

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Gideon (Gidden) R4002      Elizabeth Gideon      f53SC  
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State of Mississippi, Monroe County

On this 10 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the circuit Court of said County now sitting Richard Gideon a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty Seven years 20th of June last 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 herein stated. He volunteered in the service of the United States in Laurens County State of South Carolina where he resided in the month of May 1780. He entered the service under the command of Captain Lewis Duvauld [Lewis Duvall] under whom he served eight or ten months principally against the Cherokee Indians. The field officers were Colonel Hays [Joseph Hayes], Colonel Benjamin Kilgore and Major Anderson [probably Robert Anderson]. He was then attached to Captain Lewis Sexton's [Lewis Saxon's] Company and under him was in the Army commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina. He was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781]. The British officer the siege was Colonel Cruger [John Harris Cruger]. He there got wounded by a bullet which is yet in his thigh. The siege was raised without taking the Fort owing to the arrival of the British under Lord Rawdon whom report stated had been joined by several thousand Irish. This was after the battle of Camden and in the summer of the year he thinks in 1781. He was in several skirmishes and fought the British on Saluda River under Colonel Hayes and Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] afterwards General Pickens. The country through which he marched was Georgia and South Carolina principally in South Carolina. He continued in the service until peace was made. His term of service was about three years or upwards. At the time he could have named several of the regular officers, but his recollection at this time is too indistinct to speak of them satisfactorily. The militia and regulars were not permitted to mix together and being only a soldier he did not become acquainted with the regular officers, regiments or companies. At Ninety Six there were two forts one called Allen's where the Tories were suppose to be, and the other the Big red out [sic, redoubt] where the British were. The militia besieged Allen's and the regulars the Big Redoubt. He has no documentary evidence of his service. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of old Mrs. Wilson which is hereto appended. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.  
S/ S. H. Buckingham, Clerk

S/ Richard Gideon, X his mark

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The State of Mississippi Monroe County: Circuit Court November Term 1832

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared Susan Wilson of said County aged Seventy-one years who after being duly sworn maketh oath that she was well acquainted with the above named Richard Gideon in the State of South Carolina, that she saw him frequently in the service of the United States in the State of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War, That the said Richard Gideon served in the same company with her husband James Wilson who hath departed this life. That the said Richard Gideon and her husband continued in the same service for about three years or upwards. She further states that the said Richard Gideon was wounded in the service and was brought to her house, that she accompanied him to his father's and that after he got so he could serve he again entered the service.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ S. H. Buckingham, Clerk

S/ Susan Wilson, X her mark

[Robert Bell, a clergyman, and James Ganaway gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Mississippi Monroe County: Probate Court 26 August 1833

The Amended Declaration of Richard Gideon and the said Richard Gideon being duly sworn in open Court by way of Amendment to his original Declaration he states that the period of the war was in the revolutionary war was from 1780 to 1783 when he served to the best of his recollection and as stated in his original declaration that he continued in the service until information was received that peace was declared and the troops were discharged. And the said Richard Gideon further deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below. I volunteered as a private in the militia of South Carolina in the revolution and served as such on the part of the United States not less than three years as stated in my original declaration and for which I claim a pension. And in answer to the questions propounded by the Court in conformity with the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the declarant states that he was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1765 in the County of Charlotte state of Virginia, that he has now no record evidence of his age except that many years ago he set it down in his family Bible which he now has that when he volunteered into the service of the United States he resided in Lawrence [Laurens] County State of South Carolina that he has lived since the revolutionary war in the state of South Carolina Georgia & Tennessee and now lives in Monroe County and state of Mississippi and has resided there for twelve years last past; that he does not recollect whether he ever received any written discharge or not but thinks he did not he never expected it would be of any advantage to him and if he received a discharge he has no recollection whom it was by or what became of it and he is satisfied he never received one as to the regular officers whom he knew he states he had no personal acquaintance with any of the regular officers that he now recollects that the corps with which he served mixed very little with any regulars. In reference to the persons in his present neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, he will name the Reverend Robert Bell

Major James Ganaway Captain John Bell Surveyor General of the Chickasaw Nation Colonel Abner Prewitt David Flint, John Hill and Samuel Ragsdale Esquire and he could name more than a hundred others of the most respectable Citizens of his neighborhood whom he is confident would willingly bear with testimony thereto.

Sworn to in open court  
26 August 1833

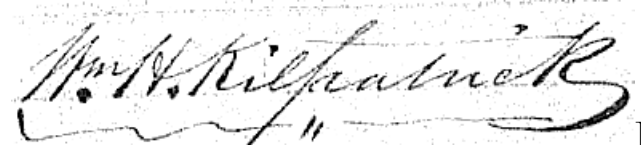
S/ Richard Gideon, X his mark

[p 13: On February 11, 1856 in Word Gidden filed an application in Pontotoc County Mississippi stating that he qualified as the administrator of Elizabeth Gidden [sic], widow of Richard Gidden [sic]; that she died May 29, 1847; that Richard and Elizabeth were married in 1788 and lived together as man and wife until Richard's death on November 7, 1834; that Elizabeth thereafter never married again but remained the widow of Richard Gidden. The applicant claims the arrears of pension you the widow as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. His claim on her behalf was rejected. In other correspondence in the file Word Gidden is referred to as the son of Elizabeth Gideon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Word Gidden". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The word "Word" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Gidden". The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[p 43: On August 18, 1855 in Monroe County Mississippi, Sarah Nabers gave testimony that she was acquainted with Richard and Elizabeth Gidden [sic] in South Carolina, Laurens County; that she lived a near neighbor to them and was at their wedding which according to her best recollection took place in 1788 when she, the affiant, was 14 years old. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 45: On February 15, 1856 in Pontotoc County Mississippi, William H Kilpatrick gave testimony that he was acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Gidden [sic] during her lifetime; that affiant is acquainted with Mrs. Margaret Hilliard the reputed oldest child of Richard and Elizabeth Gidden; that he the affiant has seen the family Bible record in which the birth of Margaret Hilliard is dated December 8, 1789.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. H. Kilpatrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 24 months in the South Carolina militia.]