

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Gordon S41584

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State of North Carolina, Warren County Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Sessions 1824

On this twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record (having been made such by an act of Assembly and uniformly recognized as such by the decisions of the Courts of the State) Solomon Gordon age sixty five or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the eighteenth of March eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the first of May eighteen hundred and twenty that he the said Solomon enlisted as a private for the term of one year on the 12th of April 1781 or near about that time for twelve months in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Carter [Benjamin Carter], in the regiment commanded by Col. Paxton, in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis at York [October 19, 1781], when he was discharged from the said service in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina; that he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]¹ and Guilford [March 15, 1781],² and badly wounded in the former engagements, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but his own oath, and the certificate hereto annexed. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I Solomon Gordon do hereby solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as 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 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person, for me any property or securities, contracts or debt due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: to wit one sow and eight pigs, one pot, one oven, one horse, two tubs, two pails, one loom, eight barrels of corn, one stack of fodder, one hundred & fifty weight of meat, one plough, four weeding hoes, one grubbing hoe, two axes; that he is by occupation a farmer, but in consequence of his infirmities and the disabilities occasioned by the wounds which he received at the battle of the Eutaw Springs he is

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html The NC Continentals at Eutaw Springs were commanded by Major Reading Blount.

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html The NC Continentals at Guilford County Court House were commanded by Lt. Col. Henry "Hal" Dixon and Major Reading Blount.

not able to support himself by his own labour: that he has no one living with him but his wife who is old and unable to work. -

S/ Solomon Gordan [sic], X his mark

The Court are of the opinion that the value of the above mentioned property is fifty dollars.
State of North Carolina, Warren County

I Caswell Drake clerk of the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Warren aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing Oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly Copied from the records of the said court, and I do further certify, that it is the Opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is \$50.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court on this 16th day of April 1824.

S/ C. Drake, CWCC

I hereby certify that Solomon Gordon is a resident of Warren County. I presume that the name of Paxton is injected in his Declaration through misstate. Thaxton [James Thackston] is the name of the Colonel under whom he served. Washington 17 May 1832.

S/ H. G. Burton³

Member of the House of Representatives from the
State of North Carolina

State of North Carolina Secretaries Office 27th April 1824

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Solomon Gordon a private in Captain Carter's [Benjamin Carter's] company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 12th April 1781, for 12 months, and that his time was out the 25th of April 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the state above.

S/ Wm. Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 17, 1824, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

³ BURTON, Hutchins Gordon, (nephew of Robert Burton), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Virginia in 1782; when three years of age his father died and he was sent to Granville County, where he was reared by his uncle, Col. Robert Burton; moved to Mecklenburg County, N.C., in 1803; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1806 and practiced; member of the State house of commons in 1809; elected attorney general of North Carolina in 1810 and served until his resignation in November 1816; moved to Halifax, N.C., in 1816, and again elected a member of the State house of commons in 1817; elected as a Republican to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses, as a Crawford Republican to the Eighteenth Congress, and served from December 6, 1819, until March 23, 1824, when he resigned; Governor of North Carolina 1824-1827; resumed the practice of law in Halifax; was the host of General Lafayette when the latter visited Raleigh during his tour of the United States in 1825; died while on a visit to relatives in Iredell County, N.C., April 21, 1836; interment in Unity Churchyard, Beattys Ford, Lincoln County, N.C. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B001152>