

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Handy (Hardy) Mills S33100

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County:

On this 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared Hardy Mills a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aged Seventy years before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions held for Hawkins County in the Town of Rogersville and after being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration --

I entered the service of the United States as well as I now recollect in the year 1780 sometime in the latter part of the summer the day and month I do not recollect under the command of Capt. Nawl [William Nall] the Regiment was commanded by Col. Elijah Isaacks [Elijah Isaacs] I was then living in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina I was a private and volunteered myself. We marched and the names of the Counties we marched through I do not recollect, to rocky River [Rocky River] from thence on to pedee River [Pedee River] where we joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] near Camden when we arrived there about 100 of us were dismissed for the want of arms I was engaged in this service two months. As soon as I returned home I substituted in a man's place his name I do not recollect we marched on through Randolph County to Salisbury in NC where we were stationed three months I was a private in this tour I was commanded by Col. Colier [John Collier] and Major Sharp my Capt. name I do not now recollect. I entered the service sometime in the fall of 1780 I was in the service this tour three months. I received a discharge from Major Sharp but I have long since lost it. Shortly after I returned home there came a call for men and I volunteered myself as a horseman under Capt. Cleveland and went on to Cross Creek in NC in search of the Tories. I was living still in Wilkes County. I was out two months. I served this trip in the first of the year 1781. In the same spring I volunteered myself under Capt. Guess [Moses Guest], as a horseman and was gone one month scouting after Tories. Sometime after I returned home I volunteered myself again under Capt. Barton [John Barton] as a horseman and was gone one month. I never was out anymore. In those days Tories were very troublesome and I a young man fond of the sport of ranging after them. I always volunteered myself every time there was a call. I cannot now recollect each month and day out when out and returned but I recollect I performed all my service in 1780 and 1781. I have no documentary evidence of my service nor can I procure any one who can testify of the same. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. According to the best of my recollection I served not less than the periods mentioned in my declaration (viz.) Under Capt. Nall two months, under Major Sharp three months under Capt. Cleveland two months under Capt. Guess one month under Capt. Barton one month for which I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the date before mentioned.

S/ Hardy Mills, X his mark

Sworn to in open court the 26th of November 1833

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk

[Thomas Crawley, a clergyman, and George Hayes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions proposed to Hardy Mills an applicant for a pension under an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

1st Question

Ans: I was born in the State of NC Halifax County in 1763

2nd Question

Ans: I have not

3rd Question

Ans: I was live [living] in the State of NC Wilkes County -- from Wilkes County I removed to the State of Tennessee Hawkins County where I now live --

4th Question

Ans: I volunteered myself every time but one and that time I substituted

5th Question

Ans: Col. Isaacks, Col. Cleveland, Col. Collier, Major

6th Question

Ans: I received a discharge and from Major Sharp but have now lost it

7th Question

Ans: I am acquainted with Major Gabriel McCraw, General John cock formerly a member of Congress River and Thomas Crawley, Rev. Levi Rice Esquire William Gideon

[p 32: On February 12, 1838, Hardy Mills applied for a transfer of his pension payments to Putnam County, Indiana where he had recently removed; he gave his reasons for removing as follows: "... the following are his reasons for removing from the State of Tennessee to the said State of Indiana, he had one son living in the said County of Putnam and one other son with whom he had lived some time previous to his removal was removing to said County & State of Indiana, and he was under the impression that he could procure a living easier in the State of Indiana then he could and Tennessee."]

[Facts in file: On May 21, 1857, Henry Mills wrote a letter to the Commissioner of pensions stating that his father, Hardy Mills, was a soldier in the revolution from Wilkes County North Carolina; that his father moved to Hawkins County Tennessee where he applied for his pension; that he later moved to Putnam County Indiana where he died on the March 6, 1841; in a letter dated August 10th 1857, Henry Mills states that he is the only living child of Hardy Mills.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 months in the cavalry and 7 months in the Infantry, all in the North Carolina militia.]