Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elias Hardy W4451 Cassandra Hardy MD Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 12 June 2015.

County of Fayette Pa. SS.

On this forth day of October 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the said Cty., personally appeared Elias Hardey aged 62 years, resident in s'd 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:" That he, the said Elias Hardey enlisted for the term of three years in Montgomery Co. in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Grifen & Smith in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby alias Gunde in the line of the state of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the [blank] of April 1781 when he was discharged from service in Camden state of South Carolina that he was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony point [16 Jul 1779], Gum Swamp [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Gilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill SC, 25 Apr 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Mias Heardy

[The following paragraph is appended to the judge's certification:]

I have had some slight knowledge of the circumstances of Elias Hardey for some time and understood him to be an industrious tenant in our small way but although he still strugles along in nearly the same way his circumstances are become much embarrassed and his present standing depends soley on the forbearance of his creditors his neighbours by whom he is still respected – this is strongly stated to me in a paper signed by more that a dozen of the most respectable gentlemen in and about Connelsvill [sic: Connellsville] where he resides Witness my hand

James Finley

Penna. Co. of Fayette SS

On this 4th day of June 1821. Personally appeared in open court (being a court of record for s'd. district Elias Hardy age 65 years resident in the county aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit. that he enlisted in Montgomery county state of Maryland sometime in March 1778 or 1779. for three years under Capt. Griffith and Smith of Col. Guntry or Guntie's Reg't. of the Md. line on continental establishment he was in Monmouth Battle stoney point and [page torn] Swamp at the Cowpens Gilford court house Camden &c. and served out his time and was hon'y. discharged at Camden South Carolina. 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 persons 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 or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, towit, two horses \$55 three cows \$30. some other small cattle \$28. fifteen ewes and lambs \$8 a sow and pigs and six shoats \$8. and some kitchen furniture and six chairs worth \$6 amounting in all to \$135. And that I have a wife name Casander age 53 years & Tilghman & Charlotte Hardey lives with me and that I am a farmer but unable to follow Elias Hardy it.

I Do Herby Certify Elias Hardy of the Late 3^d Maryland Regiment has Seved three years in the Maryland Line it being the time he Engaged to serve with the State of Maryland. I further Certify that Elias Hardy has not received any of his monthly pay, and subsistance since the last day of march 1780. he has likewise due to him one hatt, one Coat, one Vest d'o, & one pair of Breeches [page torn] Shoes and blankett

[Give]n under my hand at Camp Before Camde[page torn]th Day of april 1781 John Smith Capt/ 1st M [undeciphered]

Elias Hardy of the late third Maryland Regiment having served the time for which he was Enlisted in hereby discharged. Given under my hand at Camp

24th Day of April 1781

J Gunby Col'l 1st M Regt

Issuing Commissary are requested to furnish the above mentioned Hardey with provision from this to Montgomory County in the State of Maryland J Gunby Coll

This may Certify. The above person has been victueled to the ninth of May inclusive T King [undeciphered abbreviation]

By the Commissioners of the Tax for Montgomory County The Within named Elias Hardy having served three years in the 1 Maryland reg is agreeable to an Act of Assembley Cleare of Taxs for four years from the date of the within Discharge

Signed pr order/ H Wootton Clerk

Sept'r 3^d 1783 Paid by the [undeciphered word] 5 months pay to the within mentioned Soldier – B Conden [undeciphered word]

NOTE: On 6 July 1846 Casander Hardy, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Elias Hardy on 9 Mar 1791 in Montgomery County MD, and he died 13 June 1831. On 17 Apr 1855 Cassandra Hardy, 87, applied for bounty land, giving her maiden name as Cassandra Williams and the date of her marriage to Elias Hardy as 9 Mar 1790. With her first application is a family record transcribed below.

Elias Hardy was born on the 27th day of Decem'r 1757

Cassandra Hardy was born on the 24th day of June 1769

Tilghman Hardy son of Elias & Cassandra Hardy was born on the 29th day of January (sunday evening) 1792

Elenor Hardy eldest daughter of E & Cassandra Hardy was born on Sunday evening the 22^d day of October 1793

Matilda Hardy second daughter of E & Casssandra Hardy was born on Sunday evening the 28th day of December 1795

Charlotte Hardy third daughter of E & Cassandra Hardy was born on Thursday morning the 30th day of September in the year 1802

Eliot Williams daughter of Rezin & Elizabeth Williams was born on the 11th day of October in the year 1783