

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Laurance Gordon S31071

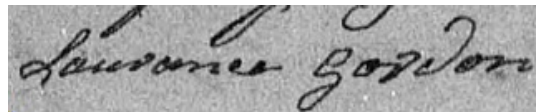
VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky }

Franklin County } On this 11th day of June 1834 personally appeared before me David Waite a Justice of the peace in and for Franklin County and one of Judges of the County Court for said County of Franklin Lawrence Gordon aged 72 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

This declarant states that he was residing in King George County State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. That in the month of November in the year of 1778 a call was made for the Militia of King George County to go in to the service when he the said Laurence Gordon was marched from said County of King George early in the month of Nov under Lieutenant Phillip Alexander, Capt Townsend Dade, Major Stith and Coln Skinker to Boyd's Hole on the Potomac River, where he states they were stationed for the pupose of preventing the British from landing as well as to guard a publick warehouse at said place. he states that at said place he remained discharging his duty as a faithful soldier under the aforesaid officers until the last of March 1779 when Coln Skinker verbally discharged the Regiment and he returned home, having been in the service five months. – This declarant further states that in the month of June 1781 That Cornwallis was marching through Virginia when he the said Lawrence Gordon was again called into the service from said County of King George for the purpose of arresting his progress he states that they rendesvoused at King George Courthouse and marched under the Command of Capt Phillip Alexander (his former Lieutenant) Coln Robert Stith and was attached to Gen [George] Weedon's brigade from said place of rendezvous to Falmouth on the Rappahannock River and was stationed in an old field near to Hunter's Forge a short distance above Falmouth; whilst he was there stationed he states that they were informed that Tarlton's light horse [sic: Banastre Tarleton's Legion] was to be in Fredericksburg when he the said declarant and some others were sent as a guard from said encampment to Fredericksburg, finding that Tarltons light horse did not come to Fredericksburg and that Cornwallis had shaped his course in another direction it was thought advisable by the officers to discharge a part of the regiment When he the said declarant was discharged by his said Capt Alexander in the month of July having served about thirty five days. This declarant further states that independent of the two tours above stated of which he has a perfect and a distinct recollection that he did perform other militia services to a considerable extent and not being able to state precisely the length of each tour as is required by the department he will annex an amendment; he states that he has no documentary evidence of his service but independent of respectable tradition evidence which he now offers he states that he can prove by a credible living witness that he did render the service above stated he state that he is old and infirm and that he lives a distance of ten or twelve miles from Frankfort and would have to travel over an unusual bad road and he thinks the trip would manifestly injure his already declining health



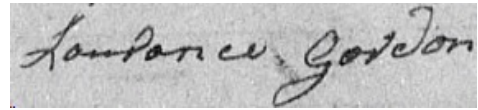
Answers to the Questions put by the Justice

I was born in King George County State of Va on the 15th day of May 1762 and my age was recorded in the parish Register in that County and when I left Va I failed to take a copy, but I know my age is there so recorded and when I entered the service I was living in King George County Va where I lived until the year of 1792 and I now live in Franklin County Ky and I belonged to the 2nd Class of Militia and that Class was called the first of Nov 1778, I staid in the service five months, the next time I was called out was when Cornwallis was passing throug Va and all the militia in the county was called out on this tour I

served thirty five days on my first tour there no Regular officers; of the Militia Coln Skinker, Major Stith, Capt Dade, on my second tour Gen Weedon Coln Stith, (my Former Major) Capt Alexander, and I never received a written discharge but was verbally discharged by Coln Skinker on my first tour; on my second tour I was discharged by Capt Alexander. I will state the names of Elijah Harwood and David Waite who can testify to my character for veracity and my standing in my neighbourhood as a soldier of the revolution.

Amendment to the foregoing declaration

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for Franklin County Lawrence Gordon who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of his having lived on the banks of the Potomack River during the revolution that he was frequently called out as a minute man to oppose the landing of the british and to protect the shore of the river, and as he was frequently called out without regard to time he states that he cannot swear positively how long he did serve but he states that he knows that in year of 1779 that he did not serve less than thirty days under Capt Dade and that in the year of 1780 he did not serve less than forty days under Capt Phillip Alexander as a private

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Gordon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[George Gordon, 74, certified the above service.]