

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Freeman Jordan S5618

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State of Virginia Nottoway County, to wit:

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the County Court of the said County now sitting Freeman Jordan of Brunswick aged seventy-two 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That in the year 1777 as well as he recollects he served as a draft a tour of Militia Service under Captain Gabriel Fowckes [Gabriel Fowlkes], that he marched from the County of Amelia to Williamsburg where he was taken sick and returned home on furlough, that he does not now recollect the names of his field Officers.

That in the same year, as he believes, he served another tour of militia service (as a draft) in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Short, that he marched with said Company from the aforesaid County of Amelia as far as James River, when the Company, were discharged, in consequence of meeting an express with orders to that effect.

That he served another tour of militia service, as a draft, (what year he does not recollect) in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Edward Walker, that he marched in said company with a parcel of Troops commanded by Colonel Samuel Booker from the County of Amelia aforesaid to the County of Chesterfield, where he was placed under the command of Major Decloman [Christian Charles De Klauman Charles Deklaman R13678], from thence he marched under the said Major to Cabin Point, where he remained about four weeks & was discharged, that during the said tour he was from six to eight weeks & perhaps two months in camp.

That he served another tour of Militia duty (as a draft) in a Company commanded (he believes) by Captain Richard Jones (the particular year he does not remember) that during said tour marched from the aforesaid County of Amelia to the Chickahominy River where he was discharged, that this tour was probably of about two weeks duration.

That in 1781, he served another tour of militia Service (as a draft) for about two months, in Captain John Knight's Company, Colonel Green's Regiment, General Mulenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade in General Lafayette's Army – that in his Opinion, although he does not recollect the exact duration of each of the afore mentioned tours of service, they, taken collectively amount at least to the space of six months; That he has no documentary evidence of his aforestated Services,

That he was born 14th April 1760, That he once possessed the register of his age but the

same has been accidentally lost or destroyed – that he was born in the present County of Nottoway, formerly part of Amelia, that he has since usually resided in the same County and at present resides in the County of Brunswick, all of which Counties are in Virginia.

That William Crenshaw and John Leith all persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Freeman Jordan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Freeman Jordan".

[William Crenshaw and John Leith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]