

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Jordan R5761

Frances Jordan

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State of Georgia Meriwether County: SS

On this 30th day of January 1837 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court now sitting, Frances Jordan widow of Charles Jordan, deceased, a resident of the County of Meriwether & State of Georgia, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, in her behalf as the surviving widow of said deceased at the time of his death, who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of right of the United States at the time of his death & a citizen of said County & State. --

1st -- That said Charles Jordan was born in one of the Northern States, which one is not known, in the month of June 1764. --

2nd -- That said Charles Jordan, deceased had a record of his age in an old Bible kept by his father which during the Revolution was worn out & lost in the movings, changes & accidents of time & space, when & where is not known. --

3rd -- When called into service said Charles Jordan deceased resided in Wilkes County State of Georgia. -- it is believed that during the Revolution he resided at different periods in that part of Wilkes County afterwards subdivided into Columbia & Lincoln Counties but principally in the latter, where he permanently resided from the year 1790 to 1806, inclusive. -- The years 1807 & 1808 he resided in Jackson County. From 1809 to 1816 inclusive he resided in Morgan County. From thence he removed to Monroe County in the State of Alabama where he resided 9 years near the Burnt Corn Spring up to & including the year 1825. From thence removed back to Georgia into Upson County where he resided two years 1826 & 1827. -- From thence he removed & resided in Meriwether County from the Spring of 1828 up to the time of his death on the 31st day of August 1832. He was a pioneer, frontiersman & usually attending to cattle stock with merely a farm home.

1st Service -- Said Charles Jordan deceased was called into service, residence Wilkes County State of Georgia, sometime during the year 1780, probably the earlier part of that year. -- he served two months under Captain John Hill. He was a volunteer private militia Infantry, service under State authority, recognized & required by the United States. -- The service was performed scouting & reconnoitering on the frontiers of the State, building & sustaining forts, & protecting the inhabitants and regular military duty. -- the exact time of year is not known, nor can a detailed minute history of the service be given. He rendezvoused on Little River, marched & defended the upper inhabitants & forts of that State, & was honorably discharged on his return

march into Wilkes County by Captain Hill by written discharge which he lost. -- Service 2 mos. 2nd Service -- He was called into service, residence Wilkes County State of Georgia, this was in the year 1780, the latter part, he served two months November & December of that year. -- His Captain was Samuel Harper, -- his Colonel John Dooly who was afterwards killed by the Tories. -- He was a volunteer private militia Infantry acting under State authority & general recognition of the United States, he rendezvoused near the mouth of Little River -- & marched into the upper part of the State & into South Carolina, reconnoitering & scouting, sustaining the forts, protecting the country & checking the depredations & threatened hostilities of the Creek Indians & the occasional incursions of the Cherokees. He was honorably discharged by written discharge of Captain Harper after his return march home in Wilkes County, which discharge was long since lost. At that time Georgia & Carolina were measurably in possession of the British from their control at Augusta & Charleston, & expeditions were entirely on the defensive & cautiously engaged in & mostly with an eye to protect the frontier settlements from Tory fiends & Indian massacre. -- There were more indeed & more [indecipherable word] than danger & injury from the British Army by whom they were encouraged, sometimes assisted & always communicated with from those British forts. -- service 2 months --

3rd Service. -- He served in the two Sieges of Augusta Georgia¹ & in the Siege of Ninety Six² in the State of South Carolina. In these several tours, duties & sieges & the operations connected there with he served as a volunteer private militia Infantry under the Authority of the State of Georgia & South Carolina required & recognized by the United States. -- the services in the whole, or in each separately, cannot be described in detail. -- In all these Sieges duties & tours he served not less than nine months actual service. -- They might not have been specially continuous & connected, but were really rendered with little interval, & the last Siege of Augusta & the Siege of Ninety Six are believed to have been rendered without a lapse of duty. -- The particular time of these Sieges is not known but it is believed that he rendered two months service in the first Siege of Augusta & four months in the last, the first of occurring in the early part of the year 1781 & the last in the latter part of that year or in 1782; the Siege of Ninety Six in the middle of the year 1781 in which he served three months. -- In all these tours he entered service from his residence Wilkes County Georgia. -- In the first Siege of Augusta he rendezvoused on Little River, Wilkes County, in the second at Kiokee Creek now Columbia County thirty miles above Augusta in both of which tours & Sieges his Captain was George Dooly & his Colonel Elijah Clarke acting as General in command. -- In the second Siege of Augusta General Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] was the principal commander. His father of the same name as himself, Charles Jordan, was with him at the second Siege of Augusta & was killed there by a shot in the stomach in the storm of Brown & Grayson's [sic, Grierson's] forts -- Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] was the principal commander on the part of the British. Major Eaton & Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] were officers on the American side at one or both Sieges of Augusta. -- In the tour of duty performed at Ninety Six, South Carolina, he rendezvoused at Kiokee Creek, Columbia County now, thirty miles above Augusta & marched through Richmond County & through Edgefield district South Carolina to Ninety Six, entered from his residence Wilkes County Georgia, his Captain George Dooly, is Colonel or General Elijah Clarke; the Siege commanded by General Nathanael Greene in person, General Lee also in command assisted by his Colonel or General Elijah Clarke. -- Served in this

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/> & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

campaign three months including going & returning was in the Siege of Ninety Six in the attack & repulse of the Americans, with whom he retreated & remained until out of danger up the Saluda River. -- In all these three Sieges he served & fought throughout their whole operations.

He was in, served & fought at the first Siege, attack, & repulse at Augusta. --

He was in, served and & fought at the second Siege, storm & capture of Augusta. --

He was in, served & fought at the Siege of Ninety Six & the attack & repulse of the Americans at that place. --

In all these several tours of duty he was honorably discharged after his return home into Wilkes County Georgia by his Captain George Dooly by written discharges which have been long since lost or destroyed. Service 9 months

4th Service. -- He entered service, residing in Wilkes County State of Georgia as a volunteer private militia Infantry, rendezvoused on Little River, marched & scouted through the Frontiers of Georgia & South Carolina defending the inhabitants against the Creek & Cherokee Indians. -- This service was performed in the year 1782, his Captain was Samuel Harper, his Colonel or General Elijah Clarke, it consisted in two tours of duty of twenty days each, & in one of which his detachment was accompanied by General Pickens of South Carolina and joined command & when he was in several inconsiderable skirmishes with the Indians & Tories. -- Of these campaigns were in the year 1782. -- He was honorably discharged from both tours by his Captain Samuel Harper -- after his returning into Wilkes by written discharge which has long since been lost or destroyed. -- Service 1 month & 10 days --

And the said Frances Jordan doth on her oath make the further declaration, that there is no Clergyman, nor was at the time of the death of the said Charles Jordan, deceased, resident in his neighborhood or its immediate vicinity, who can testify, from their acquaintance with him, as to his age & revolutionary reputation. There was indeed no clergyman resident near & the nearest were strangers in a new country. --

And the said Frances Jordan doth on her oath make the further declaration, that the foregoing narrative comprises the substance & as full an account of the material services rendered by her deceased husband Charles Jordan as can now be set forth, declared & claimed. -
- Was taken from his deathbed statements made to Judge Wylie B. Ector on the 28th of August 1832 three days before his death, corroborated by repeated verbal communications made to me before in his life time, & contemporaneously by others conversing with him in my presence. --

And the said Frances Jordan doth on her oath make the further declaration, that said Charles Jordan, deceased, in the time set forth in the foregoing Declaration served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; -- that he was in the field or in Garrison; -- & for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit. --

And the said Frances Jordan, applicant, being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that, by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory on the part of the said Charles Jordan, deceased, at & before his death, she cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; -- but, according to the best of her recollection & knowledge, (his) he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: --

For 1 year 1 month & 10 days, he served as a Private volunteer militia Infantry, & for such service I claim a pension. --

And the said Frances Jordan doth on her oath make the further declaration, that the accompanying annexed ancient paper Discharge, was found amongst the papers of said deceased & which was given to him & individually & identically as it purports. -- It is presented as

undeniable proof of his service at the Siege of Augusta especially, & the implied recognition of his further service, here claimed, in the expression of having done duty on all occasions. -- And that she has no further documentary evidence, & that she knows of no person whose testimony she can procure, who can testify to his service, at least in detail, Alexander Smith whose statement follows below knowing him however possibly during the Revolution, knew him to have been a Whig, & recollects him in service at the Siege of Augusta. Some other ancient papers all hailed, but our either worn & unintelligible, or of later date.

She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that her name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ W. B. Ector, JIC

S/ Frances Jordan, X her mark

[Alexander Smith & Martin Leverett gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition:

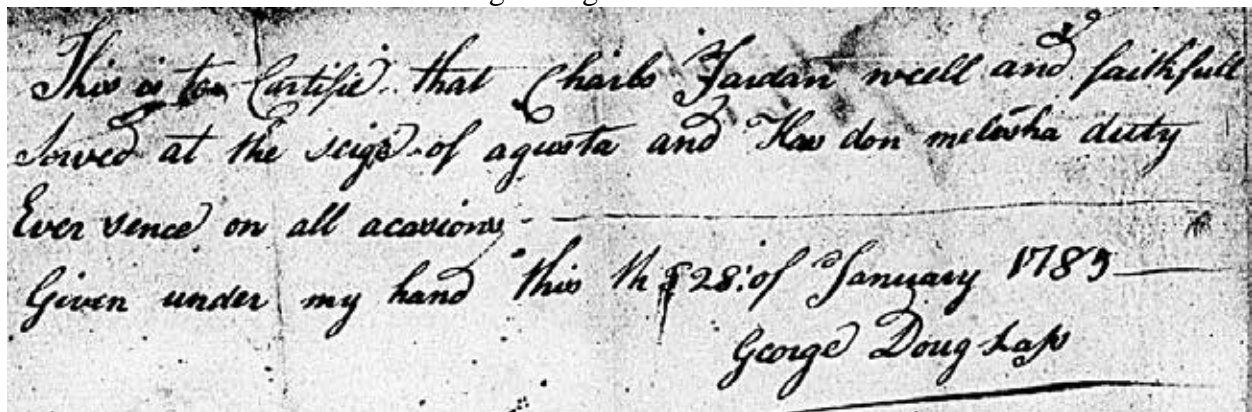
"Alexander Smith³ states that he is himself a Pensioner of the United States; that said Charles Jordan, deceased, he knew personally at times during the Revolution, he knew him to have been a Whig on the American side; -- knew & believes from information received at that time, that he was in both Sieges of Augusta though he could not identify him as a personal acquaintance at that particular period. -- Immediately after the Siege of Augusta he knew him intimately as a neighbor in Lincoln County, then Wilkes. He knew Captain George Douglass who has signed the annexed Discharge as a Captain or Lieutenant at the Siege of Augusta. --"
Smith signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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This is to Certifie that Charles Jordan well and faithfull Served at the seige of augusta and Has don melisha duty Ever since on all occasions.

Given under my hand this the 28: of January 1783

S/ George Douglass



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³ [Alexander Smith S16530](#)