

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hardy S16140

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State of Indiana Rush County: SS Rush Probate Court February Term 1833

On this 13th day of February 1833 in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Elias Posten Probate Judge within said County now in session John Hardy a resident of the said County of Rush aged seventy-two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he entered in the Army of the United States in the years 1775 or 1776 with Colonel Faulkner [?]¹ and served in the __ Regiment of the Virginia line (otherwise called the Virginia troops in State Troops) under the following named officers the Brigadier General's name was __ Scott [Charles Scott the Colonel was by the name of __ Bluford [probably Abraham Buford], the Major's name not recollected, the Captain was by the name of __ Glover [?]² that he was marched from Norfolk in the State of Virginia to a place called Long Island [perhaps a reference to the Battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776] and at said place the Army had a General engagement with the British Army & the said Americans was defeated & we retreated in confusion & crossed the Delaware River & went to Bucks County Courthouse & joined the Militia commanded by General George Washington & then crossed back over the Delaware River in the night and attacked the Hessians [Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776] & they surrendered to General Washington & we marched back & crossed over the River again and went to Trenton & from there he marched to South Carolina to place called the hanging Rock & Pine tree still under the command of General Scott, Colonel Bluford & Captain Roberts & at that place there was a general battle fought by the Americans & British Army & the Americans were defeated & this Declarant was taken prisoner & taken on board of a prison Ship & kept about sixteen weeks & then he made his escape & returned to the Americans & enlisted again with Colonel William Washington for & during the Revolutionary war the Captain, to whose company he belonged was by the name of __ Watson & remained in South Carolina until Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] intended to go to Virginia to a place called Norfolk & at Guilford Courthouse we overtook Corn Wallace & he marched on to a place called Pigeon Hill & then crossed over the

¹ *Faulkner*

² *Glover*

River into little York & at that place the two armies had a general engagement & the British Army Commanded by Corn Wallace was defeated & surrendered [October 19, 1781] to General Washington at that time this Declarant says he belonged to the troops & he was sent to South Carolina & continued there until peace was made between Great Britain & the United States.

That he lived in the State of Virginia at the time he entered into service of the United States in Dinwiddie County.

S/ John Hardy, X his mark

He says he was in the service five or six years

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory.

S/ John Hardy, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Robert Thompson, Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states

S/ Elias Poston, Probate Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]