

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jackson S4431

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State of Tennessee Davidson County SS

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Jackson a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated to wit, That he was born on the 10th day of March 1764 in Prince Edward County Virginia. That he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Bartholomew Bourgh [?]¹ sometime in the year 1779 the day & month he does not now remember. He was placed under Captain Edmd. Booker [Edmund Booker] of Amelia County, Virginia, whither he had removed in early infancy. After enlisting as aforesaid we first marched to Williamsburg by the way of Petersburg Virginia where we expected to find the enemy, to wit, Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia who left the waters of Virginia in July 1776 after an engagement at Gwinn Island] the then Governor of Virginia but on our way, and at a small River called Chickahominy we understood that the enemy had took shipping somewhere down about Williamsburg or Norfolk – upon receiving this information, our Officers dismissed us, without giving us any written discharge – he entered for three months – he served he supposes this tour at least one month & a half –

After his discharge at Chickahominy, he went home in Amelia County, and after staying there some time he entered a second time as a substitute for his Uncle George Boulding [?]² in the service of his Country. The duty that now devolved upon him was guarding horses for the use of the United States Army – the time for which he entered was three months – he performed two months of this tour only under Captain Pleasant Roberts. At the end of the two months, the horses were sent off to the Army – we received a written discharge from our Captain Roberts – he has lost his discharge & in what way he does not know –

Upon being discharged he went home & there staid until the spring of the year 1780 – he entered a third time into the Service as a Substitute for one John Forrest, who was in the Army then at Hillsboro North Carolina – he (Forrest) had a brother all living in his neighborhood in

¹ Bourgh

² Boulding

Amelia County Virginia – he was induced by the representations of Forrest's brother-in-law to take his place in General Gates Army – and for this purpose he went to Hillsboro in North Carolina & arrived there after the Army under his command had left the place – He directed his steps after them & overtook them about twelve miles from the town – here he understood that Forrest (he for whom he was substituted) had been left at Hillsborough – he then went back to Hillsboro & was placed in his stead. General Gates had left behind at Hillsborough a company of militia men with directions that they should be sent down to Dan River to procure grain &c for the Army – he was one of this company. It was under the command of Major Mazaret. After performing this duty & returning back to Hillsboro & some short distance from Hillsboro, they heard of the defeat of General Gates at Camden South Carolina [August 15 – 16, 1780]. After he returned to Hillsboro, & was there a short time he got a furlough or leave of absence from Colonel Mumford [perhaps Edward Munford] permitting him to go home for a short time – he was taken sick on his way & could not return at the appointed time – his father then went to Colonel Greene (Colonel of Amelia County) [perhaps Abraham Green] & got his furlough renewed at the end of which time his term of three months had expired. He frequently saw General Gates at Hillsboro. After his defeat at Camden, he came back to this place. He also saw General Stevens [Edward Stevens], Colonel Richardson Officers of General Gates Army – he was in service this last tour he supposes about two months.

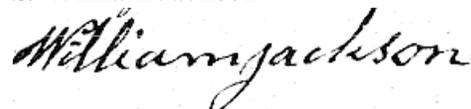
His fourth tour was also as a substitute for one Richard Ferguson. Sometime in the year 1781 he entered as a substitute for said Ferguson for the term of three months – he enlisted under Captain Allen of Prince Edward County, Virginia from whence we marched to Morben-Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River, where the American Army was stationed, under the command of General Lafayette – here we lay for some time & from thence we marched to Richmond Virginia & from thence to New Castle where we remained a few weeks, & from thence again to or near Ruffin's ferry on Pamunkey River – here we lay several weeks – thence we left here & crossed over James River at Minn's ferry, – after crossing James River and turned immediately down the River & recrossed it again at Old James town – thence we marched to Williamsburg where the headquarters of General Army were afterwards assembled, under General Washington – here received a written discharge his term of 3 months being at an end – General Robert Lawson gave it to him but since lost it. He here saw General Washington, General Lafayette, General Lawson – &c. He served in the whole eight months & a half.

He knows of but one person by whom he can establish the extent of his services, nor has he any documentary evidence thereof – He here Annex is the certificate of William Jackson Senior a cousin of his, which goes to prove his service.

I was living in Virginia at the end of the war, & from thence I removed to North Carolina, & lived there two years, and from there I removed to the State of Tennessee, and have resided here ever since, upwards of 36 years – he is known to most of the respectable citizens of Davidson County to wit, William Saunders, Esquire, Timothy Dodson, Eli Cherry, Colonel E H Foster, William Lytle of the Senate of the State Legislature – he is also known to General Andrew Jackson, in whose neighborhood he resides –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Jackson

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

[Robert S. Tate, a clergyman, and William Jackson of Davidson County, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Davidson County: SS

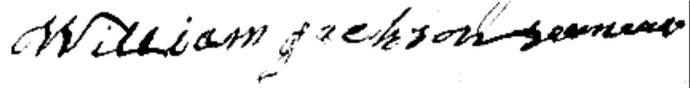
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October term 1832

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, William Jackson Senior³ who upon being sworn maketh oath to the following effect – viz. –

That his cousin William Jackson Junior his this day made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that they lived in the same neighborhood Amelia County Virginia: that they were both in service together though under different Officers – he has heard his cousin's declaration read, and he believes it to be strictly true. He is now seventy-four years of age and wishes to take no on due advantage of his Country: nor does he believe said William Jackson would.

S/ William Jackson Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Senior". The signature is written in black ink and is enclosed within a vertical rectangular border on the right side.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 ½ months in the Virginia militia.]

³ Probably the same man as [William Jackson S1676](#)