

Pension Application for John P. Yordan

R.11943

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this first day of February in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and forty four, personally appeared before one Phineas Randall, a Judge of the Court of common Pleas of the said County, John P. Yordan, a resident of the town of Canajoharie, in the said County of Montgomery and State of New York; aged seventy eight years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the latter part of the month of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight (cannot recollect the precise day) declarant commenced the said service as a Volunteer in a company of Infantry of which Adam Lipe was captain, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Clyde. During that season until sometime in November he was engaged at building a Fort called Fort Clyde in the town of Canajoharie in the then county of Tryon (now Montgomery County) under the charge and direction of John Peter Dunkle a sergeant in the said Ada Lip's company in all at least six months.

During the winter following the work at the Fort was suspended and in the month of April seventeen hundred & seventy nine, it was resumed at which time he again engaged in the work in gathering materials, and digging trenches in preparatory to setting Pickets and such other work as the said Sergeant Dunkle directed until late in the fall as near as he can recollect about the first day of November when the Fort & Pickets were completed, having served in the year 1779, also at least six months.

During the seasons of seventeen hundred & eighty and seventeen hundred & eighty one he continued his services as a volunteer and was directed by Serjeant Dunkle to remain at the said Fort Clyde to guard the same with several others of whom George H. Nellis was one, which orders he obeyed and stood as guard regularly through these two seasons from some time in the months of April in each year to about the first of November making in case of the last mentioned years at least six months under military command during all of which three seasons he followed no other business nor was he absent from the Fort Except by orders of his commander on business pertaining to the service—with the exception that in each of these seasons at the request of his friends and by permission of said sergeant Dunkell he was absent a number of days to assist his friends together their crops, and to secure some of the necessaries of life, he is not certain as to the precise number of days in each season devoted to this object his best recollection however is that it was about ten or twelve days & not to exceed twelve—and with this further exception that in 1781 he served as a substitute (in the United States service) for one Joseph Tartle who resided somewhere near Schoharie Creek in the said County of Tryon—nine days.

In the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty two he continued in the service, but not as a volunteer, having then arrived at the age when by law he was bound to do military duty he was regularly enrolled in the company of the said Capt. Adam Lipe served a part of that season under the immediate charge and command of the said Captain and he remaining part of the season by his direction he was at the said garrison to guard it. From his first commencement in the service in the spring of seventeen hundred & seventy eight while working at the garrison he was regularly armed & equipped as required by law to defend the work & to engage in the service at any other point or in any other way as he might be commanded.

He cannot more distinctly state the time of the commencement of actual service in each season & the time of discontinuance that he has stated, having no data for which he can fix the day of either the commencement in close of actual service in each or either of these seasons.

The last year of service mentioned one thousand seven hundred & eighty two commenced also some time in April of the year & closed about the first of November making six months also in this year doing actual service and military command.

That part or proportion of the last season of 1782 he spent at the Fort & what part away from the Fort he cannot say with any certainty, on this point his recollection is very indistinct, recollects of being away from the Fort several times as a Scout, went twice as such to aid Cherry Valley at one time in company with one George Pletts, at another time with fourteen others neither of whose names he can now recollect.

Recollects also of being away from the Fort fifteen days at one other time with Capt Lipe and the remaining members of his company cannot recollect what the particular service was at the time, nor at what place or places all the data he has for fixing when these fifteen days is that he was paid by his Captain for this service twenty shillings, and it was said to be one shilling and four pence per day at the time.

During the year 1782 as in the preceding these years he was absent about twelve days in the same way to assist his friends in securing the necessaries of life.

From the year 1778 when he first entered upon the service, and to the termination of the war & up to the present time he was a resident of the town of Canajoharie in the County of Tryon (now Montgomery) in the State of New York.

He has no documentary evidence to offer in establishing this claim, which is for two and a half years service in all as a private.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John P. Yordan

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. P. Randall, first Judge of the Montgomery County Courts. Witness S. Countryman.

Letter in folder dated September 7, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

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Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Johannes Petrus (John Peter) Jordan, a soldier of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.11943, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John P. Jordan, the name does not appear as Jordan, Jorden or Jordon.

He was born January 1, 1766 in Canajoharie, Tryon (later Montgomery) County, New York.

He applied for pension, February 1, 1844, then a resident of Canajoharie, New York.

He alleged that while residing in said Canajoharie, he served in the years 1778 and 1779, six months each year as a private in Captain Adam Lipe's company in Colonel Clyde's New York regiment and assisted in building Fort Clyde, which work was under the direction of sergeant John Peter Dunkle; and served in 1780, 1781, and 1782 as a guard at Fort Clyde under Sergeant Dunkle.

The claim was not allowed, as proof of six months service as required by the pension law, was not furnished.

There are no data in this claim relative to his family.