

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Jordan S7087

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: SS

On the ninth day of August 1832 appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting Richard Jordan a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged ___ 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.

He states he was born in Surry County in the State of Virginia that he has no record of his age but believes he is seventy-two or three years of age, that he was living in the County of Pitt in State of North Carolina when called into service, that since the Revolutionary War he has resided partly in Pitt County and State aforesaid and a part of his time in Anson County in the same State: that at present he resides in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina: that he was drafted and served the space of five months in the militia under General Bryan [William Bryan]¹ and General Ashe [John Ashe] and that William Caswell was the Colonel of the Regiment in which he served and that in this tour of service he was with the Army at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]² in the State of Georgia and that he was discharged from the Service by Major Redden Blount [Reading (Redding) Blount]³ that he left his discharge with his mother on his return and does not know what has become of it since: that Nathaniel Cannon was the Captain under whom he was drafted.

And the said Richard Jordan further states that subsequently he served as a Substitute for his brother-in-law Burwell Edwards of Edgecombe County & State of North Carolina for the space of three months under Captain Batts [John Batts] and Colonel John Sheppard, that he was marched to Charleston in the State of South Carolina where General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded and there received a discharge, a few days before the surrender of the town [Charleston South Carolina was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780],⁴ from Captain Batts. And the said Richard Jordan further states that he served another tour of three months in the Cavalry as a Substitute for Jacob Tison [Tyson?] under a General Marquis [Lafayette] as he

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/patriot_leaders_nc_william_bryan.html

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ [Reading \(Redding\) Blount BLWt289-400](#)

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

believes, by whom he was marched from Tarboro in Edgecombe County North Carolina to Granville County in the same State where they joined General Caswell and that he there lost his horse which caused him to be placed under a Captain Richards [James Richards] of the Infantry by whom he was discharged at the expiration of this tour -- that he left said discharge with his mother and does not know what has become of it. In the said Richard Jordan further says that subsequently he served another tour of three months as a Substitute for Burwell Edwards -- the same Burwell Edwards aforementioned of Edgecombe County in State of North Carolina -- that he does not recollect the names of any of the Officers, but was marched towards Wilmington North Carolina where the British & Tories were doing great damage by plundering and burning - - that he received his discharge and returned home to Pitt County, North Carolina -- just before the battle at Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776].⁵ He further states in addition to the foregoing he served several short tours in pursuit of the Tories but cannot give any strict account of the number of days except in one instance a service of 20 days while Crag [sic, James Craig] and the Tories were burning and destroying on Neuse River above New Bern & that he was with General Bryan when his house was burnt which was during this service -- that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That he is known to John Joiner Esqr. and Sherwood Tison Esqr. who reside in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

And the said Richard Jordan 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/ Arch. Parker, Clk

S/ Richard Jordan, X his mark

[John Joiner and Sherwood Tison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months as a private in the North Carolina Infantry & Cavalry, both in the militia service.]

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html