

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Jackson W15

Mary Jackson

f34VA

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State of Tennessee Washington County

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State of Tennessee personally appeared Jonathan Jackson aged 74 years resident in the State and County aforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons who had been engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he the said Jonathan Jackson enlisted in King George County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Augustain Walice [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Gastavus Brown Wallace?] in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Eth [William Heth] that he continued to serve in the Service of the United States the whole time he enlisted for which was two years and was discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by General William Wolford [William Woodford] on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of February in the year 1778 and that he was in several engagements one at holm plains<sup>1</sup> & the battle at Trenton [December 26, 1776] and Princeton [January 3, 1777] also was in the engagements at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] and that he was in several skirmishes at other places and that he is in reduced circumstances and is laboring under the disadvantage of old age & infirmities of body therefore Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for relief and Support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to and declared before me the Day and year aforesaid.

S/ Tho: Emmerson

S/ Jonathan Jackson, X his mark

State of Tennessee Washington County: May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1819

Then personally appeared before me Samuel Greer one of the Justices of the peace for said County the subscriber John Jackson and made oath that in his declaration hereto attached and which has been rejected on account of there being no Colonel Eath in the Continental Army there rests a clerical error in writing Eeth instead of Heth (or Heath) that he did serve on the Continental Army on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line which Regiment with the 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and first composed the Brigade of General Woodford and was commanded by him, that Captain Augustine Wa[paper cut off] was his Captain & Thomas Drake first Lieutenant of said company

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<sup>1</sup> This is purely a guess on my part but I think the veteran may have been trying to identify the Battle of Harlan Heights September 16, 1776.

enlisted him – that he received an Honorable discharge as set forth in his declaration which discharge he kept for some time and has now lost or mislaid said discharge so that he cannot now produce it and that he is in indigent circumstances as set forth in his declaration and has resided in Washington County eighteen years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1818

Test:

S/ Saml. Greer, JP

S/ Jonathan Jackson, X his mark

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Schedule

District of Washington [Tennessee]: SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district Jonathan Jackson aged Seventy Seven years resident in Washington County in said district and circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: to wit, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1776 he enlisted in King George County State of Virginia under Lieutenant Drake of Captain Wallace's Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental line, commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall for two years and served out his period of enlistment & was discharged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1778 by William Woodford Brigadier General, and was in the Battles of Rock Island plains [?], still water [presumably Battle of Stillwater near Saratoga September 19, 1777], Stony Point [July 16, 1779, but veteran does not claim to have been in service at that time] Woodbridge [?], Piscataway [May 10, 1777], Brunswick [June 22, 1777], Princeton, Strawberry Hill [Battle of Punk Hill (Amboy) New Jersey, March 8, 1777], Brandywine, Germantown and was wounded in Brandywine Battle in the right leg and that he made application for a on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June in all that being the date of his declaration.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One mare worth \$25, one cow & calf \$10, one yearling \$5, ½ dozen plates \$2, six spoons one bason one dollar – six knives & five forks one old chest \$1.50, one sow & pigs \$4, five shoats \$4, one small dutch oven and kettle, & one falling one \$4 – and that he is indebted about forty-five Dollars.

He further states that he has had a wife & nine children, all of whom are gone from him but two daughters, that his wife is a cripple, and a charge to him, that one of his daughters is thirty-nine & the other twenty-seven, and that one of his daughters has had three children & the other one, which are also living with him (as their fathers are dead) & he states also that he is a Shoemaker by profession but owing to his age he has not the sight of his eyes insomuch that he cannot pursue the same.

Sworn to and declared on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October before the justices of the Court of  
Please

S/ Jonathan Jackson, X his mark

[p 7: On December 18, 1843 in Washington County Tennessee, Mrs. Mary Jackson, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Johnathan Jackson a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him August 9, 1779; that he died March 1, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 26: On March 27, 1844, in Greene County Tennessee, William Jackson, aged 55 years the first of this month gave testimony that he is the son of Jonathan Jackson who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his mother, Mary Jackson resides in Washington County Tennessee; that his parents lived together as man and wife from his first recollection; that the family record attached to his affidavit contains the affiant's age and the ages of the affiant's children; that his own age was given to him by his father some 40 odd years ago; that his father stated that their oldest child (name not stated) was born the night he (the veteran) returned from camp.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are somewhat slanted and connected, typical of 19th-century handwriting. The signature is enclosed in a thin rectangular border.

[p 3: family register:

William Jackson was born March 31<sup>st</sup> 1789  
Loyd Jackson was born March 14<sup>th</sup> 1810  
Mary Jackson was born January 13<sup>th</sup> 1812  
Nancy Jackson was born June 27<sup>th</sup> 1813  
Alexander Jackson was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1815  
John T Jackson was born July 22, 1816  
Rebecca Jackson was born November 6<sup>th</sup> 1817  
Johnathan Jackson was born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1819  
Elizabeth Jackson was born February 11<sup>th</sup> 1821  
James Jackson was born February 22 1823]

[p 28: On December 18, 1843 in Washington County Tennessee, Miss Nancy Jackson, 60, (relationship to veteran not stated) gave testimony that she has been well acquainted with Jonathan and Mary Jackson; that she knows that they lived together as man and wife for the 45 to 50 years before Jonathan Jackson's death; "that she has often heard the aforesaid Jonathan Jackson say that the marriage took place before the close of the war of the Revolution and that on the day their first child was born he Jonathan Jackson returned from the service and affiant has always understood banes were published in the County of King & Queen in the State of Virginia." The affiant signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]