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Pension application of Henry Hardin Camden S31732

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State of Georgia, County of Walton

On this the nineteenth day of November Eighteen Hundred & thirty two personally appeared before the Honorable Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid being a Court of record Henry Hardin a resident of the County of Walton in the said State of Georgia aged seventy one years on the twelfth day of April last past who being 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 entered into the service of the United States in the year Seventeen Hundred & Seventy Seven on the fifteenth day of October in that year as a volunteer with Capt. Henry Smith for the term of six months and served in Col. Prevard or Brovard's Regiment of the North Carolina Militia under the command of Genl Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Col Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Maj Nelson of the Continental Line and Genl Williamson [Andrew Williamson?] of the Militia, the names and rank of the other officers he states he has forgot and the deponent further declares that he served the said term of six months in the Land service and that he left the said service on the fifteenth day of April Seventeen Hundred & Seventy Eight at Turkey Hill upon the Black Swamp South Carolina at which time & place last aforesaid he was regularly discharged which discharge is no where in the deponent's power or custody at this time having been as he believes long since lost or destroyed.

And this deponent further declares that at the time he entered into the service he resided in the County of Surry North Carolina but was born in Johnston County in said State and that during said term of service he marched from the Moravian Town in said State to Salisbury in said state and from Salisbury to Camden in South Carolina and from that place to the High Hills of Santee and crossed the Santee River at Nelson's ferry; thence by the Eutaw Springs to Bacons Bridge thence to Jacksonborough and from thence by the lower road to Puresburg [sic, Purysburg] at head quarters on the Savannah River but this deponent sayeth that during said term of service he was not engaged in any Battle or fight with the enemy.

And this deponent further declares that he again entered into the service of the United States in the year Seventeen Hundred & Eighty in the month of June of that year, but the precise day this deponent does not now recollect for a term of three months as a Militia man with Capt Absalem Bostwick¹ of Surry County North Carolina David Humphries [sic, David Humphreys]² 1st Lieutenant and this deponent 2nd Lieutenant in said company and that said company was attached or belonged to Col Martin Armstrong's Regiment in Genl. Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brugade under the command of Maj Gen Caswell [Richard Caswell] of the militia which was joined to the Continental Line not far from Cheraw Hills in South Carolina under the command of Genl Gates [Horatio Gates] – and from thence marched by Lynches Creek to Rugeley's Mill on the road to Camden and from thence toward Camden about halfway to which place the American forces were met by the British forces a battle ensued and the former were defeated and the deponent was engaged in said Battle [Battle of Camden or Gates' Defeat].

And this deponent further declares that his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the militia company aforesaid is lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it but the fact is sustained by the affidavits of David Humphreys 1st Lieutenant in said company hereto named and this deponent further declares after Gates defeat aforesaid the company to which he belonged was never afterwards reorganized and there was no place of rendezvous for his company appointed and he therefore returned home to Surry County North Carolina but in a few days took his horse and went to Providence Mecklenburg N. Carolina where he again entered into service of the United States by joining the militia Light horse as a substitute for Peter Eaton under Col Davie [William Richardson Davie] who was the commander under whom he served two months and was then regularly discharged after marching from Providence to the Waxhaw settlement where he was discharged as aforesaid which discharge is also lost or mislaid so that he is now unable to provide it.

And the deponent further declared that he again entered into the service of the United States in the year Seventeen Hundred & Eight one in the month of March of that year by order of Col James Martin & Col Hunter who about the time Cornwallis entered Guilford County North Carolina gave orders for every man who was able to bear arms to join the army under Genl Green by joining Capt Thomas Cook's company of Light horse of the militia under the command of Col James Martin & Col James Hunter in which company this deponent served a few weeks the company being disbanded after the battle at Guilford Court House North Carolina in which county this deponent then resided having removed there in the month of February preceding but was not engaged in said battle by reason of his being absent on forage duty.

And this deponent further declares that in the fall of the said year last aforesaid he was again the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Light Horse company of Capt Thomas Cook commanded by Col Wm O'Neal in pursuit of the noted Tory Fanning [David Fanning] Col of the Tories.

And this deponent further declares that he was at various other times and under varying other officers engaged in suppressing and disarming the Tories which he does not herein detail as the terms of service though numerous were short and under partisan officers acting upon their own responsibility.

And this deponent hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Hardin

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To the Interrogatories directed to be put to the applicant by the War Department—the said Henry Hardin—

To the first Intery answers: He was born in Johnston County, N. C. on the 12th of April 1761.

To the 2nd Inty: He answers he has a record of his age in his Bible at home.

To the 3rd Inty: He answers he lived in Surry County North Carolina when called into service—Since the Revolutionary War, he has lived in Guilford County N. C. about ten or twelve years—from which place he removed and has lived in this state and now resides in the County of Walton.

To the 4th Inty: He answers that he entered into the service as a volunteer.

To the 5th Inty: He names [illegible], Lincoln, Col. Little & Maj. Nelson, whom he knew and he refers to the foregoing Declaration as containing the names of all the officers he now recollects.

To the 6th Inty: He answers that he got a discharge which he is now unable to produce—and also that he received a brevet commission as 2nd Lieutenant from Col. Armstrong.

To the 7th Inty: He mentions Joel Colby, Wilson Whattey, Hon'l A. S. Clayton, & Wilbon Lumpkin and those persons who have signed the certificate hereto annexed.

S/ Henry Hardin

S/ W. Whattey, JJC

S/ Egbert B Beall, JJC

S/ James PW[?], JJC

- 1 Probably Absalom Bostrick
- 2 See Fed. Pension Application W9047