

Pension Application for Robert Jordan

S.23733

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Indian County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year AD 1832, personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County now sitting Robert Jordan a resident of Mahoning Township Indiana County aged between the ages of eighty one and eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That in the month of March (about the middle of it) in the year 1776 he enlisted in Captain Steel's company in the first regiment of the New York Line. That the regiment was commanded by Colonel McDougall & the name of his Lieutenant was walker & the Ensign [lank] Wylie & that he continued in the service until the latter end of March 1778 at which time he was discharged while the Army lay at Valley Forge—

That at the time of his enlistment he resided in Morris County New Jersey above eight miles from Morristown—That deponent marched with the Army to Long Island & was underarms at the battle of Long Island but was not in engagement.

That he returned with the army to New York that during the time the army lay in New York declarant mounted guard over the Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment whose name deponent cannot recollect as he was not much with the army—but that at the time deponent mounted guard over him he was [?] open a charge of having [?] the [?] of the troops as deponent was informed.

That deponent left New York with; the army & continued with them till the battle of White Plains in which battle deponent was under fire after the battle of White Plains deponent marched with the army to Kingsbridge on the North river & then crossed the river & marched through Morristown in New Jersey & the same night after the army had encamped General Lee took up his quarters above eight miles from the army & was taken prisoner by the enemy light horse the army marched from there across to Delaware & marched down the Delaware but within eleven miles of Trenton where they crossed the river & & on the 26 of December deponent was engaged in capturing the Hessians at Trenton after which the army returned to the Pennsylvania side & continued there some days when they returned & took up quarters & lay there about six days when the army were about retreating—deponent was drafted at one of two hundred men who were detached with a field piece to guard a fording on [blank] river where deponent continued until the next morning—where the commanding officers was about to surrender to the British & the Captain of the Artillery induced the men to retreat to the main army at Princeton & from that the army went into quarters at Morristown—

During the winter deponent was put to drive one of General Wayne's field pieces which he drove for near two months & in the spring while he was still in said employment the army marched to a hill new Brunswick to where the British lay—when the British retreated. General Wayne commanded the rear guard & when they

approached near to a fort garrisoned by the British general Wayne rode up to it & raised himself in his stirrups & worked over into it.--& the British deserted the party through a gate in different direction—from thence Deponent continued with the army through Pennsylvania til they came to Brandywine at the battle of Brandywine deponent was not under arms but was stationed in charge of a waggon with biscuits & beef—where the American Army retreated deponent went with them having to waggon in charge & the provision were taken out & some wounded men put into it & deponent drove to where the army lay that night—Deponent continued to drive the waggon hauling forage for the army while they lay at Valley Forge & in the spring following deponent received his discharge which remained in Deponent's possession til about nine years ago when his house had burnt & his discharge consumed with his other papers together with part of the clothing of his family.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person who can testify to his service.

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.
(Signed) Robert Jordan

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. W. Banks Prot.

Letter in folder dated March 3, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from Papers on file in the pension claim, S.23733, based upon the military service of Robert Jordan.

He was born in 1750 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The names of his parents were not given.

While living about eight miles from Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, he enlisted about the middle of march, 1776, as private in Captain Steele's company in Colonel McDougall's New York regiment, was in the battles of White Plains and Trenton and was discharged in March 1778.

After the Revolution he lived at Carlisle and near Chambersburgh until about 1792 when he moved within the limits of what was later Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Robert Jordan was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Mahoning Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

In 1832 he referred to his brother (name not given) who lived near Pittsburgh. There are no data given relative to wife and children of Robert Jordan.

He died March 2, 1835.