

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jordan Sherrod (Sherrod) S7489

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State of North Carolina County of Nash: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, now sitting in and for the County and State aforesaid (personally appeared) the Reverend Jordan Sherrod a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid aged 71 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 on or about the last day of June 1778 he was drafted or Balloted into service for the term of nine months and was attached to a Company of militia commanded by Captain William Lewis and marched from the aforesaid County of Nash by said Captain Lewis to Petersburg Virginia, where he was placed under the Continental officers and marched to a company commanded by Captain Jno. Baker of the 3rd N.C. Regiment commanded by Robert Mabine [sic, Robert Mebane] Esquire Lieutenant Colonel Commandant and from Petersburg Virginia was marched northward through Richmond & Fredericksburg Virginia Baltimore Maryland, Philadelphia in Pennsylvania to a place called West Point on the North River in the State of New York where he remained for some considerable time at work on Fort on the top of a mountain there -- In support of which statement the said Jordan Sherrod exhibits before the Court now sitting here his discharge which the court believes to be genuine, and of which the following is a correct Copy

"State of North Carolina Winton May 9, 1779: By order of  
Robert Mabine Esquire Lieut. Col. Comdt 3rd NC Regt

This may certify that Jordan Sherrod Soldier of Captain  
Baker's Company of said Regiment has served the Term of nine  
months (it being the full Time he enlisted for) as a Good &  
faithful Soldier & is hereby discharged from said Regiment he  
having received his pay in full.

S/ Jno Baker Capt  
3<sup>rd</sup> N.C. Regiment"

and also that sometime in the early part of the spring he believes in the year 1780<sup>1</sup> he again

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<sup>1</sup> From the circumstances described by applicant, it is clear that he entered the service this term in 1781, not 1780.

entered the service in said County of Nash as a substitute for James Wyatt for a three months Tour under Captain William Williams and was marched from Nash County through Louisburg Franklin County by Ramsey's Mills Chatham County NC thence to the high Hills of Santee where he crossed, thence up to the Congaree to Mott's Fort [Motte Fort]<sup>2</sup> then occupied by the British & Tories which Fort, after five or six days work we succeeded in taking and lost an officer belonging to another Company, of what grade is not recollected, & Hung one man a Tory & one Negro thence marched to a place called Ninety Six<sup>3</sup> where we made an unsuccessful attempt to take the Fort there, but were repulsed and returned with a parcel of Prisoners by the way of Charlotte to Salisbury NC where he left the Prisoners and returned to his home without a Discharge which was refused after having served the full Term of time for which he had substituted himself upon the ground that as he had at the time of the Battle of Guilford<sup>4</sup> quit the service without leave, the facts of which are as follows -- At the time of the Battle of Guilford he was attached to the Guard of the Baggage Wagons, and when at that Battle the Americans were defeated and dispersed, he as well as a great many others returned to their respective homes, where however he remained but a few days before he voluntarily returned to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County NC the place of rendezvous where he reentered the service under Major Pink Eaton,<sup>5</sup> (the Captain not recollected but believes the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Linton) and from that time served out the whole of the time he had engaged for to wit three months counting nothing of the time previous thereto, and under which Circumstances being refused a Discharge came off without one, & remained at home in Nash County where he then usually resided and where he now resides & has done ever since --

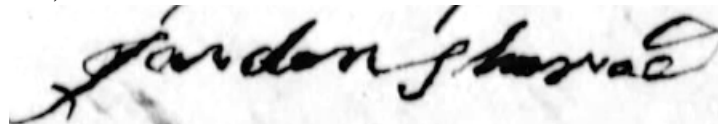
He further states that he has no other documentary Evidence in support of his Declaration than that of which a copy is herein before given nor does he know of any person now living that can testify to the facts set forth herein as to the Discharge or in relation to the second tour of duty --

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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Benj. H. Blount, CCC

S/ Jordan Sherrod



[Sherrod Williams, a clergyman, and Samuel WW Vick, Sheriff, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: As informed by my Parents I was born the 25th day of May 1761

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

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<sup>2</sup> The siege of Motte's Fort occurred from May 8-12, 1781 under the command of General Francis Marion.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/motte.htm>

<sup>3</sup> The siege of Ninety Six occurred from May 22-June 19, 1781 under the command of Major General Nathanael Greene. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninetysix.htm>

<sup>4</sup> The battle of Guilford Court House occurred on March 15, 1781.

<sup>5</sup> [Pinkethman Eaton BLWt653-400](#)

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: in Nash County

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was first drafted or Balloted into Service for nine months, & secondly substituted by and for one James Wyatt for three months

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Besides the name of Captain Baker & Colonel Mebane under whom I served the nine months Tour, I recollect the names of Colonel Hogun, Captain Quinn, Captain Giles, Captain Tartarson, Captain Ballard, Captain Harrison, Lieutenants Campbell, Yarborough & Wilkerson. In the second Campaign or three months Tour as a substitute, besides the name of Captain William Williams under whom I marched South I recollect the names of Major Pink Eaton & Colonel Linton

[There following interrogatories were omitted: 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> 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.]

[fn p. 11 is a photocopy of the original discharge as quoted in the body of the application.]

State of N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina }  
Winton May 3. 1779 } By Order of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Mebane Esq.  
S<sup>r</sup>. Col. Comd<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.  
This may Certify that S<sup>r</sup>. Sheppard a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup>. Bakers  
Co. of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. has served the Term of Nine Months & being  
the full Time he enlisted for, as a Good & faithfull  
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