

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hardman (Hardiman) S2606

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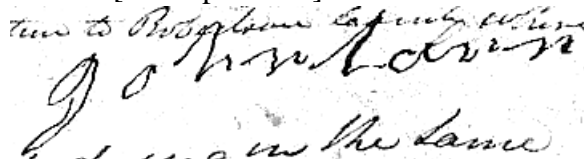
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Robertson County State of Tennessee: November Term Monday 12, 1832

Personally appeared John Hardman Resident of the County & State aforesaid in Open Court he states that he was born in Buckingham County Virginia in 1759, aged seventy-three years the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of last December who being first duly sworn according to law do on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. First I volunteered my service for a tower [tour] of three months in the Horse service under the command of Captain Morgan Major Obadiah Branch & Colonel Benjamin Belew in Buckingham County Virginia and marched through North Carolina & South Carolina for the purpose of suppressing the Toryism. We had several skirmishes but in no General Engagements. I was discharged in North Carolina by the aforesaid Belew. The Second Tower of Duty I was drafted and went under Captain William Jones who was killed in the Battle of Gilford [Guilford County Court House March 15, 1781] and Daniel Sanders who took command and after the Battle we marched to and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Command and marched to the siege of York. I was then placed under the command of Captain Mosely – and remained till after taking of Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] and was discharged by General Washington at that place after serving 6 months or more. I also Further declare my discharges was Left in my Father's papers in the State of Virginia and after his death in the care of my Oldest Brother who administered on his Estate I have wrote for them But my Answer is they are all lost or destroyed or mislaid so I cannot obtain them to establish my Claim Independent of my own declaration. I further declare that I am not on any pension Roll for Agency of this or Any other State in the United States and therefore relinquish every pension whatsoever except the present or any Annuity whatsoever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open court. He states that he was born in the State of Virginia Buckingham County, from there he moved to Sumner County Tennessee where he lived about 13 years and from there to Robertson County where he now lives.

S/ John [indecipherable]

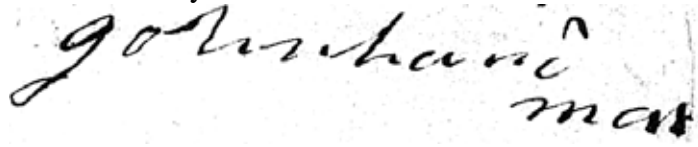
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hardman". Above the signature, there is a faint line of text that reads "true to Robertson County where". Below the signature, there is another faint line of text that reads "in the same".

[Jesse Green, a clergyman and William Hollis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: Personally appeared before me John Hutchison a Justice

of the peace for said County John Hardiman [sic] who being first sworn depose and say that in addition to his declaration within he states by way of amendment that he has no record of his age, that there resides in his present neighborhood by whom he can prove his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution Jesse Greene, William Hollis, Joseph Nave, Henry Green.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hardiman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 3 months in the Cavalry and 6 months in the infantry in the Virginia service.]