

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Gordon S32274

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State of Illinois, Montgomery County Sct.

County Commissioners Court Special March term 1833

On this 30th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Commissioners now sitting Benjamin Gordon resident in the County of Montgomery (or Fayette near the line) and the State of Illinois aged Seventy years & three 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 herein stated. He entered the Service in July in the year 1780 in Mecklenburg County near Charlotte and the State of North Carolina under General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. Marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina with the wounded was then sent as Waggoner to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army then marched under General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] of Georgia under the Mountains as a Ranger next marched into Newberry County in South Carolina under Captain Nathaniel Davis Colonel Glen General Levi Casey with whom he continued ranging during the rest of the war and was discharged in Newberry County in the State of South Carolina after serving nearly three years in the year 1783, he was acquainted with Generals Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Greene, Sumter, Clarke & Casey also with Colonels Glen, Williams & Summers. With Captain Virdin, Dugan & Liles, he was in no battle of any consequence. He has no documentary evidence but can prove some of the particulars of his service by James Virdin¹ of Montgomery County Illinois. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the said Benjamin Gordon

Quest 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Newberry County in the State of South Carolina on the 30th day of August 1762.

Quest 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a record of my age at my own house.

Quest 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in the State of South Carolina when I entered the Service and continued to reside there for 25 or 30 years after the close of the War when I removed to Kentucky in 1812 resided there 10 years & removed to the State of Illinois in 1822 where I have resided for the past 10 years I now live either in the County of Montgomery Lafayette near the line in the State of Illinois

Quest 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I entered the service as a volunteer and so continued

1 [James Verden \(Verdin\) W22485](#)

Quest 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not know the names of any regular officers I think there were none in the Corps in which I served I was acquainted with Lisles Regiment Colonel Glen's Regiment Colonel Williams and Colonel Adam Summers' Regiments all militia or regiments of rangers I belonged entirely to the ranging service.

Quest 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received any except an indent on which I drew pay for my services

Quest 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with the Reverend Henry Sears & James Virdin.

S/ Benjamin Gordon²

[Henry Sears, a clergyman, and James Virdin gave an affidavit but most of their affidavit is missing from the file and appears to be lost.]

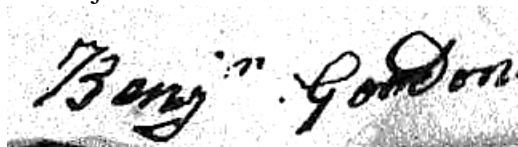
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State of Illinois, Montgomery County

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of August A.D. 1833 the within named Benjamin Gordon, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace within and for said County and being duly sworn saith that he entered the Service of the United States in Captain Lisles' Company of militia, under General Sumter in July of the year 1780 near Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina as a private soldier. He served two weeks in that capacity and was then sent by order of General Sumter, with the soldiers horses in search of pasturage, under Major Gordon the father of this Affiant, in which capacity he continued about three weeks; he was then by order of Major Gordon placed as attendant and nurse of the Sick and wounded in Charlotte North Carolina, in which capacity he continued about six weeks, was then sent to Hillsboro, North Carolina with the wounded & Sick. He was then sent by Major Gordon his father as Wagoner in General Greene's Army in which capacity he continued about one month. He then followed the General Greene's Army, under the immediate command of Major Gordon into South Carolina; He was then placed under the Command of General Clarke of Georgia, under whom he continued to range about six weeks under the mountains; But he cannot now remember the name of the Captain under whom he was placed; He was then placed under Captain Nathaniel Davis in Colonel Glen's Regiment under the command of Brigadier General Levi Casey under whom he continued to Served as a private during the remainder of the War. This last service was militia or ranging service, And he was discharged as within stated about three months after the peace was concluded – being in pursuit after the peace of the murderers and Out-lyers. He States explicitly from the time he entered the Service in July 1780 till he was finally discharged in (as he now thinks) August 1782 – making in the whole of his service two years and one month. He was never out of the Service of the United States for one single day. He served the whole time as a private. Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above written.

S/ Hiram Rountree, JP

S/ Benjm. Gordon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjⁿ. Gordon." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

² Not the veteran's actual signature—same handwriting as the application

[Facts in file: Veteran died March 31, 1836, place not stated; there is no reference made in the file documents to any wife or children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Benjamin Gordon pp 5
Audited Account No. 2971
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No. 110

No. 2528 Book X

27 April 1786

Benjamin Gordon for Militia Duty in Waters [Philemon Waters'] Regiment since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency £483

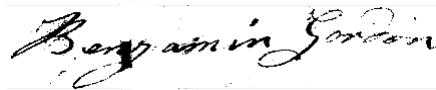
Stg. [Sterling] £69

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Repeat of the above information in a different format]

Received the 27th April 1786, full Satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 2528 – X

S/ Benjamin Gordon



[p 4: Printed form of indent No. 2528 Book X]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.