

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Jordan W9091

Susannah Jordan

f37VA

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District of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

On this 11th day of October 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Fayette Circuit Court for the said District personally appeared Jordan aged Sixty-nine years resident of Mercer County in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" That he the said Peter Jordan Enlisted in the year 1776 in Frederick County Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clarke of the 8th Virginia Regiment on the Continental line Commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman, for two years, that he continued to serve in said Corps on in the service of the United States until the spring of 1778, When he was discharged from service by General Charles Scott at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, in consequence of his time of service having expired; that he was in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and a skirmishing party at "Darby" State of Pennsylvania; and that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And that he has now no other evidence in his power of said services except Colonel Abraham Bowman, Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

He further states that he made his declaration hereto annexed before Samuel McAfee Esquire which has been returned for amendment, and this declaration is made for the purpose of correction. That in the first statement there are mistakes of the writer in the date of discharge.

[Attested by Benjamin Mills, Judge]

This day Colonel Abraham Bowman personally appeared before me and made oath that he commanded the 8th Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 to which Regiment Captain Jonathan Clarke's Company was attached, that he was at that time acquainted with Peter Jordan, and that the foregoing declaration made by said Peter Jordan is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 15 October 1819

S/ B. Mills

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I Peter Jordan of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky do hereby state on oath that about the first of June 1776 I enlisted as a regular soldier with Captain William Croghan of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman of General Scott's Brigade &

was afterwards transferred to the company of Captain Jonathan Clarke of said Regiment – that I enlisted for two years and served faithfully as a Regular Soldier in the Continental line in said Regiment & was honorably discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania in the summer 1779. I was in the battle of Germantown & have lost or mislaid my discharge and I know of no other person at this time by whom I can prove my services at this time and I hereby relinquish all other claim I may have to any further pension, and I am now old and unable to endure hard labor and so reduced in my circumstances that I stand in need of assistance from my country for support.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1818

S/ Peter Jordan, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 22nd of September 1820, Peter Jordan made affidavit in open Court and produced a Schedule of his property amounting to \$292.50, agreeably to an act of Congress passed the first of May 1820 concerning Pensioners, which was ordered to be entered of record, in the words and figures following to wit

District of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Sct.

On this 22nd of September 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district & circuit of Fayette County, Peter Jordan, aged seventy years, resident in Mercer County Kentucky in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the year 1776 in Frederick County Virginia in Captain Clarke's Company in the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Bowman. That he continued in said Regiment or in the service of the United States for two years, when he was discharged by General Scott, That his original declaration is dated the eleventh day of October 1819, and his pension certificate the 1st day of November 1819 and No. 15 601

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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.

80 acres of third rate land about 20 acres cleared, value	\$160.00	
One Horse	30.00	
Fourteen head of Cattle, big & little		70.00
Two head of Sheep	2.50	
Between 20 & 30 head of hogs, big & little	<u>30.00</u>	
	\$292.50	

About \$25 due me, and I am owing about \$30.

S/ Peter Jordan, X his mark

My occupation is farming – I have a wife & four children now living with me dependent for support a Son about seventeen years old and three daughters from old age and the hardships I have experienced through life, I am entirely disabled from performing manual labor myself, but have to depend upon the labor of my son who is now about to leave me as his 2 eldest brothers

have already done, to work and shift for themselves.
Sworn to and declared on the 22nd day of September 1820 before me
S/ W. Warren
Circuit Judge

[p 16: On September 24, 1838 in Mercer County Kentucky, Susannah Jordan, 76, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Jordan who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in 1786 about 2 or 3 weeks before Christmas of that year but the precise day she does not now recollect; they were married in the County of Frederick, Virginia on the waters of Cedar Creek not far from General Zane's Iron Works; the name of the new minister who performed the ceremony was Raypass or Resspass; her husband died August 2, 1824 in Mercer County Kentucky. She signed her application with her mark.
Her application was attested by Peter Jordan, JP – who states in his attestation that the applicant Susannah Jordan is his aunt.]

[p 20: Mary Disponett gave testimony in support of the widow's application stating that she, the affiant, is the oldest child of Susannah and Peter Jordan; that she was born in the year 1787 as she has always understood and believed in the month of October or November; that she is now in the 51st year of her age; that she remembers her parents and family moving from Frederick County Virginia to Kentucky in the fall of the year 1787; that they arrived in Mercer Kentucky about May 1798 and settled on Salt River. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 20: Colonel John M. Jordan also gave testimony in support of the application of his mother, Susannah Jordan in which he states he was born in the year 1789 and is now in the 49th year of his age; that he to remembers the family removal from Virginia to Kentucky in 1798 and settling in Mercer County on the waters of the Salt River.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Jordan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Jordan".

[p 23: On September 8, 1838 in Franklin County Indiana Magdalen Hatfield gave testimony that she is the sister of Susannah Jordan; that she was intimately acquainted with Peter and Susannah Jordan; that they were married in 1786 in Frederick County Virginia; that Susannah's name prior to her marriage was Susannah Shull; that affiant lived with Peter and Susanna whilst they lived in Virginia for 6 or 7 years after their marriage. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 11, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]