

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Harden (Hardin) Duke S8357

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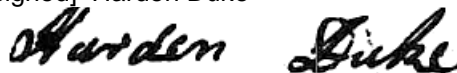
State of Virginia Louisa County

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of the County of Louisa now sitting Hardin Duke a resident of the county of Louisa in the state of Virginia aged seventy three[?]¹ years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832[.] That he was born as he as been informed by his father and mother on the 1st day of July 1760, he has never seen his register but he has always understood that he was registered in the clerks books of the Episcopal Church at Hallowing Creek Church, and that he was born in Hanover County[.] That he enlisted in the service of the United States on the last of January or first of February 1779 in the county of Hanover (where he then resided), as a first sergeant under Captain Garland Burnley Porter being Lieut. and John Taylor Ensign, that he entered the service at the Barracks near Charlottesville in Virginia where he was stationed most of the time, for the purpose of guarding the troops captured under General Burgoyne², that he continued in constant service from the time of his enlistment until April or May 1781 when he was regularly discharged, his discharge deeming it of no value he has lost or mislaid, He further states that the company in which he served was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Frances [Francis] Taylor³ and occasionally by Col. Bland and Col. Fontaine.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state[.]

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Harden Duke



And the said court doth hereby declare their opinion that the said Harden Duke was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states [signed] James Michie P.J.

[Transcriber's Note: This applicant testified in the 1842 application of the widow of John Jackson W3425. In that testimony he mentions his late brother [Clevears Duke S39471](#) and his late brother James Duke who also served]

¹ The word "three" in the applicant's age appears to be overwritten. The applicant would have been 72 at the time of application of the birth date given (July 1, 1760) was correct.

² Burgoyne was defeated at Saratoga on Oct. 17, 1777.

³ [Francis Taylor R19418](#)