

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jordan R5770 & R5773

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State of Georgia, County of Newton

On the 22nd day of June 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Inferior Court for said County now sitting William Jordan a resident of the County of Newton and State of Georgia aged Seventy three years and Six months, who being first 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 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated (viz): under Captain John Batts, Major Frederick Beall, and Colonel John Lowrey, [sic, John Lowry] in the month of Oct (deponent thinks the 10th day) in the year 1779; that he was discharged from said service on the 10th day of April 1780; that he resided in Edgecomb [sic, Edgecombe] County in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service and that he entered the service and that he entered the said service as a Drafted soldier; that he marched from Edgecombe County in the company commanded by Capt. John Batts through Kinston to Wilmington in North Carolina; at Wilmington, Capt. Batts' Company (to which deponent was attached) was placed in and attached to the Second Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel John Lowrey and Major Frederick Beall. Colonel Lowrey's Regiment was placed under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] who then commanded the Fort at Charleston, South Carolina. A regiment was also stationed at Charleston under the command of Colonel Parker. This deponent for three months of said service acted as a cook for Colonel Lowry, at the time Charleston as taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ he was stationed by order of Col. Lowry about Eight miles above Charleston at a landing upon the river the name of said landing deponent cannot remember. On the 10th April 1780 this deponent received an honorable discharge in writing from under the hand of Colonel John Lowry, which said discharge has since been destroyed, the said discharge which was destroyed is the only documentary evidence he ever had of said service, and that he knows of no persons by whom he can make testimony to said service. When deponent was thus discharged he returned to his home in Edgecombe County, North Carolina and in the month of February or April in the year 1781, the deponent again entered the service of his county by virtue of a Draft or as a drafted soldier under the Command of Captain Dred Phillips [Etheldred Phillips], Major John Sharp and Colonel Linton [William Thomas Linton of Nash County, NC]²; he was ordered to meet at Halifax in the County of

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

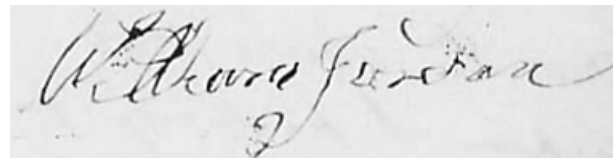
² This MAY be a mistaken attempt to name Col. John Eaton of Edgecombe County militia.

Halifax North Carolina; that he marched from Halifax to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina; from thence to Guilford Court house; that he that he was placed under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. This deponent was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781],³ which battle was some time in the Spring 1781. After this battle deponent was taken prisoner by the Tories by whom he was deprived of all his clothes except his shirt & pantaloons. After bring detained by the Tories for some time, deponent was turned loose, and went to his residence in Edgecombe County. This deponent then employed one George Harris to serve out deponent's remaining term of service, the said Harris did serve one month which was the completion of the service, deponent having previously served two months and the term of his service being three months at the close of said service (being three months from the entering of the service), deponent received a written discharged from Col. Hart [Henry Hart] who then commanded the Regiment to which this deponent was attached. Deponent says that said discharge was destroyed by fire and that he does not now remember any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to said service. Deponent says that he was born in the County of Surry in the State of Virginia on the 9th January 1762; that he has no record of his age; that he had one which has been destroyed by fire; that he was living in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina when called into service and continued to reside there till the year 1786; from which he moved to Edgefield District, South Carolina; that he lived in Edgefield thirty five years; from thence he moved to Elbert County in the State of Georgia when he lived fourteen years, then moved to the County of Newton in the State of Georgia at which last mentioned place deponent now lives; that he was called into service each term of service by virtue of a Draft; deponent does not remember the names of officers or regiments further than he has before stated; that in the discharge from Col. Lowry for his first term, and from Col. Hart for his second term, both of which said discharges have been destroyed by fire; that Samuel Nunis and Stephen Keyes are persons in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted and who can testify as to deponent's character for veracity and belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Jordan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Jordan", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Wm L. Conyers, J.J.C.

[Samuel Nunis and Stephen Key gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia County of Newton: SS

On this thirtieth day of September 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court now sitting William Jordan a resident of Newton County and State of Georgia aged Seventy Eight years and Seven months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress

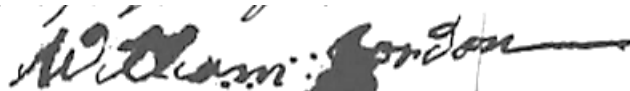
³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers; and served as herein stated. That he entered the service under the command of Captain John Batts in the Battalion commanded by Major Frederick Beall and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lowrey, that he entered the service to the best of his remembrance on the 1st day of November in the year 1800, that he left the service by regular discharge from Colonel Lowrey on the 1st of May in the year 1781, that he resided in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the service, he entered the said service and served as a drafted soldier, that he was in no regular engagement during the aforesaid service, that he marched through the intervening country between Edgecombe County North Carolina and the City of Charleston South Carolina, that he knew the Companies commanded by Captains Armstrong and Fortner, and he had an acquaintance with Colonel Parker commanded in the same service. That he had some acquaintance with General Lincoln, General Marion and General or Colonel Hogan [James Hogun], who were general officers, that he has no documentary evidence of the said service in his possession at this time, he had a regular written discharge signed by Colonel Lowrey which said discharge has been destroyed by fire, and he further says that he has no knowledge of any individual now in life who can testify for him as to said service. That he again entered the service under the command of Captain Phillips the first name of Captain Phillips he does not recollect, and in the Battalion commanded by one Major Sharp, that he entered the said service in the month of February or the month of April (and he cannot for his life say which month) in the year 1782, that he left the said last mentioned service at the end of three months and was regularly discharged there from, that he resided when he entered upon this last mentioned service in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina, that he entered the same as a drafted soldier, that he was during the said service in the battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina that he marched through Halifax County North Carolina & from there through the intervening country to Guilford Court House. That in the said service he was acquainted with General Greene of the regular Army – he had a written discharge from this said service which was destroyed by fire, that he has no knowledge of any person now in life by whom he can prove the said service. That he was born on the 9th day of January 1762. He has no record of his age the Bible which contained a record of his age was destroyed by fire, that he resided in Edgecombe County State of North Carolina at the time he entered each of the tours performed by him, that he has resided since the Revolutionary war in North Carolina, South Carolina and in the Counties of Elbert & Newton in the State of Georgia, and his residence in Newton ten or eleven years last past, which said last mentioned County is his present residence, That he entered the said service in each of the tours of service as a Drafted soldier. That he was acquainted with regular officers as before set forth, that he received discharges, the first discharge from Colonel Lowrey & the second from Captain Phillips, that each one has been destroyed as before stated, that he is acquainted with James Dick and Alexander Prewitt persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State, or if any only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Angus M. D. King,

S/ William Jordan

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Jordan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

[James Dick and Alex Pruit gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama County of Randolph: SS

On this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1844 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Randolph County now sitting the Honorable George Goldthwait one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the State of Alabama presiding, William Jordan a resident citizen of said County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-four 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit. He was drafted for three months and entered the service as an Orderly Sergeant about the 1st of November A.D. 1779 under the following named officers to wit Shadrach Scarborough Lieutenant, Captain John Batch [sic], Major Frederick Bell [sic], Colonel John Lowrey [sic], he at that time resided in Edgecombe County North Carolina he rendezvoused at Tarboro of North Carolina and marched from thence vid [sic?] Kingston [Kinston], Wilmington, Dorchester & Eutaw Springs to Charleston South Carolina where he remained until that place was taken by the British, he was under the command of General Lincoln & General Hogan [James Hogun] and was acquainted with General Marion [presumably Francis Marion] was in a skirmish under the command of Colonel Parker at Ashley Ferry & pursued the Enemy to Goose Creek at which place the Bridge was cut down so that they could not make further pursuit. In this engagement he served six months though drafted for only three months. At the close of the service he received a discharge from Colonel Lowry which to the best of his recollection was to the following effect viz.: "This may certify that William Jordan has faithfully served his tour of duty this 10th of April 1780 (signed) John Lowrey, Colonel Commandant" this was in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina Militia we arrived home on the 25th of April 1780. Declarant recollects at the time of the skirmish above spoken of the Americans had some beeves on the south side of Ashley River which were driven off by the British and six persons taken prisoner, Colonel Parker called for Volunteers to pursue them when all of his Command except two persons volunteered those two were left to guard the Baggage day however failed to recapture the Beeves. But two of the prisoners made their escape from the British, Swam the river and returned.

Declarant was again drafted in 1781 still residing in Edgecombe County North Carolina at this time fell into the second Division but changed places with one Edward Summerall who belonged to the first division under this engagement he entered the Service about the 1st of March 1781 he rendezvoused at Halifax North Carolina his Captain was Dread Phillips was under Major John Sharp a Regular Officer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Linton & Joined the Army under the command of General Greene at someplace which he cannot now recollect about six days march from Halifax, he marched to Guilford Court House and was in the Battle at that place. Declarant recollects that at the commencement of the action Colonel Linton broke & run [sic] as well as most of his command. Major Sharp immediately assumed the command and ordered the men to halt which they did. Colonel Linton Returned when Major Sharpe approached him with his sword drawn and refused to let him command in consequence of his dastardly conduct at the Commencement of the action. Colonel Linton then turned on his horse and rode off, and Major Sharpe continued in Command. Colonel Linton was afterwards shot by ___ and Major Sharp continued in command of the Regiment. From this place the main Army marched to Eutaw Springs but Declarant was sent with a detachment of about two hundred under an officer of the Regular Army aim Major but Declarant cannot now recollect his name to

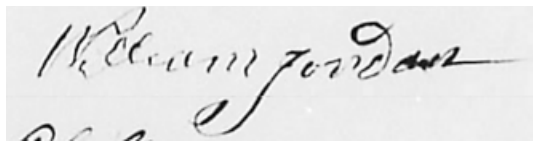
a Court House near Guilford but the name of which he cannot now remember where he remained until after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. While stationed at the above named place Declarant was taken a prisoner by the Tories together with one John Williford they were robbed of their guns and most of their clothes he afterwards escaped from them was sent home by a Captain of a Horse Company for more clothes which detained him from the station two days & immediately returned and joined the detachment above spoken of where he was afterwards discharged by Colonel John Hart, but cannot now recollect the substance of said discharge in this engagement he served as a private three months.

Declarant afterwards hired a Substitute by the name of George Harriss who took declarant's place in the Army for twelve months for which he paid said Harriss a Horse worth about one hundred dollars a beaver hat worth about twenty dollars a coat, shirt & pair [of] pantaloons worth about six dollars and fifty cents in money paid by Declarant's brother making nine months declarant served in person and twelve months by substitute in all twenty-one months.

Declarant further states that about the year 1785 or 1786 his dwelling was burned in his discharges were burned up in it and that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he does not now know of any person living that he can prove his service by that knew him at the time the service was performed. He further states he was born in Surry County Virginia, has lived in Edgecombe North Carolina, Edgefield South Carolina, Elbert Georgia and now lives in Randolph County Alabama. That he has no record of his age it also having been burned but believes he was born in the year 1760, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Jordan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jordan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ William H Cunningham, Clerk

[James Lavarn and Isaac B. Daniels gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 19: On May 8, 1844 in Randolph County Alabama, Stephen Key gave testimony that he has known William Jordan since 1812: that Jordan has always enjoyed the reputation of having been a soldier of the revolutionary war; that affiant while in Elbert County Georgia in February 1844 saw a gentleman named Weathers whose father said that he served with William Jordan in the revolutionary war.]

[p 45: Power of attorney dated October 12, 1856 executed in Randolph County Alabama and signed by Christopher Jordan, Burrel Jordan, Samuel Nunis and Elizabeth Key who describe themselves as the heirs of William Jourdan [sic] deceased

Samuel Tunis Seal
Cristopher Jordan Seal
Burt Jordan Seal
Elizabeth Key Seal
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[p 38: letter dated April 21, 1860 sent from Bowdon, GA, by Elisabeth Key in which she refers to William Jordan as her father and to herself as a "poor widow lady"

Elisabeth Key

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