

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

### **Pension Application of John Jackson W3425**

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[Transcriber's note: The different sources in the Footnote file have been rearranged to put them in approximate date order. ]

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Montpelier Post Office  
Hanover County Va Sept 4, 1840

Sir,

After many inquiries. we are only enabled to learn that the husband of Mrs. Catherine Jackson who sometimes since applied for a pension under the law of 1838 was in the same company and [ ] with James Doswell late of this county during the early part of the war in the northern army – and that in the later part of the war he was under Genl. Morgan. He was at the battle of the Cowpens. These services must have been performed under different enlistments which is altogether possible from the habits of our people. I think satisfactory proof can be furnished of each of these facts. And I venture to ask that you will put us upon the mode of using the one or the other or both. Mrs. Jackson (as I [ ]) is a most respected lady and is the very last person who should be made a sacrifice to the suspicion of fraud. And any amount of traditional[?] evidence can be produced of the hard and valuable services of her husband in probably much higher grades than the ones in which she claims.

May I ask too if the declaration and proof of John White<sup>1</sup> of Louisa County has been received at the office? It was forwarded by me by mail so long time past as to induce me to fear it has miscarried. The old man is in such a condition of infirmity of mind and body as to unfit him totally for bearing the pain of Hope deferred. Anything certain about his case would be a relief to him.

With much respect  
Your hbl svt  
s/ C. W. Dabney

[To] J.S. Edwards Esquire  
Commissioner of Pensions

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State of Virginia  
Louisa County

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842, personally appeared before the Subscriber, a Justice and Judge for the court, in and of said County, the same being a Court of Record, Mrs. Catharine Jackson a resident of the county aforesaid aged seventy two 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4 1838, entitled “an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows” That she is the widow of John Jackson, who was a private in the regular army in the time of the Revolution. That her said husband enlisted in the regular service in the early part of the Revolutionary war, it is believed in the year 1776. and though he as then a resident of the said county of Louisa , that he enlisted at Hanover Court House in the same state. That he is believed to have enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Anderson<sup>2</sup>. that he marched to the North, was in the northern army[,] served in that army. was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], served two years and was discharged. That she has reason to believe that in this service, her said husband had some commission, and if the records in

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly FPA R11423

<sup>2</sup> From the testimony of Hardin Duke below, Capt. Richard Clough Anderson FPA W1356

the Department show that fact she desires to avail herself of the advantage thereof. but that she has not been able from the length of time which has elapsed and the death of most of his fellow soldiers to obtain positive proof thereof. She therefore claims now, only that he served as a private in the infantry for two years. That she has also the best reason to believe that her said Husband, performed other and much more important services. having often heard him in [ ] long past in conversation, speak of such. That she remembers that he spoke of much service and danger which he had encountered in the Southern Army. That he often spoke of carrying dispatches, in that part of the country, and of being exposed to danger from Tories, as well as of the regular service as a soldier. but having paid no particular attention, at the time, and a long period having since elapsed she is unable, now to repeat, his account of his services. And most of the soldiers in the Revolution having died, she has failed as yet to obtain any proof of these facts. She desires therefore to claim for the service first above named, reserving to herself, to make a further claim, if she should hereafter obtain evidence. That she has no documentary evidence. She further declares, that she was married to the said John Jackson, in the county of Hanover in said state, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and that her said Husband, the aforesaid John Jackson, died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Septem[ber] 1829, that she was not married to him prior to his entering the service, but the Marriage took place prior to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz: at the time above stated, and that she has remained since his death unmarried.

s/ Katharine Jackson

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. And I also certify that by reason of great Bodily infirmity the said Mrs. Catharine Jackson, would be unable to attend the court of her county in order make her declaration. Given under my hand as above.

[signed] Wm Meredith (J Peace)

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State of Virginia  
Louisa County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in for the county aforesaid Hardin Duke<sup>3</sup> a resident of said County aged eighty two[?] years and a credible person and affirmed that in the early part of the Revolutionary War his brother Clevears Duke<sup>4</sup> who has been long since dead and John Jackson, late of the said county of Louisa whose widow now applies for a pension, volunteered to join the Northern Army under Richard Clough Anderson<sup>5</sup>, he thinks, as privates. That this affiant marched with them, when they started to the North, as far as [ ], then Browns Tavern in the county of Hanover, from the courthouse thereof. That his said brother had often spoken of said Jackson being with him in the army and that they were together at the Battle of Monmouth. And further at about the time of the siege of York [Yorktown Sept.-Oct. 1781] his brother James Duke also now dead was in the army in a corps of Militia Cavalry, and that this affiant was also then in the Army, and that his said brother has always represented to him that the said Jackson was in the service with him.

Sworn to and subscribed this 13 day of April  
1842 before me J.P.

Hardin Duke  
[mark]

Louisa County to wit This day Hardin Duke above named appeared before me and being affirmed in solemn form (having conscientious scruples against swearing) declared that his statements in the foregoing affidavit which he also subscribed in my presence, are true according to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1842

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<sup>3</sup> FPA S8357

<sup>4</sup> FPA S39471

<sup>5</sup> FPA W1356

s/C. Y. Kimbrough J.P.

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State of Virginia  
Louisa County

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1842 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, Thomas Badget, a resident of said county, aged 82 or 83 years and a credible person and made oath in due form of Law, that he was resident in the same neighborhood, with the late John Jackson of the said county of Louisa, whose widow Mrs. Catharine Jackson is about to apply for a pension on account of his services in the Revolutionary War, and that he was well[?] acquainted with the said John, before and during the Revolution. That he knows, that said John enlisted in the regular army as a private, in the early part of the war; and left home for the north it was said, and was absent at least two years. That he heard when said Jackson returned, and saw him soon after and knows, that he was absent at least the time mentioned. That said John has been dead many years ago and that he has often heard him speak in his lifetime of being in the battle of Monmouth Court House. And that he has reason to believe that though said Jackson enlisted as a private, he was soon promoted to some office, for he was a man of some learning, and taught school after his services was finished. That he often told this affiant of his service in the army and always that he held some office, he thinks in the commissary or staff department.

s/Thomas Badget

Sworn and subscribed the day and year written  
Before me s/ Thomas C. Anderson J.P.

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"John Jackson and Catharine White, were married October 27<sup>th</sup> 1787" (October the twenty seventh, one thousand eight hundred & eighty seven)  
"I do hereby certify, that I have celebrated the rite of Matrimony, according to the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, between the persons above mentioned

Elkh. Talley "

State of Virginia  
Hanover County, to wit

I Philip B. Winston, clerk of the County Court of Hanover, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above is a true transcript from the records of the said Court, with the exception of the date, which is specified[?] in the said record in fair legible figures (October 27<sup>th</sup> 1787)

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County the fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

s/ Philip B. Winston C.H.C.

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Virginia Louisa County

[ ] appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said county John W Jackson a resident of the county aforesaid and a credible person and made oath in due form of law. That the late John Jackson of the said county whose widow Catherine Jackson now applies for a pension, departed this life in the fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and that his said widow has since remained unmarried.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1842

Before me                    s/Wm Meredith J.P

s/Jno W Jackson

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Louisa County Va   Aug 10, 1842

Dear Sir,

I commend to your care, the application of Mrs. Jackson, for a pension. She is a most respectable and estimable old Lady of this county, the mother of Elisha Jackson, and can herself feel, and [ ] family to appreciate any favor you may do her.

It is probably proper that some explanation should be given of her delay in making the application. She is able to do without, and consequently did not have her attention directed to the matter until her children proposed the thing to her recently.

It is probable that the records in the war department may establish her right to a much larger pension than she now applies for. Would it be practicable to ascertain that fact? Capt. Jackson was in the service as a regular, it is supposed almost the whole war, and his station in life and character prove that he must have had some commission. It is known that he was considered by the officers of the Revolutionary Army, as an equal. And he was in the habit of narrating events, which establish such an inference. He was probably connected with [the] Southern army in the character of Confidential Messenger- or staff officer – though there is no certainty of it[?]. It is [ ] certain that he was at the siege of York, and may be entitled to Bounty Land and commutation. Any information will be thankfully received.

The Representatives of Rice Bullock<sup>6</sup> of this county [ ] to some payment of the same kind, and Capt. Harris, in his lifetime had settled the claim. Since however, it has been reported that a mistake occurred in the settlement of the [ ] and that a balance is still due. Can you give them any information on this subject?

My address is Montpelier P.O. Hanover

With much respect  
Your obt servt.  
s/ C.W. Dabney

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Montpelier P.O. Hanover Co. Va  
Sept. 21, 1843

Sir,

I offer my acknowledgment for your prompt attention to my note. It is not [ ] that you should have overlooked in my inquiries about Mrs[?] Jackson's claim the fact, that it is certain that her husband served under Genl Morgan and was at the Battle of the Cowpens.

Will you be kind enough to put her upon the means of it [ ] of any use to her.

Respectfully  
Your hbl servt  
s/ C. W. Dabney

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The affidavit of William Meredith taken this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847. This affiant saith that he was acquainted with Capt. John Jackson the husband of Mrs. Catharine Jackson for some 22 years previous to his death 14 of which he was a very near neighbour to him, has always heard and verily believes that Capt. Jackson was a soldier of the revolutionary war, has heard aneckdotes related which passed between a revolutionary pensioner who died in this neighbourhood perhaps some 10 or 12 years ago in

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<sup>6</sup> See FPA R12822

relation to engagements with the enemy during their service together, this affiant will further say that from his long acquaintance with Hardin Duke late of this county he would place implicit confidence in any statement made by him.

s/ Wm Meredith

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The affidavit of William Nelson made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847: This affiant states that he was intimately acquainted with Captain John Jackson the husband of Mrs. C. Jackson of Louisa. This affiant has always understood, and verily believes that said John Jackson was a most meritorious Soldier of the Revolution. This affiant well remembers the said John Jackson's being a candidate many years ago for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for Louisa County and that he was voted for mainly on account of his extraordinary revolutionary services. This affiant held many conversations with the said John Jackson relative to his military services; and has not the smallest doubt, that the said Jackson joined the army under General Washington in the year 1777, and that he continued with the army throughout the ensuing winter when in it was hutted at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania; and that he was in the Battle of Monmouth, on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1778.

This affiant livesd for upwards of 30 years within four miles of Harden Duke, an officer of the Revolution, who has testified to the military services of the said John Jackson, and verily believes that his testimony is entitled to full faith and credit: said Harden Duke was a man of iron memory, which he retained to the end of his life.

This affiant had many conversations with said Duke (after he was 80 years old) relative to the events of the Revolution, and never knew him to be mistaken in a single instance.

s/ Wm. Nelson

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The affidavit of Henry M. Burnley made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847: This affiant states that he was intimately acquainted with Capt John Jackson late of Louisa County state of Virginia the husband of Mrs. Catharine Jackson of Louisa: This affiant has always understood, and verily believes that the said John Jackson was a soldier of the Revolution, having heard him repeatedly speak of his military services and of different occurrences taking place while he was in the Army

s/ H. M. Burnley

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[The Rev. Timothy T. Swift gave an affidavit on May 28, 1847 similar to the one below given by David Richardson in support of the testimony of Hardin Duke.]

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The affidavit of David Richardson made the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1847: This affiant declareth and saith that he lived for 45 or 50 years within a few miles of and was intimately acquainted with Hardin Duke a Subaltern Officer of the Revolution who has testified as to the Revolutionary Services of the late John Jackson whose Widow Mrs. Catharine Jackson is now desiring a pension on account of the Revolutionary Services of the late John Jackson, and knew him the said Duke, to be a man of strong mind, very retentive memory, and a man of truth and integrity.

s/ David Richardson

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[Henry Timberlake gave an affidavit on May 31, 1847 saying that he recollects that John Jackson was away from home in the northern army 2 or 3 years.]

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The affidavit of William Jackson made this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1847: This affiant states that he has resided in the neighbourhood of Capt John Jackson the husband of Mrs Catharine Jackson of Louisa County from his earliest recollection to the death of said John Jackson and verily believes that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was in the army some two or three years to the north. this affiant having heard him said John Jackson many times say that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was in the Battle of Monmouth and that he was in Lee's Corps that was to bring on the action<sup>7</sup>.

s/ Wm Jackson

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Widows Declaration

State of Virginia  
County of Louisa

On this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty five personally appeared before me Archibald Anderson a justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths within & for the County and State aforesaid Catherine Jackson aged 85 years a resident of Louisa County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of John Jackson who was a private in the Revolutionary war, that she has no witness or personal evidence to show the military services performed by her deceased husband

She further declares that she was married to said John Jackson in the County of Hanover on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1787 by one Caleb Tally a minister of the Gospel & that her name before marriage was Catharine White that her said husband died in Louisa County on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sepr. A.D. 1829 & that she is still a widow.

In making this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled to under act approved March 3, 1855. She also declares that she has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefore. Except a pension certificate which is dated 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1849 & is issued under act 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1848 at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum, she refers to the papers filed in that case for evidence of her deceased husbands service & of their marriage & his death.

s/ Catharine Jackson

[Transcribers Note: The Index of Final Payment Vouchers shows a date of death for Catherine Jackson of Va., widow of John, of April 20, 1859]

[p. 52 On Nov. 22, 1910, Mrs. J.C. Quarles of Jeffersonville Indiana wrote to the War Department asking for information on John Jackson. She stated that she thought her grandfather's name was John Jackson and that her grandmother's name was Catherine. She also stated that her grandmother received a pension and died shortly before the civil war. ]

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<sup>7</sup> This must refer to Gen. Charles Lee, whose troops made the initial attack (and were repulsed) in the Battle of Monmouth June 28, 1778. Lee requested and received a court martial for his actions at Monmouth.