

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Hardeman Duke W783 Elizabeth fn57NC
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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 26th day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in open Court, Hardeman Duke, a resident of said County of Orange & State of North Carolina aged 72 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 Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina on the 1st of May 1776 or there about, in the revolutionary War. That he enlisted in the County of Orange & said State under Captain Archibald Lytle, who then resided in Hillsboro in said County. That he was a private in his Company. That Captain Lytle soon after his enlistment marched his Company to Wilmington North Carolina, where they joined other troops. Frank Nash [sic, Francis Nash] was the Colonel at Wilmington & James Moore he thinks, was the General. The Regiment to which he was attached lay at Wilmington, as well as he can remember, during the autumn of 1776 & the winter or part of the winter of '76 '77 – That in the spring or summer of 1777, he marched with his Regiment & other troops to Charleston South Carolina. The deponent remembers that it was warm weather during the march, as a good part of their route lay on the sea beach, & he well remembers, that some of the soldiers often days in the sea water. He says that Captain Lytle was promoted about the time the troops were marched from Wilmington, & he was placed under another Captain whose name he cannot remember. That he remained at Charleston South Carolina a few months, & was marched back to Wilmington N. C. At that place a furlough for a short time was granted to him & his brother William Duke who joined the Army a few days after he did & had been all the time attached to the same Company. They both returned home to Orange & joined the Army soon after at Halifax North Carolina, where Colonel Mebane was there Colonel. Afterwards he passed into the northern Army at Valley Forge, & was there were inoculated with the smallpox. He remained there until he recovered & was marched to the White Plains where he rejoined his brother William Duke who had first recovered from the smallpox and had preceded him in the march to White Plains. General Washington there commanded in person. At White Plains his Captain was Tilghman Dixon. In the autumn of 1778, being two years and a half from his enlistment, he & his brother William Duke were both discharged near the bank of the North River & both returned home to North Carolina. He received a written discharge, which was delivered to Archibald Lytle, to whom he supposed he sold his land warrant – though the transactions seems to have been conducted in the name of Thomas Taylor [? last name obscured] as it appears in the state Department of North Carolina. The accompanying letter of the secretary is [indecipherable word].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ H. Duke

State of North Carolina, Granville County

This day Cyrus Davis Senior¹ of the County & State aforesaid being now 80 years of age appeared before me Benjamin Bullock one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for said County, the said Court being one of Record, & he being first duly sworn in due form of law, deposeth & saith, that he knew Hardeman Duke now of Orange County said State, an applicant for a pension from the General Government during the revolutionary war – that he first became acquainted with said Duke in North Carolina in the County of Duplin or Johnson [sic, Johnston] & that said Duke was a soldier in the Continental Army, under the command of Captain Archibald Lytle & Captain Clark

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of the sixth Regiment of the regular Troops. The said Duke was in the Army at the following places to the knowledge of this deponent, to wit: Valley Forge, at Trenton -- & at divers other places in Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York & the said deponent further saith that while said Duke was in the Army he never heard of anything said to his charge & that he was a good soldier.

The deponent further saith that he never knew any other person in the Army by the name of Duke or Dukes except William Duke the elder brother of said Halderman who was in the same service at the same times above mentioned. He further sayeth that said Duke was called Hardeman & Harmon & Dump indifferently & by the different names at different times by the same person – said Duke has lived in Orange County as he deponent believes ever since the revolutionary War & During the whole time in the Eastern part of said County & 10 or 12 miles from the residence of this deponent, who lives in an adjoining County. This deponent saith that he is so old and infirm that he cannot without much injury to himself attend the Court to give this statement.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the third day of November A.D. 1832

S/ B. Bullock, JP

S/ Cyrus Davis, Senr., X his mark

State of North Carolina, Granville County

This Day John Lock² of the County and State aforesaid being near 78 years old appeared before me – Benjamin Bullock one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, being a Court of record and he being first duly sworn in due form of law Deposeeth and saith that he knew Hardeman Duke now of Orange County in said State and an applicant for a Pension from the general Government During the revolutionary War, that he first became acquainted with said Hardeman Duke at Wilmington North Carolina in the year 1776 and that said Duke was a soldier in the Continental Service under the command of Captain Archibald Lytle of the sixth Regiment of the Regular Troops. The said Duke was in the Army at the following places to the knowledge of this Deponent, to wit: at Halifax North Carolina, at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, White Plains in New York, at Danbury in Connecticut and at West Point in New York where he was discharged in November 1778 that he never heard anything said to his charge and that he was a good Soldier.

The deponent further states that he never knew any Person in the Army by the name of view were ordered Dukes except William Duke the Elder Brother of the said Hardeman who was in the Army at the same times above mentioned he further sayeth that said Duke was oftener [sic] called Dump then Hardeman or Harman and by the these different names by the same person at different times, he further states that the said Hardeman Duke that he was in the Service with at the times and places above mentioned is now before him and that he is the man, this deponent further saith that he the said Duke [in his word] in Orange County adjoining the County where this deponent liveth ever since the Revolutionary War. This deponent further states that from age and infirmity he can't attend Court to give this Statement without much Inconvenience.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the first day of November A.D. 1832

S/ B. Bullock, JP

S/ John Lock

Raleigh 17 August 1832

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th instant was received this afternoon. Enclosed I send you such a certificate for Mr. Duke as I am unable to make from the muster rolls, and think there can be no doubt of his success as he stands so fair on the rolls; the little inaccuracy in spelling his name will not I hope prejudice his claim. I have given the name in my certificate exactly as it stands on the rolls, on the warrant book in this office it is spelt "Harmon Duke", but I see on a paper filed with his warrant (for it seems he sold it to Thomas Taylor) his name is spelt Hardeman, his own signature to the transfer is "H.

Duke.” As he was in the Army when I was in the lapse, I don't charge anything for my trouble.
Very respectfully your friend & obedient Servent
S/ W. Hill

His Captains name is not given on the rolls.
S/ W. H.

Honl W. P. Mangum
Red Mountain

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Hardmond Dukes a private soldier and company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the first day of May 1796 for 2 ½ years, and that he was discharged in November 1778.

Given under my hand this 17th day of August 1832.
S/ W. Hill

[On December 19, 1846 in Maury County Tennessee, Elizabeth Duke a resident of said County, aged 79, flour for a widow's pension stating that her husband Hardeman Duke died October 19, 1839. Other documents in the file indicate that Elizabeth Ricketts and Hardemam Duke were married in Orange County, NC by John Elliotte [sic], a JP in 1787 or 1788]

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 18th September 1847 personally appeared before me R. Stanford one of the acting Justices of the Pleas for said County Jane Morrow, a resident of said County aged 78 years, and made oath that her maiden name was Jane Gattis, and was married to William Morrow on the 30th day of January in the year 1794, and Orange County N. C., which marriage she has recorded in her Family Bible and she remembers when she was married at Elizabeth Duke, wife of Hardeman Duke, had a child whose name was Very Duke, and when she (this Deponent) was married in January 1794, she remembers that Elizabeth Duke was in a Family way with another child, and she has no doubt but the said Hardeman & Elizabeth Duke were lawfully married, and that she never understood or heard it said that day lived together in a state of adultery.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above written before me
S/ R. Stanford, JP
S/ Jane Morrow, X her mark

[The marriage bond given by William Morrow for his marriage to Jinney Gaddis [sic] on the 28th January 1794 in Orange County, NC is in this file.]