

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hardaway S2607

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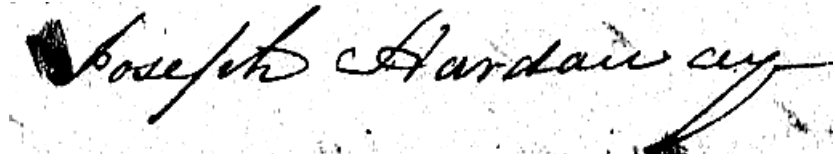
State of Tennessee Robertson County: SS

On this 7th day of September 1846 personally appeared before the Worshipful County Court of said County – the same being a Court of record Joseph Hardaway, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged forty-three years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain (for himself and his brothers & sisters, in the name of their said Father, the late Joseph Hardaway Senior, late of the aforesaid County and State,) the benefit of the provision made by the late Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he is the son of said Joseph Hardaway, Senior, Deceased late of the aforesaid County and state – That said Joseph Hardaway Senior Deceased left no widow but that he left the following named children besides the declarant; viz.: Samuel P Hardaway, Ann H. Hardaway and John P Hardaway, who reside at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; and also Charles L Hardaway, who resides at Paris, Henry County Tennessee; and that these are now all the children of the said deceased – James P Hardaway another son having departed this life without issue. That said Joseph Hardaway, Senior Deceased as declarant verily believes – having so learned and understood from his Deceased Father for many years during his life, and from other sources – was a soldier of the Revolution – that he was a citizen of Prince George County, State of Virginia at the time of his enlistment – that he enlisted under Captain William Armistead near Richmond, Virginia on the 20th of August 1781, during the War, in the State Cavalry, and served under him (Captain Armistead) until April 6, 1783 – that he was at the siege of York – was stationed a while at Richmond – part of his time at Portsmouth, Norfolk and Williamsburg – that he acted as express rider for two months, and was finally discharged at Hampton April 6, 1783 – having served one year, seven months and seventeen days. That his general marchings were along the coast, and near it, from Richmond to Hampton – that he was at the siege of Yorktown and that he served as Bugleman [bugle man] three months on account of the sickness of the regular Bugleman.

The declarant further states that his Deceased Father Joseph Hardaway, Senior, departed this life on the 6th day of February 1835, at the house of his son James P Hardaway, in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, whether he had gone on a visit – his residence yet remaining in Robertson County, Tennessee. That he served under Colonel John Green of the 6th Regiment, as his field Officer.

This declarant, for himself and his brothers and sisters aforesaid, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension in the name or by half of his said Deceased Father; and he declares that the name of the said Joseph Hardaway Senior Deceased is on no pension roll or

agency of any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Hardaway". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

State of Tennessee Robertson County

Be it known, That before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared Joseph Hardaway, a resident of said County & State aged forty-eight 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 7, 1832, as well as of all laws relating to or amendatory of said Act.

That he is the Administrator of Joseph Hardaway Deceased who as Declarant always understood from his said Father was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted in Prince George's [sic] County Virginia Sometime during the Year 1780 to serve during the War in Captain Armistead's Company of the Virginia State Cavalry, and as Declarant recollects, in Colonel Jones' Regiment, (although he is not certain of the Colonel's Name); that he continued to serve for about or nearly Two years when to wit sometime in the Year 1782 he was discharged by order of the Governor of Virginia, after which, about the year 1796, he intermarried with Jane Davis in Dinwiddie County State of Virginia, by whom he had the following children and no others to wit, Edward D Hardaway who died in the year 1834, leaving no issue, and Jane Hardaway, who died in infancy, that the wife of his father the said Jane Hardaway, died of few years after their marriage but Declarant is not able to give the precise date of her death, that his father again, to wit, in the year 1800, intermarried a second time with Sarah Pains (declarant's mother) in Warren County North Carolina, who lived until the 22nd day of December 1816, when she died leaving the following named and only children of herself and the said Joseph Hardaway to wit; Catharine J Hardaway, who died January 27, 1845 leaving no issue, James P Hardaway who died January 23rd 1846, leaving no issue, Charles L Hardaway who died August 13th 1847¹ – Lemuel P Hardaway, who died in October 1849, leaving no issue, John P Hardaway who died March 7th, 1849, leaving no issue, and Joseph Hardaway, declarant himself who is the only surviving child and heir at law of his father the above named Joseph Hardaway, that his father, during his lifetime, applied for a pension² but died without fully establishing his claim, that since his father's death, Declarant has made application for the Pension which he hereby renews and requests that the proof heretofore furnished in support of the claim both by his father and himself be examined and admitted in support of this application.

That his father the said Joseph Hardaway after the death of Declarant's mother did not again intermarried but continued a single man up to the day of his death which event occurred on the 6th day of February 1836 at Memphis Tennessee.

That he has no record or other documentary proof in support of this claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of August 1851

S/ Robert Green, JP

S/ Joseph Hardaway

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Council Chamber May 20th, 1783

¹ In a later documents, the deponent stated that Charles L Hardaway died without issue

² no such documentation is contained in this file

I do certify that Joseph Hardaway is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the State Cavalry who enlisted for the War and is discharged by order of Government.

Benjamin Harrison

Thomas Meriwether

A Warrant for 200 acres issued to Joseph Hardaway May 26, 1783 No. 640

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

Test

S/ S. H. Parker, Register Land Office

[Of the administrator of the estate of the veteran was granted a pension at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending when the veteran died February 6, 1836 for the veteran service as a private in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to certify that Joseph Hardaway enlisted in the Cavalry of Virginia August 20, 1781 to serve during the War and is discharged by order of Governor & Council. Given under my hand this 6th day of April at Hampton 1783

[signature too faint to discern, but indexed with the note that the certificate was signed by Captain W Armstead [sic, William Armistead]