

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mordecai Battson (Mardica Batson) S35184

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District of Kentucky SS

On this 19th of August 1818 before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Circuit Court for the District aforesaid personally appeared Mordecai Battson aged 63 years a resident of Bourbon County in the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war –

That he enlisted in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby of the 12th Virginia regiment Colonel Wood [James Wood] as well as he now recollects for the term of two years and that he served out the said time and was discharged in the State of Pennsylvania not very far from Philadelphia – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]; – That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence than he now offers of his said services

Sworn to and declared before me this Day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

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[illegible] Hardin¹ this day made oath before me that he served in the Revolutionary war in 1776 and that the above named Mordecai Battson served in the same Company with him the affiant and that he is in reduced circumstances in life. Witness my hand this 19th of August 1818.

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

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I do hereby appoint Colonel Richard M. Johnson my agent and attorney-in-fact to act for me in [indecipherable word] the within business. Witness my hand this 19th day of August 1818

S/ Benj. Hardin, X his mark

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State of Indiana, Sullivan County Sct.

¹ [Benjamin Hardin S31100](#). This veteran filed for his pension on the same date before the same judge.

On this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record being Expressly made so by the Laws of the State in the Circuit Court of Sullivan County and State aforesaid Mardica Batson [sic] aged sixty-six years Resident in the State and County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows for the Space of two years in the Company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashly [sic] – in the 12th Virginia regiment Commanded by Colonel Woods [sic] in the Virginia line agreeable to an original declaration dated 19th of August 1818 – and pension Certificate No. 5065 and I do Solemnly Swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 – and that I have not Since that time by Gift, Sale or in any Manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for Certain persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th of March 1818 – and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Security or trust or dense due to me nor have I any income other than what is Contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed new

(Viz.) 2 horses worth seventy dollars	\$70.00
3 head of Cattle worth twenty dollars	20.00
10 hogs fifteen dollars	15.00
Cupboard ware twelve dollars	12.00
Castings five dollars twenty-five cents	5.25
And Spinning wheels three dollars	3.00
1 Table three dollars	3.00
Three Chairs one dollar fifty cents	1.50
Two pails one dollar	<u>1.00</u>
Making in all one hundred and thirty three dollars and Twenty five cents	\$133.25

S/ Mardica Batson

I am a farmer but unable to farm it I have besides myself only two in family Rechel Batson [Rachel Batson?] aged Sixty one years nearly blind and unable to support herself and Wesly Batson aged 11 years and unable to support himself –

Sworn to in open Court this 15th of October 1821

S/ Samuel Coleman, Clerk

[The above document sworn to be a true copy of the documents filed in the records of the court by the clerk.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 19th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]