

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jackson W21448 Sarah

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836
State of North Carolina Wayne County

On this the 10th day of January 1842 personally appeared before me Saunders P. Cox one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wayne, Mrs. Sarah Jackson formerly Sarah Anders, a resident of said County, aged ninety 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 July fourth 1836:

That she is the widow of William Jackson who was a private in the North Carolina Line in the Revolutionary War; that he served, according to declaration as repeatedly made to her, by him, three years in the Revolutionary War; and that his Services she has not a shadow of doubt, not only from her knowledge and recollection of his participation in the events of that period, but from the fact subsequently, of its being universally admitted, –

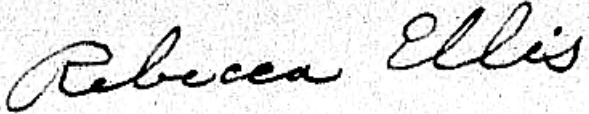
She further declares, her maiden name was Sarah Anders, that she was legally married to the said William Jackson early in the Spring of 1779, the particular day, she cannot now recollect, so many years having elapsed – and there being no record of marriages kept, at that time. That she was married to Wm Jackson by one Baker Wiggins Esquire, a magistrate who was duly authorized to marry persons – At that time they resided in Halifax County North Carolina and she believes there is no living witness of the event of her marriage except Mrs. Rebecca Ellis in the vicinity of whom she has resided before, and ever since, she was married – That she is the mother of several children by William Jackson, the eldest of whom, Lew Jackson, is well known in this neighborhood, and who has just entered the sixty second year, and has seven [?] grandchildren, That Mrs. Rebecca Ellis was with her when Lew Jackson was born, and is well acquainted with his age, –

That her late husband William Jackson who was known by all his neighbors, and believed by all who were acquainted with him to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, died in June 1840 aged ninety-two years – And that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the evidence hereunto appended.

S/ Sarah Jackson



[f p. 8: On January 8th, 1842 in Wayne County North Carolina, Mrs. Rebecca Ellis, 79, a resident of Wayne County gave testimony that she has been well acquainted with William Jackson, deceased, and his widow Sarah Jackson (whose maiden name was Sarah Anders) for upwards of 70 years; that she was raised with Sarah Jackson in Halifax County North Carolina; that William and Sarah were legally married at the house of Baker Wiggins who was a magistrate and who married them in the spring of the year 1779; that William and Sarah had a son by the name of Lew Jackson who resides near this affiant and is now 62 years of age and has seven [?] grandchildren; that William Jackson died at the house of Thomas Holland in June 1840; that Thomas Holland was William Jackson's son-in-law; that she knows that William Jackson rendered military service after his marriage to Sarah Anders.


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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Jackson a private Soldier in Captain Nelson's Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted on the 1st May 1776 for the term of three years and was discharged on the 1st day of May 1779.

Given under my hand this 12th day of January 1842

S/ Wm Hill

Three years was the term of the enlistment and service of the above named William Jackson

S/ Wm Hill Secry of State No. Ca.

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State of North Carolina Warren County

On this 19th day of February, 1842 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Warren, James Durham¹ a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and a Pensioner, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following affidavit: –

This affiant testifies and says that he was well acquainted with William Jackson late a soldier of the Revolutionary War and formerly of the County of Halifax, North Carolina: – and is well convinced he served in the early part of the Revolutionary War, that he was acquainted with him at the commencement of it, and before, and he was ten or fifteen years older than this affiant – That when he was in the Service in the year 1780 and 1781 this affiant then knew him also well; and he was at that time a married man – This affiant cannot speak with any degree of certainty of the services of William Jackson in the earlier part of the War, for he was in the Continental Line then. – But he was in the same service with him in 1780 and 1781, when this affiant was under Colonel Linton, in Edgecombe County, after Lord Cornwallis had passed through Halifax on his way North. – A number of years after this period William Jackson, who this affiant alleges understood married a Sarah Anders, removed from Halifax County to the

¹ [James Durham S8371](#)

County of Wayne. – And this affiant further states from his own knowledge of the character of William Jackson, he is well convinced, he served out fully the time the records then of him. –
S/ James Durham



[f p. 16: On March 22, 1842 in Wayne County North Carolina, Rebecca Ellis gave an amended affidavit in which she refers to Mrs. Sarah Jackson as her sister; that the first child of William and Sarah Jackson was born in 1780 subsequent to which time William Jackson was again called into service and was absent from home for a period of twelve months or more; that she was living with her sister Sarah Jackson at the time her first son Lew Jackson was born; that during the absence of William Jackson in service she was frequently with her sister – "...And she especially remembers the time the British Army passed through Halifax, and the consternation and alarm created thereby throughout the whole Country, and at that time, and a long while subsequent to this period, William Jackson, was in the service – At the time alluded to, she thinks he was under Colonel Long...."]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that William Jackson a private in Captain Nelson's Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted on the 1st day of May 1776 for the term of three years, and was discharged on the 1st day of May 1779. It also appears from said Rolls that William Jackson² a private in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted in said line on the 1st Day of August 1782 for the term of eighteen months. And I do further certify that it appears that William Jackson, a private Soldier of the line aforesaid, was allowed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina to settle Army accounts of said State, and who sat at Halifax from the first September 1784 to the 1st of February 1785, and at Warrington in 1786, at one time the sum of £69.10.1, and at another time the sum of £40.10.10, and that a final settlement certificate was allowed to William Jackson as one of the 18 months Drafts for the sum of \$76.60 the payments being made in 1782.

Given under my hand this 11th day of April 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832
State of North Carolina Wayne County

On this 28th day of June 1842 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the said County Mrs. Sarah Jackson resident of said County and widow of Wm Jackson late a soldier of the Revolutionary War, 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 of the 7th of June 1832, under which act, her late husband

² I believe this William Jackson is the pensioner referred to in file FPA S4433, transcribed and posted in this database 12/31/11.

Wm Jackson was entitled to receive a pension, but failed [to apply for a pension] from causes hereinafter to be mentioned: –

She declares that her late husband Wm Jackson was a soldier of the Revolution which fact was well known to her and believed universally by all those who knew him. – That he enlisted in the Army and served three years, as she has repeatedly heard him say, before he was married; and immediately on his return home after this service they were married – which was in the spring of 1779, the precise day, she cannot now remember – at this time they lived in Halifax County – Sometime after their marriage (at which was Mrs. Rebecca Ellis her Sister), Say about a year, nearly, Wm Jackson was again called into the service, and was absent from home, for nearly a year or more, whether as an enlisted or drafted Soldier she cannot say. – During the lifetime of her husband Wm Jackson, the constant theme of his conversation was his services during the Revolutionary War – and his right to be paid for his Services. But unfortunately he was ignorant of the persons to whom application should be made, and having removed from Halifax County where he lived, at the time he served, to the County of Wayne, he was unable to prove his services by persons residing in this section of Country – He made efforts to demand his rights, and the persons to whom application was made, were unwilling to give themselves the trouble to go to Halifax County, more than a hundred miles to procure the evidence of persons with whom he served – And in addition to this, he was in the latter part of his life enfeebled so much by old age, and given to habits of intemperance, and very poor – From these causes and his ignorance, his right to a pension was neglected – And it is but lately, that this declarant had any knowledge of her rights to what he was entitled, and of a pension for herself – She therefore respectfully asked that her rights now asserted, may not be prejudiced by her own ignorance or the neglect or arrows of her husband – The period of whose death, was the 11th day of June 1840; in the 92nd year of his age, to the best of her knowledge – And she asked to be paid up to that time. –

S/ Sarah Jackson widow
of Wm Jackson

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S/ G. Stansell, JP

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby Certify, that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Jackson a private in said line was allowed a claim of sixty-nine pounds twelve shillings and one penny (£69.12.1) in one place, and the sum of forty pounds ten shillings and ten pence in another place, each allowance made by the Commissioners who sat at Halifax in the year 1784 & 1785, and each claim appears to have been drawn by Colonel A. Lytle.

Given under my hand this 15th day of July 1842
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran's heirs were granted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831 and ending June 11, 1840 (when he died) for his services as a private for two years in the North Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing June 12, 1840, for her husband's service as a private in the North

Carolina Continental line.]