Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Jordan: W24098

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District of Columbia } SS City and County of Washington }

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Sarah Easton and made oath that she is the mother and only heir at Law of Maria Jordan deceased who was the daughter and only child of John Jordan, late a cornet in [Lt. Col. Henry] Lee's Legion of the Maryland line and that the said Maria Jordan died a minor under five years of age in the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two

[signed] Sarah Easton

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6 day of May 1829.

William Waters JPeace

[Certified by Richard Harrison and Dorothy Storer]

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County of Washington, towit

On this eighth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight, Dorothy Storer, (formerly Harrison) of the City of Washington Personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that her sister Sarah Harrison, now Sarah Easton, was married to Captain John Jordan of the revolutionary army, on the twenty seventh day of December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven. That said Captain Jordan died in the year 1788, leaving an only child a daughter who was born on the 21st day of October 1788. and that said daughter died in the month of November seventeen hundred and ninety two. That the said Captain John Jordan was a native of Charles County in the State of Maryland.

[Punctuation partially corrected]

Land Office, Annapolis, 18th August 1842

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th Inst., which I received yesterday, I have to state, that by the Muster rolls of the Revolution in this Office, John Jordan appears to have been appointed a Lieutenant in the 1st Maryland Regiment on the 10th day of December 1776, and to have been promoted to the rank of Captain the 20th of December 1777. When he left the service the rolls do not show. By a depreciation pay roll he appears to have received £412.6s.9d Depreciation money issued to the Maryland quota of troops on Continental Establishment the 11th day of July 1781. The rolls of the Revolution are very imperfect, and I am utterly unable to ascertain from them the length of time Capt'n. Jordan was in service. His widow, Mrs. Easton, is on the pension roll of Maryland.

Very respectfully yr. ob't. s't.

G. G. Brewer

Alex'r. Ray, Esq'r.

NOTE:

Sarah Easton, Dorothy Storer, and possibly Richard Harrison were children of Lt. Col. Robert Hanson Harrison of the Virginia Continental Line. See the application for bounty land, BLWt1700-450.

On 21 July 1838 Sarah Easton, 69, applied for a pension in her own right, stating that she married John Jordan on 27 Nov 1787, he died in Nov 1788, and that in Oct 1796 she married David Easton who died in Apr 1835. A document in the file states that she died in 1844.