

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Uriah Gandee R3890
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1833, Nov 18 - Deposition for Rev. War Pension: Uriah Gandee

Service: Continental, PENN
Gandee/Gandy, Uriah R3890

State of Virginia }
Jackson County } S S

On this 18 day of November 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Jackson and state of Virginia Uriah Gandy a resident of the said County of Jackson and State of Virginia aged 80 years and six months 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated that in the year 1776 on 1st day of May at Philadelphia & State of PA Declarant volunteered his service under Capt. Thomas Forrest, Major William Proctor of the Philadelphia Artillery. Subaltern officers names affiant has forgotten affiant was marched in obedience to the orders of his said Capt. Forrest from Philadelphia to Mud Island fort and was stationed at said fort till some time in Nov of 76. Declarant was then marched up the Delaware River to a place along said river the name he has forgotten where he remained till December 76. Major Proctor's Artillery of which affiant was one was then marched to General Washington's Army at a place the name of affiant has forgotten, he now thinks Late in December 76. Declarant positively states that a report prevailed in the army among the soldiers that the British General Howe ordered American Capt. hung as a spy whose name he has forgotten. During the fall of 76 he also states that the soldiers was much exasperated a the inhuman treatment towards their unfortunate Countryman. He also recollects of hearing of a battle being fought on Sullivan's Island and on Long Island also White Plains and he further says that some time he thinks late in December of 76 he was engaged in the Capture of Hessians at Trenton, the defeat of the British at Princeton. Declarant says the weather was very cold about that time. After the battle of Princeton declarant was marched to Morristown he now thinks in the State of New Jersey where he was discharged by his said Capt. Thomas Forrest he thinks on the 20th day of January 1777 after having served 8 months & 19 days. Again in the year 1777 at Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania in the month of April Declarant thinks about the Twelfth day of the month in the year last aforesaid. He volunteered his service as a private soldier and was placed under the Command of Capt. Thomas Forrest his former officer who commanded a Company of Artillery. Declarant was marched from Philadelphia in the direction of Middlebrook stopping at several places the names of which he has forgotten. Declarant arrived at Middlebrook about the last of May where he again joined General Washington's Army. He states that in June 77 he marched with the army towards the Hudson & that he remained with the Army & marched to many places the names affiant has forgotten. Recollects of being marched to Brandywine and States that he was engaged in that battle & further says the Americans was defeated and further says his Major or Col. Proctor he now thinks of the Artillery PA troops distinguished himself

Declarant say he fought under the Eye of his Brave Major or Col. Proctor & Capt. Thomas Forrest at the memorable Battle before named in that hard fought Battle applicant says he performed the duty of applying the match & discharging the cannon. After the battle Gen. Washington retreated some considerable distance. He has forgoteen the distance or name of the places he was marched to previous to the battle of Germantown but he says an engagement was expected at a certain place name of the place he has forgotten which was prevented by a great rain. Declarant says on about the 4th of Oct 77 the American Army attacked the Enemy in then Camp at Germantown he says a Corps of British troops at a place he now thinks Chays [Chew's] house made a most obstinate & desperate resistance he says the fortune of the Day he thinks was in favor of the Enemy. Affiant will not acknowledge a defeat but calls the affair a draw battle. He says that from Germantown he remained with the army till the army went into quarters at Valley Forge at which place affiant was discharged by his said Capt. Thomas Forrest after having served from April till about 20th Day of December upwards of 8 months a private soldier. This terminated affiants service in the war of the revolution. He has no Documentary Evidence of his service. He is very old & Childish. He says he never took any care of his discharges. He says he knew many Regular Officers. Declarant states that he belonged & served in Col. Proctor's Command. He cannot recollect the No. of any Regiment. He says he remembers in particular Gen. Weedon's Brigade of Virginians & that it was a common saying among the troop that Weedon's men could whip the devil. Declarant hereby relinquishes Every Cm to a pension or annuity Except the present & he Declares that his named is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Uriah {his G mark} Gandee

To the Several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department & propounded to the Applicant he answereth as follows:

1. I was born in the year 1753 at Philadelphia & state of PA as I was told by my Parents & as I always believed.
2. I have no record of my age.
3. I was living in Philadelphia & State of PA when I entered the service. I have lived since in PA & VA where I now live in Jackson County on the Ohio River.
4. All my tours of duty I was a volunteer private soldier & served as such.
5. I knew in the service Gen. Washington, Greene, Weedon, Layfayette, Wayne & C. Col Proctor, Marshall & many others whose names I have forgotten. I served with PA, MD New Jersey Vol & regular troops. I fought at Princeton & Trenton & Brandywine & Germantown. I do not recollect the No. of any Regt. whatever & these are the General Circumstance of my Service.
6. I have lost my discharges.

7. I am known to John M Kown [McKown] & Phillips Hall of Jackson County State of VA who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my having been a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid:

Uriah {his G mark} Gandee

We John M Kown & Phillips Hall residing in Jackson County & State of Virginia Do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Uriah Gandee who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that believe him to be 80 years of age that he is reported & belived in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid:

John M Kown
Philip Hall

And I the said Justice of the peace Do hereby declare my opinion after the Investigation of the matter & after Putting the Interrogatories described By the War department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states & I the said Justice further Certify that It appears to me that John M Cown & Phillip Hall who have signed the preceeding Certificate are residents of the said County of Jackson & State of VA and are Creditable persons & that these statements are Intitled to Credit & I the said Justice further Certify that there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood of the above named applicants & I the said Justice do further certify that the above named applicant from bodily Infirmity is unable to travel to the Court House of the said County of Jackson from which he lives 12 miles & I the said Justice of the peace do further Certify that foregoing contains the original proceedings of myself IN the matter of the application of Uriah Gandee for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18 day of November A.D. 1833:

George Stone JPeace {Seal}

I Benjamin Wright Clerk of the County Court of Jackson in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that George Stone who has signed the above certificate is and was at that time an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and that his signature is a genuine signature.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal office this 17th day of March 1834:

Benjamin Wright

Uriah Gandy Applicant

Elias Parsons of Jackson County a Man of character and neighbor of Gandy states to the

undersigned on the 28th Decr. 1834 that on the night of the 25th Dec. Gandy staid at his home on his way to Ohio. that Gandy was talking about his Application for a Pension and in answer to an enquiry made by Parsons as to how long he had served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution Gandy replied "Something like Six months". Parsons further stated that not one man who knew Gandy believed he ever served one hour as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He is too young.

Danl. G. Monell [Morrell?] Clerk of Jackson Supr. Court states on same day that Gandy applied to him to write to the Secretary of War about his pending claim for a Pension and that he did in compliance with Gandy's request write- at the time questioning Gandy detail his services to him. from that statement he did not think him Entitled. He claimed to have been engaged against the Indians for some Seven or eight months. On reference to Gandy declaration it will be seen that he locates his service in Pennsylvania & New Jersey ... this declaration was made in the county before a magistrate. He is a harty man. Can walk 40 miles a day, as I am told. There can be no doubt of this claim being fraudulent. Gandy has made a new declaration from Ohio. So I am informed.

W. G. Singleton
Jany 2, 1834

1834, Jun 7 - Letter: J. J. Arnold to J. L. Edwards, War Department, Pension Office

Lower Kanhaway
June the 7th 1834 Lewis County, VA

Sir,

I received yours of the 10th April together with that of the 24th and as stated in my other of this date that I had to go to see the applicants and I have just ventured to write and give you an account of the explanation of Mr. Gandee... I tried to get some instructions of men who had been in a habit of doing business of this kind and could not get any without giving high fees and the applicant is not able to pay them. I therefore must write to you myself I did not know whether they must be qualified to their explanation or not. I have made the following Enquiries. Mr. Gandee says he cannot depose to any other facts than is set forth in his declaration but you must have been mistaken in looking at the Declaration of Mr. Gandee as he does not alledge to have been a drafted Militia nor served as such you state. He alleges to have served in a Company of Capt. Davis. This must have Mr. Rhodes papers. Gandee was a volunteer throughout and say he does not recollect the No. of his Regiments as he served in Many places and under several field officers. He is very old and lives with his son since his application for a pension. His son has taken him to his house which is between 20 & 30 Miles from the courthouse and a great ways from any Justice of the Peace. He is like Mr. Rhodes has left his companion behind she is his 2nd wife and his son is not willing to keep both. He is also a member of the Methodist Society and has been nearly ever since he quitted the service only what intervals by removing one place to another. He is also known in the County of Jackson where he resided and in Lewis and Kanhaway, Harrison and Randolph Counties as one of the soldiers of the Revolution from Circumstances of the Revolutionary War Detailed by him from his first acquaintence in this

West of Virginia I think by a Re-examination of his papers his Claim will be allowed him.
[Discussion of additional claims follows]

I have the Honor to be your most obedient Servant

J. J. Arnold agent & c

Hon. J. L. Edwards
War Department, Pension Office

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War Dept.
Pension Office
March 16, 1835

Sir:

The claims of the following named persons to pensions under the Act of June 7, 1832, the merits of which have been thoroughly investigated by Mr. W. G. Singleton, a Special agent appointed by the Dept. for that purpose, have upon receipt of his report, been rejected vis:

James Mase, Zachariah Rhodes
Samuel Tanner, Uriah Gandy
Charles Stewart, Elijah Runion
Bazel Wright and Thomas Hughs, all of Jackson County,

Va. You will please inform them of this decision in their claims.

I am Respgr

The Clerk of the County Court
Ripley, Jackson Co., Virginia

[Note added by Will Graves: This man's claim fits in with the exhaustive research and documentation which C. Leon Harris has posted as part of his transcript of the pension application of [David W. Sleeth S6111](#).]