out with a scouting party. He states that his father spoke of being a tailor by trade and That he was employed a good portion of his time in that way, that he has often heard him in company with other old soldiers speaking of the acquaintances?

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during their tours of service. That his father was blind many years before his death, and that he recollects that a Mr. Casson, then a member of congress from the district of which Burke County, N.C. was a part, came to his father and wanted him to apply to the Government for some assistance, to which his father refused saying that he fought for Liberty and not for money, that when his father would get along with his comrades in arms he had heard them abusing some who was then living and their descendants for having been Tories.

That his father lived in Burke County, N.C. up to the time of his death in 1821. And lived there for a considerable time previous, but after the death of his father, his mother Nancy Hardin moved to Blount County, Tennessee to wit, about the year 1833, and that she still resides in said county of Blount, that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said John, that she is now very feeble in Body and Mind, being ninety-seven years old.

John P. Harden

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and date above written.

Saml. Thomeley (seal) Justice of the Peace for Blount County

I do further certify that John Hardin who makes the foregoing affidavit is a man of unquestionable veracity, that I am no way related to the applicant or witness, nor am I in any way interested in the pension applied for. This 6th day of January, 1854.

Samuel Thomeley (seal) Justice of the Peace for Blount County.

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