

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Jordan S8774

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State of Virginia

At a court held for Albemarle County the 2^d day of October 1832

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of said County now setting William Jordan of the county of Albemarle and state of Virginia aged seventy three years on the 20th day of next January 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 was born on the Schuylkil river [sic: Schuylkill River] about six miles from Philadelphia in the State of Pensylvania on the 20th of January 1760 that when he was about 13 years old he removed to the County of Augusta and state of Virginia – That in the year 1779 in the month of May he was drafted into the service as a Militia man against the indians under Capt Wm Kincaid [William Kincaid] he marched to the west fork of Monongahela river [West Fork Riverr] and returned after being discharged in the month of October. In the following October he marched in the service as an eighteen months man from the said County of Augusta under Capt. Patrick Buchanan rendezvoud at a place called Waynsbough [sic: Widow Teas's Inn at present Waynesboro] in Augusta County Virginia and marched to Caroline where he found the army under Major Brooks Colo. Howard [John Eager Howard of Maryland] and General [Daniel] Morgan who were his superior officers. He marched to the South was in the battle of the Cowpens, believed to have been fought on the 17th January 1781. He was discharged at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina in May 1781. He gotten a written discharge, which was long since destroyed by fire in the burning of his house. He came home after being discharged at Guilford and remained but a short time, when he was called on to serve a tour in lower Virginia and marched under the command of Capt. Givins, he thinks his name was William but will not be positive [probably John Given]. Major Boise [sic: William Boyce] and Colo. [Charles] Cameron & General [William] Campbell. He rendezvoud at the above place in Augusta, now called Waynsborough and thence marched down to hickory creek church below Richmond. Was in the battle at a place called Hot Water [Hot Water Plantation, 26 Jun 1781] and at Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. The Marquis Lafayette was the commander in chief at Jamestown. He was in the service three months this tour, and soon after returning home was drafted again as a Militiaman to go to the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct], and marched under Capt William Findlay [sic: William Finley] (majors name not recollected) but believed to be Wilson [John Wilson] & Colo [Samuel] Vance below Richmond, where he was taken ill with the ague and fever and obtained a furlough for thirty days, but was confined about five months, when he recovered the tour for which he had been drafted had expired and Cornwallis had surrendered. He has no documents or papers, but would refer to the annexed affidavits of Wm Brooks and John Diddle. – His name is not on the pension list or agency of any state whatever, and he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present. – After the close of the Revolution about the year 1783 or 4 he removed from the County of Augusta to the County of Albemarle and lived some years in the County of Orange but now lives in Albemarle County. William Jordan

And thereupon the court propounded to the applicant the following Interrogatories

1 Where and in what year were you born

A I was born on the Schuylkil river about six miles from Philadelphia the 20 Jan'y 1760

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

A I have none.

3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A When called into service I lived in Augusta County Virginia, about the year 1783 or 4 I removed

from the county of Augusta to Albemarle County, and lived some years in the adjoining County Orange, but now live in Albemarle County Virginia.

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

A I was drafted as a militiaman

5 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

A. In the first tour I was drafted and served under Capt. Wm Kincaid In the second under Capt. Patrick Buckannon major Brooks Colo. Howard & General Morgan. In the third under Capt Givins Major Boyce & Colo Cameron & Gen Campbell. In the fourth under Capt. Wm Findley major Wilson (he believes) & Colo. Vance

Augusta County to wit

This day William Brooks personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that William Jordan and himself both marched from this County under the Command of Capt. Patrick Buchanan and joined General Morgan in Carolina at six mile Creek and was Commanded by Col'n Howard from Meriland at the Battle of the Cowpens the 17th of January 1781 we were about four months from we Rendevoused in this County at the place that now is Called Waysborough until we were discharged

Given under my hand this 1st day of August 1832 Wm. Davis

Augusta County to wit

This day John Diddle personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that he raised Wm. Jordan and know that he went on one Campaign against the Indians during the Revolution war,

and I know that he started under the command of Capt Patrick Buchanan to Carolina,

and I know that he started under the command of Capt. Givens to Virginia and I beleive he was at the Battle of James Town

Given under my hand this 1st day of August 1832 Wm. Davis

Albemarle County State of Virginia Sct:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for said county William Jordan, who being duly sworn, depositeh and saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below & in the following grades:

For the year 1779 – five months and a few days – He en[terer]ed the service in the month of May & left it in October following – He cannot be precise to the day of either month on which he entered or was discharged from the service – He served as a private.

For the years 1780 & 1781 – from the month of October 1780 to May 1781 – as set forth in his declaration – He was a private –

For the year 1781 – He was drafted as a militia man he thinks in the latter part of the month of May or first of June of that year and served a tour of three months – viz: until some time in August of the same year – He cannot recollect positively the time of the months when this service commenced or ended He is positive as to the period of service & the time of the year when it was performed, because he remembers that when he was drafted the last time, but was taken sick soon after he marched, the seige of York was going on. He served as a Sergeant during the three months tour of 1781 – For which service he claims a pension

Given under my hand & seal this 6th of May 1833. A Broadhead J.P.

[The application was returned by the Pension Office with the following explanation: "The applicant must state distinctly how long he served, or no action can be had in his case for his benefit – He says he served from Oct 1780 to May 1781, but who can tell whether that should be put down at 6 or 8 months – The Witness says out about 4 months."

Albemarle County, State of Virginia Sct.

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said county & state, William Jordan, who being duly sworn saith, that he can only add to the statements he has previously made, in order to obtain a Pension, that he served as nearly as he can recollect as follows,

For the year 1779 – a tour of three months, as a private, beginning, the first of May, and ending the 1st of August

For the year 1780, from the month of October, the fourth day – till the 8th day of Feby 1781 – as a private – for the year 1781 – three months, from about the 15th May until about the 15th Aug – he was acting Sergeant two months of this time, on the Commissary Guard.

He is now very old and exceedingly infirm and poor, he has here said all that he can conscientiously say and hopes that this last appeal to a country for which he fought when young, will not be disregarded. – Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of Aug 1833 Edmund Davis

NOTE: Davis was issued a pension of \$33.77 per year dated 26 Oct 1833 for service of 10 months.