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Pension Application of Archibald Gordon S34904

MD PA

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Archibald Gordon a Citizen of the United States and at this time [9 April 1818] residing in Cecil County state of Maryland doth declare that on the 14th day of February 1777 he marched from Elkton [MD] for three months service under Capt. Thos. F Henderson [Thomas F. Henderson] in the second regiment of Malitia commanded by Colo. Henry Hollingsworth and on returning at the expiration of said time from the Jerseys enlisted under Capt. John Dennis in the eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment Col Patten [sic: John Patton] and Col. Parks [sic: John Parke] and there remained until General Gates Defeat in South Carolina [defeat of Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] and then was taken out of the Pennsylvania by Major John Rudulph [VAS2156] and put into Col. Lees Regiment of Horse and Infantry [Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion] in Capt Michael Rudulph's [BLWt945-300] Company under whose command he remained until the end of the war and was disbanded with the rest of the army in Charlestown South Carolina without receiving any Discharge, and that from his advanced age he is unable to support himself and family not having any property or subsistence for support of himself and family but the charity of his Country

State of Maryland Cecil County To Wit

On this Eleventh day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the Second Judicial district of the State of Maryland proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in Amount & keeping a Record of its Proceedings Archibald Gordon aged seventy five years resident in Cecil County in said district – who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he enlisted in Captain Millers Company attached to the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col. Patton in Philadelphia in March 1777 – that he was afterwards transferred to the company commanded by Capt. Michael Rudulph which formed a part of the Legion commanded by Gen'l. Henry Lee, in which he continued until the termination of the War when he was discharged at Charleston in South Carolina, and that he made a declaration in conformity to the Acts of 18 March 1818 in Cecil County Court on or about the 9th day of April 1818 and obtained a pension under the said Act his certificate being numbered 3944. And I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner dispose of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Security contracts or Debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Sworn to in Open Court/ James Sewall Clk

Schedule

One Milch Cow, Two pigs, Two Beds and Bedding, 2 old Tables and a few small Articles the whole not exceeding in value Fifty two Dollars

That he is by trade a shoe maker, but by reason of the failure of his Eye sight his age and infirmity he is able to work but very little at his Trade; That he has a wife old and infirm, who resides with him which is all the family he has.

Archibald hisXmark Gordon

Witness/ James Sewall

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Images are partly or entirely illegible. See endnote.]

Cecil County}

Before me [name illegible] one of the Justice of the peace in and for the [several illegible words] came John Bennett [VAS579] and on his solemn oath [several illegible words] the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at which time he was taken into Lieut Col Henry Lee's Legion in [undeciphered word] in the service of the Untied States and that [two undeciphered words] Archibald Gordon continued until we, together with the rest [two undeciphered words] this deponent who was then in the first Troop of [three undeciphered words] Lee's Legion were all discharged at the close of the Revolutionary War [several undeciphered words] in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty three [three illegible lines] – sworn and subscribed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty one before me/ Justice of the peace.

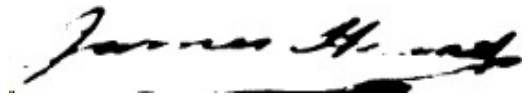
I Certify that Archibald Gordon was enlisted in the Legion commanded by Lt Colo. Henry Lee in the year seventeen hundred & eighty and served in the infantry of s'd Legion untill the conclusion of the revolutionary war

James Heard [S540]

late Capt. of the 2<sup>d</sup> Troop of Dragoons Lee's Legion

Trenton N. Jersey

Sept'r 24<sup>th</sup> 1821



NOTES:

On 8 Oct 1783 Archibald Gordon signed his name acknowledging receipt of pay for the months of October through December 1780 (last digit not clear). See transcription at

<http://revwarapps.org/b394.pdf>

A letter in the federal file signed by W Lawrence and dated 2 May 1873 reads in part: "Archibald Gordon died at Glasgow Maryland or is supposed to have done so near Elkton Md. He was a Bugler in Lees Legion in the Revolutiony War. His name will appear on the Pension Rolls as he drew pension until the time of his death some 20 or 30 years ago. Another document dated 7 Jan 1874 from Pickaway OH states that Gordon "died perhaps in 1829, in the City of Baltimore." These documents appear to be part of legal efforts "to recover 200 acres of land situate in the Virginia Military District" of Ohio. Although Lee's Legion nominally belonged to Virginia, soldiers from Maryland were entitled to land from that state and not Virginia.