

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Jordon S18910

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State of South Carolina, Darlington District} SS

On this Twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District of Darlington in the State of South Carolina in open Court of the said Ordinary now sitting Mrs. Sarah Copeland a resident of Darlington District in the State of South Carolina aged Sixty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That she is the daughter and only surviving heir at law of Robert Jordon deceased: That he the said Robert Jordon deceased entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated in the War of the Revolution That he enlisted first for the period of six months as private in the Company commanded by either Captain Francis Marion or Captain Peter Horry in the summer of the year 1775, in the Second South Carolina Continental Regiment: That he continued in the service under Francis Marion, who was promoted to a Major's Rank and afterwards to that of Colonel & General. That said Robert Jordon deceased was at the Battle of Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island near Charleston [probably the action at Fort Moultrie on June 28, 1776]¹ -- was present and saw Jasper replace the flag of America, as he has told this Deponent -- That after that Battle and in the year 1779 he served as a private horseman about one month and about one month as Sergeant of horse and about four months as Sergeant of foot in the same year: That in the year 1781 he served in the spring and summer, about six months and better as Sergeant of horse in Captain Garvin's [John Garvin's] Company, Colonel Harden's [William Harden's] Regiment: That in the spring of 1782 he served two months, one month in June & one in November in General Francis Marion's Brigade: That in February 1783 he served one month as Sergeant and in May of same year served as Quarter Master one month both in General Marion's Brigade: That Captain John Tamplet [sic, ?] was one of his Officers: that this Deponent has been informed that he the said Robert Jordon deceased served throughout the war and discharged his duty to his Country faithfully being generally under the command of General Francis Marion who was pervading the Swamps of South Carolina in pursuit of the British and Tories: he was with General Francis Marion when he attacked a party of British soldiers in the Pee Dee Swamp and in which action this Deponent recollects having heard her father the aforesaid Robert Jordon deceased say that after the British had been defeated one of them was found dead with his hand of cards firmly clinched: This he related as being a curious

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

circumstance: That he was in many Battles and skirmishes in the lower part of South Carolina He was also marched after the British when they evacuated Charleston South Carolina [the British evacuated Charleston in December 1782]: That at the Commencement of the war her father lived in Horry District near Georgetown South Carolina & after its close in Sumter District of said State. That he died there on the 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 1837. That he left no widow his wife having died in 1809. That he never applied for the benefit of the Act of Congress during his lifetime. That he and his wife were married just before the breaking out of the War of the Revolution. She hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and also every annuity and declares that his or her name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ D. S. Law, O.D.D.

S/ Sarah Copeland, X her mark

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The State of South Carolina, Darlington District

Personally appeared before me Thomas Atkinson one of the Magistrates in & for said District Ephraim Gandy² aged about one Hundred & Six who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statements that he was well acquainted with the late Robert Jordan [sic] deceased of Sumter District and had been during the Revolution War & that he was married to his wife who died about the year 1809, before the Revolutionary War, as this deponent then knew them that among the first who responded to the calls of their Country was Robert Jordan aforesaid who enlisted for six months that this deponent served two tours of duty of eight months each with said Jordan, was his comrade and was with him at the battle of Fort Moultrie in 1776 that said Robert Jordan served most of the War was a Sergeant & always conducted himself credibly & valiantly in the American Cause that this deponent is certain he must of served five years during that Struggle that Mrs. Sarah Copland is his only Surviving heir, that said Robert Jordan was mostly under General Marion in said War, that this Deponent is not Interested in any amount which Mrs. Sarah Copland may recover as his said Heir.

Sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1849

S/ Thomas Atkinson, Magistrate

S/ Ephraim Gandy, X his mark

D.D.

[pp 21-22—SC Comptroller’s certificate of payments made to Robert Jordon during the Revolution: names mentioned “Jno. Tamplet, Captain 28 Augt. 1780”; “Capt. Garvin’s Company, Colo. Hardins Regt.”]

² [Ephraim Gandy \(Gaudy\) S17971](#)

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S.C.

Dec: 28th 1849

No 430 }
Book P

Issued the 15th May 1785 to Mr Robert Gordon for Four pounds 1/4 Sterling for Military Duty in Genl Marion's Brigade in 1782 - as per acct audited

Principal £4.1.4 - As d. Annual Interest £ - 5.8/4

No 430 Book P

The maker of the account 430 Book P has 30 days duty at 155 per day Feb 15th 1782 - 31 days June 27 - 30 days Nov 12th 1782 to the 20th Gordon Camp 1783 before John Batten afterwards by virtue of order of W^m Hammingway. Enclosed is Receipt from P. Henry Comd'g 2nd Regt that he has rec^d Robt Gordon's acc^t for 121 days duty to deliver to the creditors Office

No 538

Book V

Issued the 20 of August 1785 to Mr Robert Gordon for eleven pounds five shillings and four pence farthing Sterling for 65 days duty in the militia in 1782 & 1783 as per account audited -

Principal £11.5.4/4 - Annual interest £0.15.9.

No 62 -

No 538 Lib V

This account states 34 days duty as 2nd Lieut May 16th 1782 per Mr Edwards rec^d & 31 days duty as Sergeant Feb 15th 1783 per Genl Marion's rec^d - Enclosed is an order from Mr Tammlet Captain ^{of the militia} dated 28 Aug^t 1785 on day on which Capt & Jacob White being in the first draught went to march they is directed to Robert Gordon - The acc^t is now to be paid John Batten 6th Sept 1784

No 500 }
 Lib 26 } Issued 26th August 1785 to Mr Robert Jordan
 for six pounds 7^s 10^d for duty as private & sergt in
 1779 per account from the Commissioners
 Principal £6:7:10 Annual interest £0:8:11^d

No 500
 Lib X This ap^e states 90 days duty as Sergeant of foot & 26 days as
 private on horseback in 1779.

No 809 }
 Lib 24 } Issued 31 Dec^r 1785 to Mr. Robt Jordan for £42:17:1/2
 Sgt militia duty as a Sergeant in 1779 & 1780 per account
 No 96 Principal £42:17:1/2 - Interest £2:19:11^d

809 y This ap^e states 120 days duty as a sergt of foot in 1779. 200 days
 as Sarge of horse in 1781 commencing 20th May in Capt. Garrison's
 Company Col^o Hardins Regt and contains an order dated
 Nov^r 2^d 1785 in favor of John Conson signed by Robert Jordan
 & acknowledged before Thomas Knight J.P.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true
 copy from the Original Records of this office
 and that the remarks in red ink are true
 and correct as warranted by said Records.
 For Comptroller Genl.
 W. J. Arthur

[Based on the application of his heir, the veteran was awarded a posthumous pension in the amount of \$61.58 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending when he died April 16, 1837. His pension was calculated based on his service as a private, a Sergeant & Quarter Master in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Robert Jordan
 Audited Account No. 4133

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³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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[No. 430 Book P 4th May 1785]

Mr. Robert Jordan his Account of Military duty in Gen. Marion's Brigade in 1782 Amounting to £4.1.4 [Sterling]

NB: a Charge for 61 days duty is not vouched, and is not Included in the above duty Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd from Commissioners of the Treasury full satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 430: P per Order

S/ Wm Hemingway [William Hemingway]



Certify/That this day rec'd Robt Jordans Acct. 121 days duty wc [which] [I] am to del.r [deliver] to the Auditor's Office

G. Town [Georgetown] 15 August 1783

S/ P. Horry Com [?] [Peter Horry]



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State of South Carolina to Robt Jordan

Dr.

Duty Done and General Marion's Brigade

February 15th 1782* 60 Days Duty at 1/ 5⁴ per Day

Dr. 31 Days Duty at 1/ 5

Dr. 30 Days duty at 1/ 4

121 days

£[illegible]

*This has no Cert. [certificate]

Personally appeared Robt Jordan who Swears that the above Acct. is Just and true and that he hath not Rec'd any part thereof

Sworn before me the 14th August 1783

S/ John Baxter

To the Publick Treasurer/ If ye within Account is [undeciphered word or words] passed same into an Indent [text too faint to discern] Mr. William Hemingway

1 September 1784

S/ Robert Jordan



⁴ One shilling five pence old South Carolina currency

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No. 500

Lib. [Book] X} 26 August 1785

Robert Jordan [sic] his Account for 30 days duty as a Sergeant in Foot at 10/6 Currency per day also 26 days as Private on Horse at 20/ Currency per day in 1779

Amounting to £6.7.10 ¼

“Not Attested”

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass S/ ED

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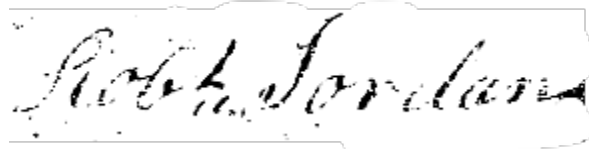
Gentlemen please to let Mr. John Morrall have What Ever Indents you may have of mine in your Office for which I have received full Satisfaction and Payment from said Mr. Morrall and his Receipt shall be your Discharge for the same

Witness

S/ Jesse Sikes [?]

March 26, 1791

S/ Robt. Jordan



Certified by Jno. McRee, JP for G. T. d. [Georgetown District]

538—V

500—X

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[No. 809 Book Y]

No. 96

31 December 1785

Robert Jordan for 120 days Duty as a Sergeant of Foot in 1779, 200 days Do. as Do. of Horse in 1781 (commencing May 10) in Capt. Garvin's Company Col. Harden's Regiment Charged

Sterling £42.7.7

add more .9 .6 ½

£42.17.1 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Mem.—It appears that Robert Jordan has received an Indent No. 538 Book V for £11.5.4 – Also another Indent No. 809 Book Y December 31, 1785 for £42.17.1 in Which Sum the above £11.5.4 is included was granted to John Morrall July 19, 1791 by Order of Robert Jordan dated March 26, 1791 in favor of John Morrall Which appears to be forged.

[Another document that appears to be a voucher issued by the Auditor's Office for £42.7.7 Sterling but the image is so poor that the document cannot be meaningfully transcribed.]

[p 9: Another image of a document the image of which is so poor that it cannot be meaningfully transcribed.]

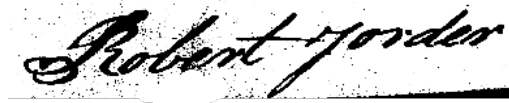
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November ye 2nd 1785

Mr. Edward Blake Commissioner of the treasury

Kind Sir Pleas'd to Deliver my Indents to the bearer John Jonson and you will much oblige
your friend and humble to Serve

S/ Robert Jordan [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Jordan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Robert Jordan [?]".

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Robert Jordan [sic] appeared before me upon oath and acnolieg'd [acknowledged] this to be his
order for the Same.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1785

S/ Thos. Knight, JP [Thomas Knight]

[Note: The him above are all of the documents that are currently contained in the South Carolina
Audited Accounts relating to Robert Jordan (Jorden, Jordon). This would indicate that documents
have been removed from the file and are no longer available based on the certification of the
South Carolina Comptroller General contained in the federal pension files as set forth above.]