

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jordon S5620

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State of Virginia Culpeper County

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting William Jordon a resident in said County and state aged seventy-six 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.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 15th day of February 1756 as appears by the Family Register, and has lived in that County ever since. That he first entered the service as a volunteer private in the month of August 1777, as was commanded by Captain William Roberts, afterwards Major Roberts; That he marched northward and joined the Army under Washington in Pennsylvania, a few days after the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777].

That he continued with Washington till near Christmas, that while in that service he was in the Brigade of General Woodford [William Woodford] and Crawford's Regiment. That he was discharged from the same about the first of December making a tour of four months.

That in the spring of 1780, he was drafted and marched downward, and near Fredericksburg was countermanded, and returned in this tour he was out but a short time, but had credit for a full tour. His Officers were Captain George Johnson and Colonel John Slaughter.

That in May 1781 he was drafted and marched under command of Captain Francis Nalle and Colonel John Thornton. That he went from Raccoon Ford in Culpeper to within 18 or 20 miles of Richmond, where meeting the Marquis [Lafayette] retreating, he returned with him to Culpeper, but soon after they marched on downward again and at length was discharged at Malvin's Hills [Malvern Hills] about the last of July.

That when he returned, he again went into service as a substitute for Wyatt Mitchell and was commanded by Captain Cadwallader Slaughter, a Captain Welsh, and he thinks Colonel Edmunds, General Stevens [Edward Stephens] Brigade. That in that tour which commenced in August 1781 he marched through the Country and got to York but returned before the siege, being discharged in the Company he belonged to, that he was not again in the service.

That he can prove the above service by Daniel Triplett and George Corbin in part.

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 Territory. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date aforesaid

S/ F T Lightfoot

S/ William Jorden [sic]¹

[we Daniel Triplett and George Corbin residents in the County of Culpeper, Virginia do hereby certify that we knew William Jorden who subscribed the above Declaration, in the service in the Revolutionary War, and were with him in the tour of 1781, and continued with him till he was discharged at Malern Hills, being a tour of 3 months, That we have known him ever since in the County of Culpeper, and have ever considered him a man of undoubted veracity.

S/ Daniel Triplett²

S/ George Corbin³

And the court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath, in which he answered as is hereafter recorded the is

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the County of Culpeper on the 15th of February 1756

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. The Family Register which is in possession of my sister

Question Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Culpeper County Virginia when I served in the Revolutionary Army, have lived there ever since & do now.

Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered once when I went to the North, was drafted once and served at one time as a substitute for Wyatt Mitchell

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have named many Officers both Regular and Militia with whom I served, I knew Washington, Wayne, the Marquis, Muhlenberg, Stevens. The circumstances of my service are set forth in my Declaration.

[Question] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I had a written discharge when I left the northern service but have lost it, afterwards I was discharged with the Corps I belonged to

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I might name Major Byrd Eastham, Captain Charles Shackelford, Captain George Settle and many others around where I live; but they are not present, I am known to many persons in Court – the court can inquire I prove part of my service by George Corbin and Daniel Triplett part by Captain Stallard and Major Roberts – the tour as a substitute I have no living witness to prove.

State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 16th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of

¹ not the actual signature of the veteran

² not the actual signature of the affiant

³ not the actual signature of the affiant

the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Jordan [sic] a resident therein who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that when he made his declaration for a pension (which was done in open Court on the 15th day of August 1832) he did not state precisely the length of the tour of service of which he speaks in said declaration as taking place [in] 1780 because he believed it would rate as a two months tour as it was so rated, when the service was rendered – that he thinks he was gone about a month at that time but will speak positively as to twenty days, for which he will be content to receive. That the tour mentioned as commencing in May 1781 was for three months and that he served the full tour. That the next tour in the same year as substitute for Wyatt Mitchell was for two months but he and the company was detained until reinforcements came which he thinks made the tour about three months but to be certain he will be content to receive for two months and fifteen days and that the tour to the North in 1777 which he states in his declaration was for four months he faithfully served out the full period. That all the service amounting to ten months and five days he did faithfully render and but from his desire not to err against the Government he thinks was more, and will be satisfied to receive for said period of 10 months & 5 days.


Given under my hand this day and year first above written

S/ A. P. Hill

I hereby certify that the bearer William Jordon served a Tour in the Militia during the revolution in the militia that marched from Culpeper County State of Virginia in August 1777 and joined the Army of General Washington in Pennsylvania a few days after the battle of German Town my impression is that the Virginia militia after joining General Washington was attached to General Woodford's Brigade and commanded by Colonel Crawford who was a Continental officer &c this said militia was disbanded and retired to their homes some short time before Christmas of the same year.

Given under my hand this 25th day of August 1832

S/ Randolph Stallard⁴



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S/ Jno Roberts⁵



⁴ [Randolph Stallard S6165](#)

⁵ [John Roberts W2347](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 5 days in the Virginia militia.]