

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jordan W29726

Winnifred Jordan

f99GA

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State of Georgia Washington County

On this 3rd day of October in 1846 personally appeared before the honorable the Judge of the Superior Court held in and for the County of Washington aforesaid, Winefred Jordan [sic] a resident of said County aged eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of July in the year 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, saith that she is the widow of John Jordan deceased, who was rather under the middle statue as to height stout or Square built, fare [fair] complexion, red hair, eyes blue by some might be called gray would have been if he had lived to this time about 88 years of age, that she was married to said John at the house of George Jordan her father's house in the State of North Carolina Northampton County, by Lawrence Smith a Justice of the peace about 3 years after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] on the first Sunday in February and as well as he now can recollect in the year 1784, that said John was following overseeing, & the first year they lived with Isham Nesmith in Greensville County State of Virginia, then with Simon Turner then with Henry Hayley, then settled off to themselves, from there moved to Washington County State of Georgia, which she now lives & where said John died on the 17th day of August 1828 that she is still a widow that having married since the death of said John. As to the enlistment & services of said John she only knows from rumor at the time of his enlistment he being a family connection it was spoken of in the connection & what he has told her of the matter, which is in part as follows. He said he enlisted as a private in the Continental service, in Greensville County State of Virginia, was under Captain Francis Moore, & Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert] she does not recollect if these were the first officers he was under but he spoke of them as favorite officers she does not recollect what was the time he enlisted for, whether he enlisted for three years or for a longer-term & served three years, but as he was a regular soldier these facts will be found on the records at the War Department, & will be more satisfactory. He said he was with the Army to the South in Florida was taken or surrendered to the British at the fall of Savannah in Georgia, that he was put on board a prison ship for three months & seventeen days, was exchanged & permitted to pass through his native County Greensville Virginia on his way to join the Army that he was at the taking of Cornwallis, and soon after that event was discharged & returned home to Henry Hayley's in his native State & County had the smallpox. She says that her memory is weak and old age & she may have related the facts rather in an irregular manner but as the records of her husband's [indecipherable word, could be a misspelling

of 'services' but looks like 'Suys"] will show most of the material facts. Her husband stated to her that the papers which he got from his officers when he left the service he had put in the hands of someone who she does not now recollect to obtain for him his lands &c and that he had not got either land or papers back, Her husband never applied for a pension, she further says that she has no record of her marriage nor is there any to her knowledge and no record was kept in the County where she was married as appears by a certificate of the clerk of that County accompanying this application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court this 3rd October 1846.

S/ Roger L. Gamble, Judge

S/ Winnifred Jordan, X her mark

[p 38: on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1846 in Washington County Georgia, Richard A. Plaut, a minister of the gospel and resident of Milledgeville in the County of Baldwin Georgia, aged 72, gave testimony that he saw John Jordan in Greensville County Virginia where he heard that John Jordan was a soldier of the Revolutionary war; that when John Jordan was discharged he returned to the house of his cousin Henry Hayley in Greensville County infected with the smallpox; that John Jordan married Winnifred Jordan sister or half-sister to Hezekiah and Jordan who is well known to the affiant because Hezekiah Jordan and the affiant married cousins; that about 1802 the affiant removed to Georgia and bought land in Hancock & Washington County's and in a few years John Jordan followed with his family and settled near his kinsman, Jesse Jordan in Washington County; that the affiant also knew well Jane Riddle, once Jane Haley, daughter of Richard Haley of Greensville County Virginia where John Jordan had the smallpox; that Jane Riddle married Jesse Jordan who removed to Washington County Georgia in 1799.



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[p 40: On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1846 in Washington County Georgia, Jincey Riddle, 76 last Christmas gave testimony that she knew John Jordan the husband of Winnifred Jordan who is applying for a pension; that John Jordan came to the house of the affiant's father, Henry Hayley in Greensville County Virginia some time after the surrender of Savannah Georgia to the English; that upon his return there was great stir in the settlement because cousin Johnny (said John Jordan) had just returned from confinement on board a British prison ship and needed clothing; that he returned to the Army and after the fall of Cornwallis John Jordan returned to the house of Henry Hayley infected with the smallpox; 3 or 4 years afterwards John Jordan intermarried with Winnifred Jordan of North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County North Carolina; that affiant was not at the wedding but was staying with the family 2 or 3 miles from place where the wedding occurred; that John Jordan and his wife returned to the affiant's father's home and stayed several years during which time the affiant married Jesse Jordan. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of Georgia Washington County

I Lewis A Jernigan Clerk of the Superior Court of said County do certify that the following is a true extract from the family register of John Jordan deceased late of said County

(the authenticity, of said register, produced in Court now being established as hereinafter follows upon the affidavit of John Jordan) to wit: "John Jordan and Winnifred his wife was married the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year 1786."

S/ L. Augustus Jernigan

[the family record entry was authenticated by John Jordan by affidavit dated December 4, 1846.

*John Jordan* ]

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family record

Burrel Jordan are as follows:

Mary Jorday born February 6, 1755

John Jordan born May 8th, 1756

Burrel Jordan born September 15, 1757

John Jordan, Son of Burrel Jordan and Amy his wife was born May 8, 1756 –

Wineford Jordan, daughter of George Jordan, and wife of John Jordan was born September 9, 1763

John Jordan and Wineford, his wife was married February 19, 1786 --

Their children are as follows

Britain Jordan born June 18, 1787

Green H. Jordan born April 26, 1789

Priscilla Jordan born August 17, 1791

Patience Jordan born September 22, 1793

Burwell Jordan born September 30, 1800

John Jordan born April 16th, 1800

Mary Jordan born July 2, 1804]

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This is to certify that John Jordain [sic] served as Bombardier in Colonel Harrison's Regiment at Artillery (as one of the Virginia States Quota) 3 years from the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1776 this certificate is obtained by his asserting that he had lost his discharge, which I had a confidence in, from the character he merited while a soldier. Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> September 1783

S/ J Pendleton

Captain Artillery

Copy

S/ J Pendleton Junior

Executive Department

Richmond Virginia January 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a paper on file in this department.

S/ Wm H. Richardson, Secy. Comth.

[p 90: On January 8, 1855 in Northampton County North Carolina, Ann Howel, aged 62 as of April 9<sup>th</sup> next, gave testimony that she knew John and Winnifred Jordan at the time they lived in Northampton County about 6 miles from her present residence; that the plantations of the affiant's father and joined Jordan a joined each other; that they were related by marriage; that

affiant understood John Jordan was an enlisted soldier in the revolution in the state of Virginia; that the affiant's father Christopher Foster and John Jordan were raised in Greensville County Virginia; that affiant went to school with 3 of the children of John and Winnifred Jordan, namely Green Jordan, Prissy Jordan and Patience Jordan in 1801; that John and Winnifred Jordan then had 3 older children including Brittain Jordan about 16 or 17 years old; that affiant's uncle Edmund Jordan died in Oglethorpe County Georgia in 1836; that Edmund Jordan had served 3 years in the Virginia Continental line and she believes with John Jordan at the same time as she has heard her mother, Edmund Jordan's sister speaking often of their being together in the service.

*Am Howel* ]

[p 11: On September 29, 1893 in Clark County Georgia, Lamar Cobb, Jr. gave testimony that Mary Newton the pensioner named in Certificate #7759 dated March 22, 1889 lived with the affiant who was married to the daughter of said Mary; that affiant attended to the business of Mary Newton the widow of John H Newton until she died at the affiant's house in Athens Georgia January 22, 1893; that on her death Mary Newton left 3 children namely Edwin D Newton, Olivia N. Cobb & Helen C Carlton

*Lamar Cobb Jr.* ]

[Facts in file: Winnifred Jordan, the widow, died July 6, 1847 survived by 5 children, to wit, Green Jordan, Burwell Jordan, John Jordan, Patience Saffold and Mary Newton; Mary Jordan married John H. Newton; Mary died January or February 22, 1893, leaving three children, Olivia M who married Lamar Cobb, Helen C. who married H. H. Carlton and Edwin D. Newton.]