

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Jordan R5766

Martha Jordan

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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: County Court January Term 1833

On this 25th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of our County Court for Lincoln County, Tennessee now sitting Hezekiah Jordan a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I was born in Bertie County North Carolina about the year 1751 or 1752 according to the information derived from my relations & neighbors but having no record of my age, being entirely illiterate and having lost my parents when very young I cannot tell the precise date -- I resided in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina when I first entered the service which I think was in January 1776 when I volunteered in Captain Sprual's [sic, Spruill's or Spruell's?] company in Cumberland County North Carolina and was stationed at Captain Sproull's house for about two weeks in order to watch the movements of the Tories in that part of the Country about the time that the battle was fought against the Tories by Colonel Caswell at the place called the Widow Moore's Bridge [Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776]¹ -- I think I was only about two weeks on this tour -- about the last of February or first of March following I was drafted in Johnston County North Carolina in the Company under command of Captain John Cullers -- we marched to Wilmington North Carolina, where we staid a short time, and then were permitted to return home, having been in service about one month -- About the first of April of the same year I enlisted in the service under Captain William Ward & Lieutenant Whitly in Johnston County for the term of three years and was attached (as I am now think) to the 5th North Carolina troop -- which was commanded by Colonel Buncombe [Edward Buncombe] & Lieutenant Colonel Irvin [Henry Irwin] & Major Dawson [Levi Dawson], we were marched from Johnston County, through Duplin County and on to Wilmington where we joined the forces under General Moore. Here we were stationed and helped to build the Barracks about the time that Independence was declared I continued at Wilmington until about the last of August or first of September when in consequence of a very severe spell of sickness, I obtained a furlough to return home (which I have lost) and was hauled a considerable part of the way home in a cart about 120 miles from Wilmington, and before I recovered from my sickness so as to be able to return into service I procured a substitute to go in my place by the name of John Jordan and I was

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

not engaged in Service any more during the war. Before the close of the war I moved to Henry County Virginia, thence to Claiborne County, East Tennessee -- thence to Madison County Alabama thence to Lincoln County Tennessee where I now live & have lived for nearly 10 years.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. J. Inge, Clerk

S/ Hezekiah Jordan, X his mark

[James Childress, a clergyman, and John Norton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace, in & for the County aforesaid Hezekiah Jordan, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades -- viz. -- For fourteen days, I served as a private in Captain Sproul's Company -- for one month I served as a private in Captain Culler's Company & under the command of Major Hardy Bryant -- for five months I served as a private in Captain William Ward's company under the Colonel Buncombe -- & for this service I claim a pension -- I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person by whom I can prove my service.

S/ Hezekiah Jordan, X his mark

I never received a discharge from my present recollection --

Application for pension

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th of July 1833 S/ Hezekiah Jordan, X his mark

S/ Benjamin Rives, JP

[p 4: On April 18, 1854, in Lincoln County, Tenn., Martha Jordan, aged about 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she was the widow of Hezekiah Jordan, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1823; that he died in August 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.53 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 14 days in the North Carolina militia.]