

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Jordan R5763

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State of Pennsylvania }

County of Mercer } SS

Be it known that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record now sitting, in and for said County Henry Jordan a resident of Mercer County State of Pennsylvania, aged, over 74 years who being 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. Viz that he entered the service of the United under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the Army of the united at Easton, Northampton County State of Pennsylvania in the month of June 1777 for two years and served in Capt Sylaskis [sic: Jan Zielinsky, often spelled Jan Zielenski] Company of Rifleman Comanded by Gen'l. [Kazimierz or Casimir] Pulaski and Col. Cowash [sic: Michael Kovats or Michael de Kowatz] our officers were chiefly Foreigners we lay a considerable time in Easton; we then marched to Trentown [Trenton] where we lay about two weeks from there we went to the salt works on the North River to guard them from the British, who were lying in the Bay convenient, we lay at the saltworks a considerable time, and untill the British went away. We then returned to Trenton, and soon, went up to a place called Minisink where we went into winter quarters [1778-1779]. While we lay near the saltwork at Egg harbor Two of our men deserted and went to the enemy [see endnote]. and the second night after, they Piloted a party to our camp [Little Egg Harbor NJ, 5 Oct 1778], killed a Colonel [Lt. Col. Baron de Boze], a Captain, and a Lieut French officers, with the Bayonet without firing, and took two men prisoner, our Army then pursued them, but when they crossed a Bridge, near the place they took the plank up and we could not get over untill they were out of our reach – the same night a British soldier deserted to our army who told us it was our deserters who piloted the enemy to our camp &c. Earley in 1778 [sic: 1779] in March we left Minisink, we came back to Easton and down to German Town near Philadelphia at Germantown we lay more than a month, then went to Philadelphia, was there a good while. From there we went to Reading after a short time, we went to Lancaster, Penna. where we lay a good while and we then went to little York in Penn'a. and near little York we went into Winter Quarters. In the next [sic] spring 1779 we moved to Hanover, where we lay about two week, then we marched to Frederick Town in Maryland and lay about two weeks in the Barracks. From there we went to Leesburg in old Virginia, from there we went to Fredericksburg in Virginia, lay there about two weeks. Then we went to Caileys Bridge in North Carolina, where we lay a considerable time, untill June 1779 when his two years were up for which he enlisted. And there he was honourably discharged from the service, by Gen'l. Pulaski. Having been not less than two full years in the actual service of the united States, for which he claims a full Pension

He further states, That while they lay a German Town There was a British Light Horseman of the name of Belkin [see endnote] derted [deserted] and brought with him Two Horses one he sold to Gen'l. Pulaski and kept the other, and he was afterwards a captain of the Light Horsemen under Gen'l Pulaski.

He says he was in no Battles but that one when the three officers were killed at Egg harbor mentioned above.

Says he has no documentary evidence to prove for him, nor does he know of any person living now that can prove his service, The most of the company were Frenchmen, there were some men in Hanover that could have proven his services, but they are dead some years.

Qust. did you ever receive a discharge from the service.

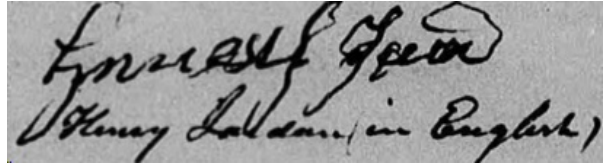
answer. He received a discharge from Gen'l Pulaski – signed by himself. But it is now lost or destroyed &c Says there are fifty people and more that knows me in the settlement where I live, and have lived for thirty four years, many of whom can prove his character. Rev'd John Munson and Rev'd Wm Wood & Re'd Samuel Tait. The Prothontary &c &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present, and declares that his name is not, nor never was on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state whatever.

He says the reason he did not apply sooner was that he never knew untill lately, last or year before last year that he was entitled to a pension and did not know how he was to proceed in order to get it, untill was informed how to do. He is a german and takes no News papers.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and year above written.

[signed unclearly in German, possibly as Henach Jund]



NOTES:

One of the soldiers said to have deserted and betrayed Pulaski's troops at Little Egg Harbor was Lt. Gustav Juliet.

The only soldier with a name similar to Belkin known to have been in Pulaski's Legion was Capt. Henry Bedken (often spelled Henry Bedkin). However, this officer had served in the American army since early in the war.

Henry Jordan's claim was rejected because the rolls of Capt. Jan Zielinsky's company did not include his name. The name Henry Jordan does appear, however, on a payroll for the Company of Chasseurs (light cavalry) in Pulaski's Legion as having been paid on 19 March 1779 for his services since 6 June 1778. Zielinsky's name does not appear as the commander of the company, but he certified the payroll. For a transcription see the rosters at [revwarapps.org](http://revwarapps.org).