

Pension Application for John Jardon or Jordan

S.28779

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Orange.

On this 6th day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty six personally appeared in open court before the Court of the said County of Orange, now sitting John Jordan a resident of the town of Walkill [Wallkill] in said County and State aforesaid aged eighty eight years and now in my eighty ninth years, who first 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 but served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the service of the United States under one that went to Fort Montgomery in the County of Orange and State of New York, and situated on the Hudson River under Captain Nichols for the term of six months that he cannot now recollect the name of the Colonel under whom he was that General James Clinton was in command of Fort Montgomery at that time that the next day after he enlisted at Fort Montgomery he recollect permission to return home to fit for this service of [?] his enlistment that after having prepared himself or the service he returned to join his company at New Windsor which had marched from New Windsor and was then lying near or in the neighbourhood of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess that he enlisted as a Seargent but not reaching New Windsor when the company was ready to march, the office of Seargent was given to another person and this deponent then entered the company as a private.

That when he joined his company Captain Nichol was in the command of the same, and that Silas Wood acted as first Lieutenant & John Wilkin as second Lieutenant that upon reflection he remembers Colonel Paulding was in command of the regiment to which he belonged that the company passed down the river from New Windsor and Fishkill to Fort Montgomery.

That they remained but a few days at Fort Montgomery which Genl James Clinton then still commanded that he cannot now recollect the names of any other officers then there.

That from Fort Montgomery they were ordered to Fort Independence down the river near to Peekksill in the County of Westchester.

That there where their companies stationed at Fort Independence – one from Haverstraw commanded as near as this deponent can recollect by Captain Onderdonk the other company was from Cakeatt [Connecticut?] and commanded by one Captain Dermander that the other and third company was the one to which the deponent belonged.

That it was in the summer or spring of the year 1776 or 1777 when this deponent enlisted. That he had served 5 months of the time of his enlistment at Fort

Independence when they again marched or commanded back to Nichols Point near New Windsor where they were encamped and stationed until the full period of his enlistment had expired when he was discharged.

That this deponent upon reflection thinks that one Major Thompson was in command at Fort Independence but this deponent cannot recollect positively.

That he was born in Ireland in the County of Down in the year 1748.

That he has a record of his age in the family Bible at home.

That he resided in the town of Wallkill when he entered the service and has ever since lived there and now resides in that place.

That he is known to Henry Lindenman Esquire of the Town of Wallkill aforesaid and to Daniel Bull and Robert Thompson of the Town of Crawford in the said County of Orange who reside in his Neighborhood to whom he would refer the department for information of character & standing. (Signed) John Jordan

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Lebbius L. Vail Clerk Orange Com. Pleas.

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this thirtieth day of May in the year 1838, personally before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of orange now sitting as a Court of record in open court, John Jordan of the Town of Walkill County of Orange aforesaid aged ninety years on the third day of May instant who being first duly sworn deposes and says & on his oath makes the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Down in Ireland on the third day of May in the year 1748, and that he emigrated to the United States of America in the year 1771 and settled in the town of Walkill in Orange County aforesaid.

That in the month of June in the year 1776, this deponent entered the service of the United States as a Substitute for Jonathan Jordan his brother for the term of one month and was stationed at Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River that this deponent during said month served as a private soldier in a company of Militia of said State of which William Faulkner was the Captain & Colonel McClaughry's regiment that this deponent served the full term of one month at said fort. That at the expiration of the term of one month Captain Nicholas received orders to enlist a company of men for the term of five months.

That this deponent enlisted into said company for the term of Five months at Fort Montgomery under the promise made to this deponent that he should be the first sergeant of the company but by reasons of his being unable to rendyvous [rendezvous] with the company the company the first day the office of sergeant was given to one Asa Byram and this deponent was made Captain's Clerk and done the duty of such clerk for the full term of five months aforesaid. That said Company rendyvoused at Fort Montgomery in the latter part of the month of July in the year last aforesaid & from thence marched to Fort Independence on the Hudson River at Peekskill in the present

County of Westchester and was engaged in building said Fort for the term of four months that Captain Onderdonk & Derunder had each a company of men at said Fort. That said Companies belonged at that time to Col. Pawling's regiment.

That this deponent remained at said Fort under Capt. Nichols until after the battle at White Plains, that after said battle said company marched to Nichols Point on the Hudson River and were there encamped in barracks until about Christmas in the year 1776 when they were discharged.

That Silas Wood was the first & John Wilkins the second lieutenants in said company.

That in the month of September in the year 1777 this deponent was drafted for the term of one month and went to Fort Montgomery aforesaid & was put into a company of Militia of which to the best of deponents recollection.

[Blank] Stewart was the captain or had the command thereof & belonged to Col McClaughry's regiment that this deponent remained at said Fort until it was captured by the British on the 6th day of October in the year 1777. That the term of one month had not expired when said Fort was taken, this deponent then having served only three weeks. That this deponent escaped from said fort and returned to New Windsor & did not serve but here weeks in said company.

That in the month of September in the year 1778 this deponent went as a substitute for his brother Jonathan Jordan and served one month as a private under either Captain McBride or Captain Vail at [Hunk?] on the west side of the Shawangunk Mountains and was discharged in the latter part of the month of October in said year. The company to which deponent belonged was attached to Col Newkirk's regiment. This this deponent from old age & loss of memory is unable to be positive which of the Captains he served under but he knows that they both had command of companys at [Hunk?] aforesaid.

That this deponent has no documentary evidence of his service but is positive that he served the times before stated. (Signed) John Jordan

Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day & year first above written.
Lebbuis L. Vail Clerk of Orange County

Letter in folder dated January 8, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I Advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary Was pension claim, S.28779, it appears that John Jardon or Jordon was born May 3, 1746, in the county of Down, Ireland, came to America in 1771, and settled in Wallkill, Orange County, New York.

While residing in said Wallkill, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

From June, 1776, one month as a substitute for his brother, Jonathan, in Captain William Faulkner's Company, Colonel McClaghry's Regiment; immediately afterward, six months in Captain John Nicholas' Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment, he served at this time as captain's clerk; from September 1777 three weeks in Captain Stewart's Company, Colonel McClaghry's Regiment and was captured when Fort Montgomery was taken, October 6, 1777, but made his escape in September

1778, one month as substitute for his brother, Jonathan, in Captain McBride's or Captain Vail's Company, Colonel Newkirk's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 6, 1836, at this time he was living in Wallkill, New York.

It is not stated whether the soldier ever married.