Pension application of John Hardyman 1R14719  
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[pp 9-10] Names Rank and promotion &c of the Officers of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment from their first entering into the service to the reduction of the Regiment

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<th>Names</th>
<th>First Rank</th>
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<th>Present Rank</th>
<th>Present Date of Commission</th>
<th>Present State</th>
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<td>William Brent</td>
<td>Ensign</td>
<td>1776</td>
<td>Aide-de-camp 1776 with the appointment of Major by the State of Virginia 1776 &amp; Lieutenant Colonel 14 June 1777</td>
<td>Colonel</td>
<td>1st January 1779</td>
<td>Supernumerary</td>
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<td>John Baytop</td>
<td>Lieutenant</td>
<td>1777</td>
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<td>First Lieutenant</td>
<td>1st May 1779</td>
<td>Ditto</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Hardyman</td>
<td>Do</td>
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<td>Do</td>
<td>24th September 1779</td>
<td>Ditto</td>
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As I had not the Command of the Regiment until May 1779, Therefore cannot possibly be acquainted with the strength of Regiment when first raised. Discharged in April & May 1780 about 280 remaining about 31 for the War.

S/ W. Brent Colo.

The foregoing is a true extract of a Document on file in this Office

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 31st July 1837

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

[p 15]
Council Chambers February 12, 1783

I do Certify that Mr. John Hardyman is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Lieutenant in the State Line for military service from September 3, 1777 to the 6th of February 1782

S/ Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

On the 12 February 1783 a military Warrant No. 1234 2666 2/3 acres of Land issued to John Hardyman

A Copy of the records of the Land Office of Virginia: as witness my hand and seal of office hereto affixed at Richmond this 31st day of July 1837.

S/ W. [indecipherable words or abbreviations] Virga.

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Pension Office December 6, 1836

I certify that from an examination of the claim of the Heirs at Law of the late John Hardyman, deceased, I am satisfied that he was a Lieutenant in the second Regiment of Infantry belonging to the State of Virginia: that he served until the 6th of February 1782, when he became Supernumerary; that he died in the year 1808, and Elizabeth City County, Virginia: that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia:" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of $160 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783 when the war terminated to the first of January 1808, in which last mentioned year he died; and that the amount should be paid to his administrator Benjamin Harrison of Charles City County Virginia.

[No evidence of a signature]

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Pension Office December 6, 1848

I certify that from an examination of the claim of the administrator of the late John Hardyman, deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the 2nd Va. State Regiment and find that he became supernumerary by the 6th February 1782, and that there is, consequently, do under the Act of Congress of the 5th of July 1832 entitled "the act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," half pay from that day to 22 April 1783, the date from which the claim was allowed on the 6th December 1836, and has heretofore been paid – And that it is my opinion that the claim should now be allowed at the rate of $160 per annum from the 6th February 1782, to the 22nd of April 1783; and that the Amount is payable to Francis H Dickins Attorney of the Administrator, Joseph Segar [?] of Elizabeth City County Virginia, the Administrator of the estate of the said John Hardyman.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved,

Secretary of War
Pension Office July 10th, 1851

I certify that I have examined the Claim of the administrator of Captain John Hardyman deceased under the act of 5th of July 1832, and find that he was appointed Captain of Marines, on the 16th February 1782, shortly after he had become a supernumerary Lieutenant in the land service in the State of Virginia, & that he served as such to the end of the War, & was therefore entitled to half pay as Captain of Marines, at the rate of $240 per annum, from the 22nd day of April 1783 to the first day of January 1808, in which year he died, which sum, deducting the amounts heretofore paid, as Lieutenant of Infantry, is payable to Joseph Segar, the present administrator de bonis non, of said John Hardyman's Estate, and resident near Old Point Comfort Virginia.

S/ J. E. Heath
Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of the Interior

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Richmond February 12th, 1783
I do certify that Lieutenant John Hardyman has been in the service of this state from the 3rd day September 1777

S/ Chas. Dabney, Lt. Col. [Charles Dabney]

The Affidavit of Ann Payne, taken and made before me Thomas C. Peek A Notary Public in and for the County of Elizabeth City this the 17th day of June 1851,

The said Ann Payne being duly Sworn deposeth and saith as follows: That she knew the said John Hardyman both during and after the revolutionary War, That the said John Hardyman died in this County of Elizabeth City Sometime 25 or 30 years after said War,

That the said John Hardyman was several years engaged in the State Service in said war, both in the land and Naval Service, That in the latter part of the War to wit, in the year 1782, the said Hardeman recruited a company of Marines for the Navy of Virginia, –in and about Hampton
and served as Captain of said Company of Marines on board of the *Cormorant*\(^2\), one of the Vessels of the Virginia Navy which was frequently anchored at an off Hampton, and continued to Serve as such until the Vessel was Sold "laid up about the end of the War; That she recollects distinctly having seen the said John Hardyman recruiting in and about Hampton, and has frequently seen him at Hampton, in company with other officers of the Navy, Among whom she recollects Captain Richard Baron, and Captain James Gray, Further This Affiant saith Not

S/ Ann Payne, X her mark

[Attested in Elizabeth City County June 17, 1851]

Richmond May 8\(^{th}\), 1782

Sir

As I expect a meeting of Captains Maxwell and Harris at this place on Friday the 16\(^{th}\) Instant, I have to request your attendance on that day in order to make your return of Marines, which you have enlisted, you will be kind enough to order them all to this place immediately, or if more convenient, to Broadway's to go on board the *Cormorant*, for the present – When you meet here, the arrangement of the Officers, their wagons & privileges will be ascertained.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient

S/ Wm Hay, C. A.

Copies sent to
Mr. Hardyman
Mr. Clark
Mr. Webb &
Mr. Selden
P. S. to Mr. Clarke's letter
I have this moment received your letter of this date, & have to inform you that no alteration has been made in the terms of enlistment.

S/ W. H.

First Auditors Office, April 28, 1851 the foregoing is a true copy of a letter and endorsements thereon on file in this office, in 2\(^{nd}\) Volume of "papers concerning the state Navy"


Richmond 16\(^{th}\) February 1782

Sir,

As you are appointed Captain of Marines on board of the State Ship the *Cormorant*, commanded by James Maxwell Esquire & now at Baltimore, you'll please to proceed with the utmost expedition to recruit your company which is to consist of forty-seven besides your

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\(^2\) HARDYMAN, JOHN VA Captain of Marines, Virginia Marines
John Hardyman apparently served in the 2\(^{nd}\) Virginia State Regiment earlier in the war. In late 1781 or early 1782 [Stewart, 197. But presumably after May 1782, when the Navy was more or less re-established, see Paullin, 416] he was appointed as a Captain of Marines in the Virginia Marines and assigned to the Virginia Navy Ship *Cormorant* (Captain JAMES MAXWELL). With his Lieutenants JOHN CLARK, LEWIS WEBB, and SELDEN, he attempted to recruit Marines for the *Cormorant*, then lying at Hampton. [Stewart, 197] Hardyman was offering a bonus of $5 for every able-bodied soldier who entered and $10 for each recruit who had made one or more voyages to the West Indies or Europe. [Stewart, 122] Hardyman was presumably in service until the *Cormorant* was ordered sold in October 1782. [Cross, 79; Stewart, 126] He died 1 January 1808 in Elizabeth City County, Virginia. [Stewart, 197]

http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20H.html
Lieutenant. You are to enlist them for nine months or two cruises counting each cruise from the Sailing of the Ship and her return again into harbor in Virginia. You'll informed that men should any inquiry be made on the Subject, That they are to do duty either on shore or on board when the public Service relative to the Ship makes it necessary. –

Should any of them be turned over into Prizes in order to do duty there until the Prize arrived in port they are to consider themselves as still belonging to the Ship & be ready to go on board when she arrives.

Your pay shall commence from this date and you shall be indulged with such privileges merchandise as the burden of the Ship will permit which shall be hereafter Settled you are to appoint your sergeants yourself. You shall be allowed $5 for every able-bodied Soldier you recruit, And $10 for every able bodied man that has been one or more voyages in the West Indies or Europe. This in full for your Expenses.

The Marines shall receive pay at the rate of $10 per month, and one months pay advanced to each before the Ship sails. I desire that you have each man Sworn as enlisted & that they also signed their enlistments. So soon as you have recruited 10 or 15 men, you'll please order them to a proper rendezvous and give me notice that I may order them to the Ship where they may be useful – I have appointed Mr. Clark a Lieutenant who is also on the recruiting business and you'll correspond with each other & have your men rendezvous at one place, I have delivered to you $80 on Account – You'll Advise me from time to time the progress you make in recruiting.

I am, Sir
Yo. Mo: Ob Sert.
D. R. C A. [Duncan Rose]

[There follows split image versions of what appear to be certified copies of accounting records relating to Hardyman's company, but no members are named.]