

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sharshall Jordan W9090

Efferilla Jordan

f32VA

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State of Kentucky County of Clarke

On this eleventh day of December 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the above written County and State Efferilla Jordan, a resident of the County of Clarke and State of Kentucky aged eighty-eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of Sharshall Jordan who was a Lieutenant in the revolutionary war in the militia from County of Culpepper [Culpeper] and State of Virginia, she states that he was commissioned Ensign on the second day of February 1776 which can be seen by reference to his Commission he served as Ensign until he was promoted to a lieutenantcy, he continued to act in this capacity until the close of the war in Colonel Thorne's [probably John Thorne's] Regiment and Captain Eesum's [?]¹ Company she believes that these are the Officers he was under, She further states that he was out at least two towers [tours] a year of three months during the war she says that he was gone from home half of his time and when he was gone she had to work in the cornfield to raise bread for her children and to work in the harvest to save her grain, that she had four children to take care of whilst he was out defending his Country, She has heard him speak of being in several battles but she is unable to state them at this great length of time from her great age and consequent loss of memory. She states that she has often heard William White who drew a pension say that he served under her husband and Martin Johnson² say that he served under him in the militia and several other Gentlemen all of whom are dead at this time and she does not recollect any person living that she can prove his services by she prays that such evidence as she has be taken she knows that he was out as she has stated and she further knows that he had to toil and suffer whilst he was out. She is unable to state when he was commissioned Lieutenant she knows that he was Lieutenant she had his commission since his death she has heard him speak of serving as Lieutenant and she recollects his acting as Lieutenant the commission has got lost or mislaid that she cannot find it she further declares that she was married to the said Sharshall Joarden [sic] on the 19th day of November 1771 in the County of Culpeper Virginia, that her husband, the aforesaid Sharshall Jordan died on the 28th day of September 1813; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She states that they moved from Virginia in 1794 or 5 to the state of Kentucky and settled in the County of Clark and have resided there ever since; they were living in the County of Clark when

¹ *Eesum*

² Probably the same man as [Martin Johnston \(Johnson\) W436](#)

her husband died, that she has had 10 children, she states that the family record that accompanies this declaration is the genuine family record kept by her husband s [she] knows that it is correct record of our marriage and the births of our children but she does not know how the 9 were blotted, but she knows that she was married on the 19th day of November 1781.

S/ Effarilla Jordan, [sic], x her mark

[pp 7-8 family record]

Marriages

Sharshall Jordan and Effarilla his wife was Married November 19th 1771 By the Reverand John Thompson Minister

Morgan Tolin and Milley his wife was married September 15th 1816 by the Reverend Ned kindred, Minister

Births

Sharshall Jordan son of Thomas Jordan & Mary his wife Born March the 15th 1747/8

Effarilla Jordan wife of Sharshall Jordan was born April the 27th 1755

Lucy Jordan Daughter of S & J [sic?] was Born September the 19th 1772

Thomas Jordan son of S & J; was born September 25, 1774

Richard Jordan son of S & J; was Born November the 10th 1776

Jonass Jordan son of S & J, was born December the 19th, 1778

Jane Jordan Daughter of S & J; was Born September 11th, 1781

Elizabeth Jordan Daughter of S & J was Born June the 27, 1786

Milley Jordan Daughter of S & J was born October the 26, 1788

Absalom Jordan son of S & J; was born March the 30th, 1791

Catey Jordan Daughter of S & J was born April the 14th, 1794

Sharshall Jordan son of S & J was born April the 16th, 1797

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I Sharshall Jordan a resident of the County of Clark and State of Kentucky aged 46 years State that I was examining my Father's papers seven or eight years ago and saw among them a Commission that Commissioned him Lieutenant in the war of the revolution I read the commission and I believe it had a seal to it there was a considerable amount of this old Continental money in the desk the commission and the money is gone and I do not know how it got lost. Given under my hand this 11th day of December 1843



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I Robert Burk³ a resident of the County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged 84 years state that I am a Pensioner of the revolution on the Virginia line from the County of Culpeper and lived in the same neighborhood with Sharshall Jourden and know that he was a Lieutenant or Ensign and was in the war of the revolution as a militia officer from the County of Culpeper Virginia under Captain James Browning at the commencement of the war and Robert Johnson the latter part of the war I am unable to state the Colonel he served under but I recollect that my Father and Sharshall Jourden was frequently out on 3 months militia towers under the same Captain and I have heard them speak of being in skirmishes with the British together. He was drafted in 1776

³ [Robert Burke W9373](#)

and served when called on until one or 2 months before the siege of Little York; Sharshall Jourden served in the war of the revolution at least 3 years. I know that I was in the service of the revolution 3 years and I know that he was in as long as I was or longer and was married at the time he was in the service and his wife was named Effarilla my Father's name was Robert Burk given under my hand this 23 day of July 1844

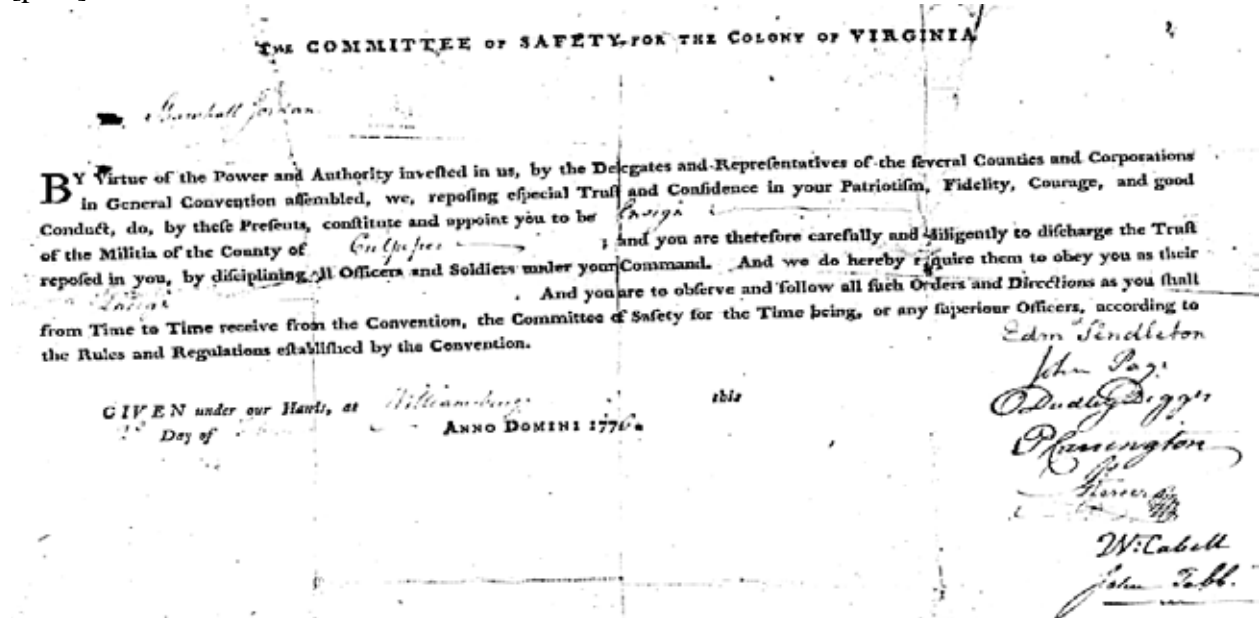
S/ Robert Burk, X his mark

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I Robert Burk [sic] a resident of the County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged eighty-four years state that I served in the war of the revolution as a Sergeant or press master for the Army and was engaged in procuring provisions and horses for the Army I was from the County of Culpeper State of Virginia. I was acquainted with Sharshall Jourden [sic] before the war and whilst he was in the war, I know that he served in the war as a Lieutenant or Ensign from the County of Culpeper Virginia in Captain James Browning's Company at the commencement of the war, and the latter part of the war he served in Captain Robert Johnson's Company. I do not recollect the names of the Colonel. From the duty I had to perform I was not confined to the Army but I saw him when he left home to go out in the war and I was frequently at the Army and saw him in the service as an officer. I have frequently heard my Father speak of serving under him, he was out at least twice a year on three months tower's during the war of the revolution and was as good a soldier as follows in the revolution. I lived in the same neighborhood with Sharshall Jourden and I know him to have left home for the Army and know when he returned home. I will further state that I served 3 years in the war of the revolution and that Sharshall Jourden was out as long or longer than I was. I refer to my former affidavit for further evidence in relation to the this matter. Given under my hand this 27 day of November 1844

S/ Robert Burke, X his mark

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as an Ensign for 6 months in the Virginia service.]