

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Hardin S31100
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DISTRICT OF Kentucky, SS.

On this 19th day of August 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General and Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared Benjamin Hardin aged 65 years, resident in Franklin 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 obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Benj. Hardin enlisted in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby of the 12 Virginia Regiment for two years; that he continued serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States about one year, when he was discharged from service in consequence of his [illegible word] a substitute for him to serve the balance of the time, he was discharged in state of Virginia 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 here offers now in his power of his said services.

Mordecai Battson [Mordecai Batson, pension application S35184] this day made oath before me that he served in the Revolutionary war in 1776 and that the above named Benj. Hardin did serve in the same company and that he is in reduced circumstances in life witness my hand this 19 of August 1818
Benj. Johnson/ Circuit Judge

District of Kentucky SS.

On this 2nd day of Oct. 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district and county of Scott Benjamin Hardin resident in the county of Owen and said district, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: Viz:

In the company commanded by Capt. Steven Ashby to guard the frontiers fo Pennsylvania for two years but at the expiration of ten months the Captain was ordered to head Quarters near Brandywine and on his way at Winchester I was discharged.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Viz.

250 Acres land worth	\$750.00
3 head of horses	45.00
2 head of sheep	2.00
7 head of cattle	20.00
80 head of hogs	50.00
Sundry debts due for work	<u>45.00</u>
	\$912.00

Benj'n. Hardin

He states that he is by profession a blacksmith but not able to do much at it and that he has in family beside himself six person Viz

Rebecca Hardin aged 43 years able to support herself, William Jackson aged 7 years John Jackson aged 13 years, Sam'l. Jackson aged 11 years R Ann Hardin aged 5 years W. Hardin aged 2[?] years none of whom are able to support themselves
Benj. Hardin

State of Kentucky

Henry Circuit Sct.

On this first day of September 1823 personally appeared in open Court being in session, and being a Court of record in the said County of Henry and State aforesaid having the power of fine Imprisonment and having a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amt Benjamin Hardin resident of said county and circuit, aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare and make the following declaration in order to obtain the provissions made by the acts of the 18 march 1818 the first May 1820 and the first March 1823. that he the said Benjamin Hardin enlisted for the Term of two years on the [blank] day of June 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Stephen Ashby in the regiment commanded by Col Nevill [sic: John Neville] and Gen'l. Stephens [possibly Adam Stephen] in the line of Virginia, in the continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the Corpse untill the year 1779 when he was discharged from the said service at Winchester in the State of Virginia

[Oath similar to that in the 1820 application.]

Property now owned.		Property Cont in first Schedule	
One horse worth	\$25	3 Horses	\$75
1 Calf	2.50	4 Cows	30
2 pots	4.00	36 Hogs	30
1 kettle	<u>2.</u>	5 head sheep	<u>10</u>
	\$49.50		\$145

Benj'n. hisXmark Hardin

Since the Exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes hath taken place towit

2 Horses have died

2 Cows have died

Hogs made pork of and have died up

5 Head of Sheep sold to Benj'n. Stephens at 9/- apiece, and not received pay, nor never expects it

He further at the time and place made Oath that he is a Common Labourer, and BlackSmith and entirely unable to pursue it owing to his age and infirmity

he has only 3 children living with him Towit Becky Ann aged 7 years Washington aged 6 years old and Nancy aged 2 years old and they are unable to support themselves
Ben hisXmark Hardin

[On 5 Apr 1824 Hardin deposed that the land reported in his 1820 schedule but not in the preceding was sold or traded to Ennis Hardin for a tract in Henry County comprising 500 acres, 300 acres of which was woodland that had been lost by "pryor and paramount claims," and that he had transferred title to the rest to his sons as security for debts that they had secured for him. See endnote.]

County of Henry

On this 3 day of April 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record (having the power of fine and imprisonment) for the county of Henry, Benjamin Hardin resident of said County of Henry aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provission made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March 18181 and th 1st May 1820; that he the said Benjamin Hardin, enlisted for the Term of three years on the [blank] day of July in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] in the line of the State of Virginia on the

Virginia continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corpse until about May or June 1778 when he was discharged from the said Service in Winchester in Virginia – that he first enlisted for two years on the [blank] day of July 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby in the regiment commanded by Colonel Nevill in the regiment commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Scott, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corpse until July 1777 – when he was discharged at Winchester in the State of Virginia, that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropped therefrom on account of his property. [Oath as before.]

The following is the property owned and exhibited in the first Schedule, Towit 200 acres of land, three head of Horses, 4 Cows, 30 Hoggs & 5 Head of Sheep. That the Land was traded to Ennis Hardin for another tract of land containing five hundred acres in Henry County on the Waters of Kentucky River – that the trade was made in the year 1823 and that the land was traded as a'd. and that the Certificates are herewith enclosed – and the deed to Ennis Hardin is filed herewith – he further states that he has no title of due or Bond to the five hundred acres – nor does he believe he ever can obtain a title

The 500 acres as above – the Hoggs above are dead and made bacon of and eat up long since The Horses above ment'd two of them are dead with poison Weed, the Cows above ment'd three of them died with the same decease.

and I now have as my property one horse only, Two beds – 2 pot & oven, Skillett, and the land claimed as above say 500 acres –

I am a black smith by trade, without ability to pursue it owing to bad health and infirmity. the number of my family is [three illegible words]

I owe as per certificates herewith filed

Benj hisXmark Hardin

Dear Sir After my Compliments to you I wish to Enform you that I am in a Reasonable State of health At present hoping this fiew Line may find you Enjoying the same blesing. I have Nothing Strange to Communicate to you at present only that I Hear Send you a true Statement of my Situation Which you Are not a Stranger too There is Seventy Five Dollars Due Hubbard Taylor from me Eighteen years sence – Also I purchas'd Two hundred Acres of Land of Benjamin Ashby Twenty three years ago for which I agreed to giv three Hundred Dollars and I paid two hundred and fifty Dollars of the Money and the Ballance is yet unpaid

Also Thirty Seven Dollars to George Hardin Nine year sence – Also Fifty dollars to Enos Hardin two years since

Also 4 Dollars to Reahel[?] Taylor Sixteen years sence to Clear me of the Lawsuit as I am unabel to pay the last of a Lawsuit and the ballance I owe for it Likewise I am 76 years old with two Children one 9 years old and the other Six my Wife has Been ded Six years Last February I am hard put to make out with [illegible word] Small Children in my old days I have nothing more to State at present

[A note certified on 25 Jan 1828 again lists Hardin's debts and adds the following: "Also I Served two Summers in the Melitia Servis the one in Mackintoshes Campain [Gen. Lachlan McIntosh, commander of the Western Department of the Army, 26 May 1778 - 5 Mar 1779] the Other at the Seig of York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781"]

State of Kentucky Ss

Owen County Court/ June Term 1831

On this 6th day of June 1831 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the said District and County of Owen Benjamin Hardin aged Seventy eight years resident in Henry County in said district who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the

revolutionary war as follows – that he enlisted in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia in the Year 1776 for two Years on the Continental line in the Company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashby to Guard the Frontier and rendezvous at Wheeling that he served in said way for 10 months that he again enlisted under the same Captain for three Years and that he served about two months under the last enlistment. that he was honorably discharged and received his pension Certificate number [blank]

[Oath similar to that in the 1820 application.]

That he has one bed	15.00
That he has One horse	\$40.00
House hold furniture	<u>19:</u>
	\$65:

That he is by trade a Blacksmith verry Old and unable to pursue it with any advantage
My family consists of two Children a girl and a boy the girl aged 10 years the boy aged 12 years
Benj: hisXmark Hardin

State of Kentucky

Henry County Sct. August Term 1832

On this 6th day of August 1832 Came personally into Open Court (being a Court of record having the power of fine & imprisonment) Benjamin Hardin who upon his oath declares that he is seventy nine years of age that he was once on the pension roll under the act of March 1818 and the 18th of said month and was dropped therefrom on account of property. he further declares that he was a private in Capt. Stephen Ashby, under Col Nevill that his present place of residence is Henry County Kentucky and that he resided in Franklin or Scott County at the time he first made application for pension

Benjamin hisXmark Hardin

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of a survey of 600 acres, which mentions property belonging to Daniel Hardin. There is also a document headed "Dec 26th 1825: Surveyed Laugheads 900 acre survey" with a sketch map of 1019½ acres on Kentucky River in Henry County. The latter property was transferred by deed dated 5 Nov 1827 from Benjamin Hardin to his children Mark Hardin, William Hardin, Daniel Hardin, Henry Hardin, Nathaniel Hardin, George Washington Hardin, and Nancy Hardin, and to Jacob Kelly, who married daughter Elizabeth Hardin.

On 13 Mar 1832 William Hardin, Daniel Hardin, Mark Hardin, and Nathaniel Hardin, stated that their father, Benjamin Hardin, had become indebted to them and transferred to them parts of the land he declared in his schedule of 1820. Ernest Hardin stated that he held the note of Benjamin Hardin given for a valuable consideration to George Hardin. William, Daniel, Mark, Nathaniel, and James Hardin stated that Benjamin Hardin owed to Benjamin Ashby, thought to be living in Virginia, about \$100 with interest for 18 to 20 years for the purchase of the land mentioned in Benjamin Hardin's first schedule of property.