

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jordan¹ S38098

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Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Buckingham County on Friday the 25 day of September 1818

Colonel John Jordan residing in the County of Albemarle came into court and made the following declaration upon oath. That he joined a Rifle company in the revolutionary war attached to the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in February 1776 which company was commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell – was afterwards attached to Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment as 2nd Lieutenant in the same company – afterwards was detached to the service of the South – was taken prisoner at Charlestown [May 12, 1780], and after his exchange had the command of a company as Captain in a Battalion commanded by Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey] which joined the Army commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], then at Ebenezer on the Savannah [River] in Georgia, in which service he remained until the close of the war, was at the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], the capture of Burgoyne at Saratoga [October 7, 1777] and various other affairs to the North, and at Edgehill [Edge Hill, White Marsh, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1777] was severely wounded in the knee in 1777 and was in several skirmishes to the South besides the battle at Charleston. That he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support. Colonel Fontaine being also sworn saith that both from his knowledge of said John Jordan's situation and the report of his neighbors and acquaintances, he believes him to be in reduced circumstances as he has stated in his declaration. Which is ordered to be certified.

S/ R. Eldridge, Jr. CSC

[p 3: " John Jordan Lieutenant: the Army of the Revolution: Inscribed on the revolutionary Roll under law of 18 March 1818, and stricken therefrom, and inscribed on the Invalid Roll under the law of the 1st of May 1820. – Reinstated on the roll of Virginia as an Invalid at the rate of \$8.50 [per month] from 4th of March 1820, under law of May 1820. Certificate issued 9 February 1821, & sent to Honorable Hugh Nelson, House of Representatives: Amount due from 4 March 1820 to 4 March 1821 \$102.00"]

¹ BLWt1127-300 Capt. Issued May 7, 1793 to Francis Graves, assignee also recorded as above under BLWt2550. No papers

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Richmond January 23rd 1820

Dear Sir,

Last fall when I saw you at Charlottesville you inform me that I could draw my pension for the wound I received in the Revolutionary War by applying to Mr. Page, Agent in Richmond, for paying Revolutionary claimants, which I have done, and he says, although the law is revived for paying those who stood on the Pension list on account of their disabilities by wounds received in the War of the Revolution before the last Act of Congress on the Subject passed, which gave in lieu of the pension before allowed to wounded Officers twenty dollars per month, to all the Revolutionary Officers, then living, who were in indigent circumstances, and I being one of that unfortunate description, thought it best to give up my Pension for the wound, and take in lieu thereof one for twenty dollars per month, but last Congress having passed a restrictive law on the claimants, causing them to go into Open Court and there to render a Schedule of their property to be entered on the record of the Court a Copy of which signed by the Clerk to be transmitted to the War Department to be Adjudged of there whether the Claimants are entitled to the Benefits of the law from the Clerks certificate of his Property &c this course I hope is not necessary for me to pursue to enable me to draw all my pension for my wound which I stand in great need of, and which I hope you will be good as to render me any service that may be in your power so as to enable me to draw all my wounded Pension when it becomes due, which will be on the 4th of March next and which I suppose may be done by my sending on to the War Department the last Certificate issued from the Department for twenty dollars per month, and receiving the one granted for my disability which increases as I grow older and which I hope may be increased – Be good enough to communicate to me on this subject as early as possible and Oblige

Your Most Respectfull & Obedient Servant
S/ John Jordan

The Honorable Hugh Nelson

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Of Virginia Albemarle County SS

On this 10th day of August 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record of said County John Jordan resident in said County aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Jordan entered as a Cadet in the month of February 1776 in a Company of Riflemen commanded by Samuel Jordan Cabell Lieutenant Colonel attached to the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan on Continental establishment – that he continued in the Military Service of his Country until the termination of the War during which he obtained a Captain's Commission. That he was discharged from service at the close of the War in the State of Georgia, Savannah, On the 23rd June 1782; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name has been placed on the pension list that the number of his pension Certificate is 9340 that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because until now he has never been in a situation which would justify a call on his Country for aid. And was not disposed to do so so long as he was able to procure a livelihood for himself.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 (to wit) one mare about 15 years old, one milk cow, one old Walnut sideboard, one old Cherry dining table, one small pine table, one portable desk, one old chest of drawers, 2 pots, 2 Dutch ovens and a stew pan, the mare and cow are encumbered under a deed of trust, to secure the payment of \$53 to William Gilmore.

S/ John Jordan

I have no occupation at present & no family that since the 18th of March 1818 no change has been made in my property except the loss of a horse.

S/ John Jordan

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act entitled an act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution, Approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I John Jordan of Albemarle County in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, that I was consolidated under the arrangement and served as such to the end of the War, being then a Captain under the command of Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey], who was detached to join the Army of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] in Georgia. I first entered the Army as a Cadet in the 6th Virginia Regiment. Joined the Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates], was attached to Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment, did active duty in that core [Corps] till December 1777 when I was wounded at Edge Hill in Pennsylvania, was previously there to promoted to a lieutenancy in Captain Samuel Jordan Cabell's Company. After recovering from my wound I again joined the Army, was taken prisoner at Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina, May 12, 1780] when exchange joined the Army, and was ordered to Georgia as before stated: This detail is given into because I have long since lost or mislaid my Commissions. – I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates commonly called commutation certificates for the sum equal to the amount of full pay for five years, which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that though I have applied for a Pension since the 3rd day of March 1826, none have been paid me, owing to some informality in the mode of application, as witness my hand this 22nd June 1828

S/ John Jordan

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

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I do hereby certify that Colonel John Jordan joined my Company of Riflemen attached to the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment as a Cadet in the month of February 1776, and continued in the military service of his Country until the termination of the war, during which he obtained a Captain's Commission, and I do further certify that he conducted himself during the

aforesaid term of service, as a brave and active officer, being at the capture and defeat of the Hessians at Trenton on Christmas day of 1776; also was on Continental duty during the retreat of our Army through New Jersey in 1776, and there returned through Princeton the first of January 1777 to winter quarters; also that he acted as 2nd Lieutenant in my Company of Riflemen, which was under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan, and was at the defeat and surrender of Burgoyne's Army at Saratoga in New York on the 17th of October, previous to which he was in several long and severe engagements. – And I do further certify that after the return of Morgan's Regiment of Riflemen and its junction with the Main Army, commanded by the illustrious Washington in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia on the 7th of December 1777, a severe engagement took place between Morgan's Regiment and the British Troops on Edge or Chestnut Hill, in which Colonel Jordan received a dangerous wound on his knee, of which he remained ill many months; – so soon as able to do duty he joined the Army, and marched to South Carolina & Charleston, and there became a prisoner of war upon its surrender to the British troops the 12th of May 1780. So soon as exchanged, he was again ordered into service and marched into the State of Georgia and joined the Army under the command of General Wayne, where he continued in actual perilous service until the success of our arms demanded no longer his services; – the wound which he received on the above recited day has frequently been distressing and afflicting to him since his return from the Army, and claims the attention of his Country. Given under my hand the 17th of October 1810

S/ Samuel J Cabell, Lieutenant Colonel Virginia line
on Continental establishment

Colonel Jordan the bearer hereof was an officer in the Virginia line from the year 1776 until the close of the war, when he had the rank of Captain. I was well acquainted with him, and ever esteemed him as a brave and meritorious officer. Given under my hand this 3rd of December 1810

S/ James Wood, Brigadier General
former Continental Army

I do certify that Colonel Jordan served as an officer in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment; – I believe as Lieutenant and that at an action at Edge Hill near Philadelphia he received a wound on or near the knee, I was well acquainted with him from the first formation of the Regiment & know that he was considered a brave and good officer by all the officers of the Regiment.
January 16, 1811

S/ Andrew Moore Captain
9th Virginia Regiment Continental establishment

I knew Colonel Jordan from his infancy prior to the American Revolution; his entry into Captain Cabell's Rifle Company as stated, his services in Morgan's distinguished Rifle and partisan Corps, to which I was several times attached; – and served particularly with him at Edge Hill, and in the pursuit of Sir Henry Clinton through the Jerseys to New York, – at the battle of Monmouth &c. At Edge Hill Colonel Jordan, then a Lieutenant was most severely wounded in the knee, fighting in a most heroic manner, to my own personal knowledge; my Company coming up at that very instant and forming a part of a considerable reinforcement to Morgan, and my Lieutenant Meriwether and myself personally hoist in the said Jordan on Captain Dandridge's horse, that carried him from the scene of defeat and overthrow, which I have no doubt saved him from the general butchery which then took place. – The character of Jordan's gallantry is too

well-known to stand in need of any further feeble attestation of his friend and old Revolutionary brother & fellow sufferer.

John Nicholas, Captain
& Lieutenant Colonel Revolutionary Army
Richmond December 1st 1823

State of Virginia Richmond: to wit

I George W Munford Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing for certificates are true copies from the originals filed in my office. – Given under my hand this first of July 1828

S/ George W Munford, K. R. Va.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing September 25, 1818, for service as a Captain in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby certify that Captain John Jordan entered into the Service of this State Quota of Continental Troops in February 1776 & continued in the said service till the General Discharge of the Officers took place by a Resolve of Congress for that purpose. Given under my hand this 4 day of January 1784

S/ Sam. J. Cabell, Lieutenant Colonel [Samuel J Cabell]
4th Virginia Regiment

I do hereby certify that Capt. John Jordan
entered into the service of this State Quota of
Continental Troops in Feb^y 1776. & continued
in the s^o service till the Genl. Discharge of the
Officers took place by a Resolⁿ of Congress
for that purpose. – Given under my hand
this 4th day of Jan^y 1784.
S. J. Cabell Lt. Col.
4th Virginia Regiment

I do Certify that on the 18th February 1780 for a military Land bounty Warrant No. 2509 for 4666 2/3 acres of Land was issued by the State of Virginia to John Jordan for seven years service as a

Captain in the Virginia Continental line and that on the 10th of March 1808 and additional quantity of 500 acres issued for 9 months sense more than the seven years as Captain of Continental line and that it does not appear that any other such Warrants have ever been issued by the said State of Virginia to the said John Jordan or to any other officer of that name.

S/ William Selden, R. L. Off.

June, 1830