

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dempsey (Dempsy) Jordan (Jourden) W4462 Sarah Jordan f60Ga  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I, Demsey Jordan of 607 district in the County of Taliaferro in the State of Georgia, Do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain John McIntosh [John McIntosh's] company. (The Regiment not recollected) But General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] was our commander, I was stationed at Savannah Georgia and at the mouth of Darien [River],<sup>1</sup> And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates, for the reward of \$80; to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1776. And I further declare, that I was not on the 15th day of May 1823, on the pension list of the United States. And I further declare that I have not been on the list on or since the 5th day of March 1828.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord 1828.

S/ Demsey Jordon, X his mark [sic]

[p 53: On July 29, 1828 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Thomas McCormick and William Jordan gave testimony that Demsy Jordan is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the revolution in the manner in which he states. The relationship, if any, of William Jordan to the veteran is not stated. William Jordan signed his name as "William Jourdan"



William Jourdan ]

[p 25: very faint document]

Georgia Walton County: Personally came before me James Swords who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Dempsey Jourden in time of the Revolutionary war and that he knows that the said Jordan did enlist in the service of the United States under Captain Green who was commanded by General Lachlin Maintock [Lachlan McIntosh] in the Continental service in the State of Georgia and was in said service for twelve months and afterwards continued in said service to the end of the war. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th November 1829

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<sup>1</sup> Thanks to George Sullivan for identifying Darien as the word I could not decipher.

S/ D. Hardwick, JP

S/ Samuel Swords, X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
Aug. 25, 1828

Demsey Jordan of \_\_\_ in the County of Taliaferro in the State of Georgia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain McIntosh's Company, in the \_\_\_ regiment of the Georgia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
4 September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Demsey Jordan is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

If any Certificate for the gratuity of 80 Dollars were issued to the Georgia line, the records in this Office do not furnish any reference to them

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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War Department  
Bounty Land Office

The Records of this Office do not show that Demsey Jordan as a private in the Georgia line ever received or is entitled to receive bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor  
25 Nov. 1828

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County

Personally appeared before me Dempsey Jordan, a revolutionary Soldier, who says upon oath, that, to the best of his knowledge & remembrance, he enlisted in the regular Army of the U S in the State aforesaid, and was discharged at Savannah in said State, (the time not recollected) and received his certificate from either Colonel Elbert or Habersham under the command of

General Macintosh.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1829

S/ Edward Janes, JIC

S/ Demsey Jordins, X his mark

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County

On the 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of this County Dempsy Jordan Late of the Revolutionary Army resident in Taliaferro County and State aforesaid aged Seventy eight years being born in 1754 December the 6<sup>th</sup>, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

I demsy [sic] Jordan do most solemnly declare that I entered the service of the United States in 1776 in Georgia I first enlisted under Colonel John M.C. Intosh [John McIntosh], in Major Lenard Marbory's [Leonard Marbury's] Battalion for two years regular service I served all my time in Savannah Georgia Major Habersham [John Habersham] & Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert] also commanded here for this service I was promised at my enlistment a Bounty of Land in the fork of Apalatchy [probably the Apalachee River] Georgia but I never have got it: I have proven this service by James Swords<sup>2</sup> the affidavit was sent on to the war department in aid Declaration in 1830. Please get that as the witness is forever out of my power During this service I was in the Siege of Fort Saint Tilly [sic, Satilla] for two days and nights and fought the Notorious Brown [Thomas Brown, known as Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown] & the Tories we were commanded there, by Colonel Wynn and lost the Fort<sup>3</sup> I was at the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779]<sup>4</sup> and fought for 24 hours and held the Fort I was discharged in Savannah at the end of my 2 years service and returned home I in a short time volunteered under General Elijah Clark [Elijah Clarke] was at the siege of Augusta and helped to dig the Notorious Brown out of a cave in the Fort [Siege of Augusta, April 16-June 5, 1781].<sup>5</sup> I then was placed in Captain Dooly's [probably John Dooly's] Company under General Pickings [Andrew Pickens] and went against the Cherokee Indians we fought the Indians Drove them off took 15 prisoners and returned home I was then discharged after a service of more than four years entirely in Georgia where I have ever lived. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first written My Discharges are both lost and out of my power I was acquainted with Lieutenant Mitton<sup>6</sup> and Berim[?].

S/ Demsay Jourdan, X his mark [sic]

S/ Malcom Johnston, JIC

S/ RQ Dickinson, JIC

S/ William Dorden, JIC

[Malcom Johnston and William L. Tucker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>2</sup> [James Swords S32002](#)

<sup>3</sup> This is probably a reference to the expedition known as the Third Florida Expedition. See <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html> It is also possible that the veteran is referring to the Second Florida Expedition. <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution15.html>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1781-skirmish/#810416>

<sup>6</sup> Perhaps a mistaken attempt to name Capt. John Milton

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Georgia Taliaferro County: I Demsy Jordan do hereby appoint Herman Mercer my True and Lawful Attorney both of the County & State first written in fact for me and in My name to do and Transact all Matters and things necessary to be done in the recovery obtaining and collecting any pension or annuity that May be due Me under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 in favor of the Soldiers of the Revolution and he my said attorney is fully authorized to collect receive and receipt for any pension as above described as fully and as Completely for me and in my name is though I was personally present and also to do all things, whatsoever that may be necessary to be done in and about the recovery of the same given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832

S/ Malcum Johnston, J I C

S/ Demsay Jourden, X his mark

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Georgia Walton County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace Mr. Samuel Jordan<sup>7</sup> who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was acquainted with his Brother of Dempsey Jordan in the Revolutionary war and knew him to enlist in the service of the United States in the year 1776 for two years and there continued in said service during the said war I was with him at the Siege of Augusta when we dugout the notorious Brown out of the cave under command of Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Colonel Clark and others and also at the battle at St. Tillis [Satilla] under the Command of Colonel Milton. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 13th day of April 1833

S/ George Park, JP

S/ Samuel Jordan, X his mark

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned being a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Taliaferro Georgia, Demsey Jordan who being duly sworn Deposed and Saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear to the precise day & month of the year during his service, of the United States Service during the revolutionary war, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than four years, very near, without any intermission (viz.) a few days only. Two years an enlisted soldier called Regular and two years in the Militia all in Georgia. And for such this deponent claims a pension. This Deponent further states that he began his service in 1776 and closed it in 1780 with the exception of some small tours of service.

As to Interrogatory No. 1 I was born as I have been told in Virginia

As to No. 2 I have a Record of my age handed me from my father.

Sworn to and subscribed the 4th day of May 1833

S/ William Read, JP

S/ Dempsy Jordan, X his mark

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Georgia Walton County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace Mr. James Swords who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Dempsey Jordan in the revolutionary war and knew him to enlist in the service of the United States sometime in the

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<sup>7</sup> [Samuel Jordan W8224](#)

year 1776 for two years and then served during the war, I was with him at the Siege of Augusta when we dug out Brown out of the cave we were under command of Colonel Lee and Colonel Clarke there, sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of April 1833

S/ George Park, JP

S/ James Swords, X his mark

[p 4: On November 21, 1836, Sarah Jordan, 80, a resident of Taliaferro County Georgia filed for a widow's pension under the act of July 4, 1836 stating that she is the widow of Dempsey Jordan; that she married him in January 1777; that he died November 3rd, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 48: On November 2, 1836 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Elizabeth Johnson gave testimony that she was born in January 1758; that she has been acquainted with Sarah Jordan, the widow of Dempsey Jordan for upwards of fifty odd years; that according to the general notoriety in the vicinity Sarah and Dempsey were married during the Revolutionary war but the exact date she cannot recollect. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On February 11, 1837 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Mrs. Martha Stevens gave evidence that she believes Dempsey and Sarah Jordan were married in 1777 or 8; she bases her belief on the following: "that she and said Sarah Jordan were girls together and in May 1777 or sixty years ago – She and said Sarah were together in a Fort on the place she said Martha now lives said Fort was called Fort Marbury – that while living there said Fort was attacked by the Indians – and she and said Sarah and one Nancy Oneal [Nancy O'Neal?] (the wife of Sarah's brother) molded bullets for the men while they were fighting & that afterwards they left said Fort in the same year and went to Fort Phillips – where Sarah remained but a short time and went down towards Ogeechee River to another Fort which she does not recollect and soon she heard that she was married to Dempsey Jordan...[that] she does not now recollect exactly how long it was after said Sarah left Fort Phillips before she heard of her marriage but it was not long and hence she does not know certain whether it was in 1777 or 1778 – but she is certain from her distinct recollection of many of the interesting incidents of those times that it was this coming May 60 years ago...." She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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Georgia Taliaferro County

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for said County Sarah Jordan widow and relic of Dempsey Jordan late of said County deceased, who was a pensioner of the United States for services in the Revolutionary War – who after being duly sworn upon oath saith that from her recollection of the dates of the births of her children – and various other circumstances – She thinks that she cannot be mistaken as to her marriage with said Dempsey having been at or within the time mentioned in her original declaration – that said marriage took place some time before the last term of said Dempsey's Service in said War – which she thinks was in the latter part of 1780 – or early part of 1781 – except some skirmishes – that she was married to him before he was at the battle of Augusta and the taking of Brown – that she was married at Fort Alexander – or Alexander's Fort – by David Holliman a justice of the peace – while said Dempsey was a soldier – And she does not now know of any person living who was at said marriage – nor does she know (such was the State of the Country) whether there was any

record made of said marriage.

Sworn to and subscribed before me after being read this 16 day of February 1837

S/ William Peeks, JP

S/ Sarah Jordan, X her mark

[p 30: On February 16, 1837 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Edmund Jordan, son of Sarah Jordan and Dempsey her husband, gave testimony that he often heard his parents say they were married in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Edman Jordan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edman Jordan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Edman Jordan".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]