

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hardison S1827

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 10th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before me James M Baker one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County James Hardison a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-three who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

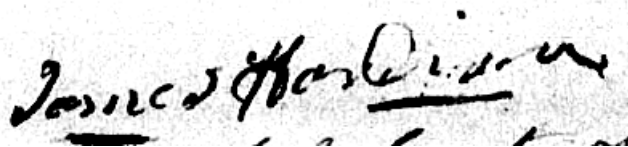
That he entered the service of the United [States] under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the State of North Carolina Martin County he entered the service as a Drafted Soldier for six months under Captain John H. Jones Lieutenant James Jones Rendezvoused at Kingston [Kinston] Applicant does not recollect the County but recollects his company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Eaton from there he thinks they marched to Salisbury but recollects of there being at a certain point called Moncks Corner ten miles from Charlestown at that place the troops were stationed some time from there they were marched to a place called the White House on Savannah River from that point they marched to a place called the black Swamp where they joined General Lincoln a Continental Commander at that place we lay until the British left Augusta Georgia, then we marched down the River to Brier Creek where we suffered a total defeat. Applicant lost his Lieutenant Jones being reported to have been taken a prisoner though he never saw him more from there they marched across the River and Joined General Rutherford then to Purrysburg some distance from Savannah Town from there marched back to Georgetown South Carolina from thence to Williamstown North Carolina where Applicant was discharged and drew nine days rations to carry him home his discharge was signed by some officer but he does not recollect who neither can he now tell positively what ever became of it for he thinks he then acted careless about it but knows it was a six months tour and that he faithfully served it out –

Applicant thinks about the year '81 [1781] he entered the service again as a Drafted Soldier for three months under Captain Benjamin Hardison and Lieutenant Robert Daniel – Rendezvoused at Halifax North Carolina under Colonel Hill from there to Guilford North

Carolina there joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] and Applicant was on guard during the Battle at that place and in hearing of the Guns after the British left Guilford we marched to Ramseys Mills deep River Chatham County from there Applicant went to Camden South Carolina under Captain James Evans under Colonel Davie still<sup>1</sup> under General Green at Camden we had a Battle with Rhoney [sic, Lord Rawdon was the commander at the Battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] from there we was sent into the North State and was discharged for the three months tour which discharge he thinks fell into the hands of his Father and he cannot tell what ever became of it neither can he recollect who signed the discharge neither knows he of any person now living by which he can prove his actual Service neither has he any documentary evidence and that from age and Bodily infirmity he is not able to attend in his County Court – that is now sitting but have Submitted himself to the examination of one of the members of said Court as appears by this declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Hardison

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Hardison", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Isaiah Reed and David Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Quest. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Martin County North Carolina in the year 59

Quest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have in my family Bible

Quest. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Martin County North Carolina when called into service from thence I moved into the State of Tennessee about 21 or 2 years ago – Settled in Maury County where I am now living.

Quest. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. Drafted twice as set forth in my declaration

Quest. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect General Lincoln who was said to be a regular officer and General Green I recollect of a Regiment to which I was annexed Commanded by Colonel Eaton the number of the Regiment I know not – The General circumstances I have set forth in my declaration

Quest. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received 2 discharges but cannot recollect by whom signed one I have Farrar recollection of the other I think fell into the hands of my Father I cannot obtain them

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<sup>1</sup> The Department of the Interior staff members who summarized the contents of this file in the early 1900's interpreted this as "Col. Davie Stitt."

Quest. 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. John Lee, William Williams, Joseph Long and William Straton

[Facts in file: Veteran died July 23, 1842 survived by a widow but her name and the date of their marriage is not stated. There is no family data in this file.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]