

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Jordan S34945

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To the Hon. John C. Calhoun Secretary of the Department of War of the United States I Alfred Metcalf, Circuit Judge in and for the fifth Judicial District of the State of Kentucky and sole Judge of the Nelson Circuit Court in said District do certify that this day John Jordan came before me and declared upon oath that he is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Nelson County aforesaid; that in the summer of the year 1780 he enlisted as a soldier in the army of the revolution, in Capt. Edward Spurrier's company in the the third regiment of the Maryland line on continental establishment commanded by Col [Peter] Adams, that he was appointed a serjeant in said company sometime in the year 1781 as he believes and acted as such at York Town when Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the allied army [19 Oct 1781], in which battle he was slightly wounded, that afterwards in the year 1782 while sent out upon a reconnoitering party in South Carolina he was severely wounded in the breast and taken prisoner by a party of British dragoons, and taken to Charleston, where he was put on board a prison ship, but at length, being sent on shore for water he made his escape, and was never regularly discharged; that the wound which he received as aforesaid are at times very troublesome & painful; so as to prevent him from getting a livelihood by labour; that he does not know any individual living in the State of Kentucky by whose testimony he can establish the fact of his service aforesaid, that he has never received any pension under the laws of the United States & that from his reduced circumstances e needs the assistance of his country for support.

Given under my hand this twenty third day of June 1818

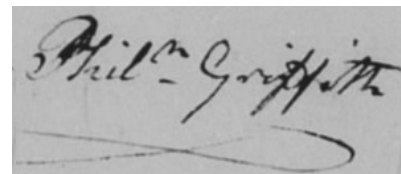
DISTRICT OF Columbia, ss.

On this 20th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court of the United States for the said district, personally appeared John Jordan aged 62 years, resident in Washington in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said John Jordan enlisted in 1780 in Annapolis in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Edward Spurrier of the 3^d Regiment Maryland line for during the war; that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the month of march 1781 [sic: 1782], when he was taken prisoner at Bacons bridge [near Dorchester] South Carolina, and continued in the custody of the enemy until he made his escape, but could not join the army of the United States until peace took place; but that he served more than nine months before he was taken prisoner and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the annexed certificate

I hereby Certify that John Jourdan the present bearer An Irishman by birth about five feet two Inches hig enterd the Service of the United States as a soldier in the revolutionary War Near or about the year of 1780 how long he Continued in said Service I am unable to say but expect the muster role returns at Annapolis will testify

Given under my hand this tenth Day of Sept'm 1818.

[Philemon Griffith]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philemon Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Maryland

Montgomery County SS.

ON this seventeenth day of November 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, for the said County John Jordan aged sixty three years, resident in said County who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: he enlisted in Captain Spurrier's Company in the third Maryland regiment and served a year when he was taken prisoner by the British & was detained a prisoner four months. That he has no family, and that he obtained a pension under the Act of Congress passed 18th march 1818 and the Certificate No 2523 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income Sworn to and declared on the seventeenth day of November Eighteen hundred & twenty in open court. Schedule of property none