

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Gorden S45881

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this \_\_\_ day of October 1833 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Williamson aforesaid now Sitting Charles Gorden a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 68 years who being first 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States about the first day of July 1780 as a volunteer for nine months under Captain Thomas Cooke [Thomas Cook] & Lieutenant Thomas Gunter & was marched from Guilford County North Carolina where he then resided and through the adjoining Country to protect the inhabitants and to prevent the Tories from gathering and doing mischief in which he was engaged until a few days before the Battle of Guilford Court House in March 1781 [March 15, 1781] at which time he joined the main Army at high rock ford on Haw River under General Green [Nathanael Greene] – he then fell into the Regiment commanded by Colonel Butler [John Butler] after he had remained a few days Captains Hugo and Cooke's Companies were detached to Carraway Mountains where a body of Tories under Magut or Magerty [Daniel McGirt?] were encamped but before he and the rest of the troops under the command had arrived at the mountains information reached them that the Tories had been defeated he then was marched back and he together seven or eight others were ordered to guard Scales' wagon to Bell's Mills on Deep River and on his return was discharged some time in May 1781 making a term of nine months which he served for which he received a discharge & which he gave to his father & has not seen it since. He was acquainted with no other officers than those above mentioned. He has no documentary evidence in his possession and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except Absalom Scales whose affidavit was taken to substantiate a Declaration of his at October term of this Court 1832 but which was not submitted because the clergyman could not appear before said Court and which affidavit is here submitted. He was engaged in no battles but was often engaged in small skirmishes with Tories.

He was born he thinks in March 1765, he lived in Guilford County North Carolina when he entered the Service and after the Revolution he resided in the same until he came to Nashville Tennessee a Soldier under Captain Hunter & remained as such two years in the service of North Carolina he then served two years in the Indian War at the North under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], he then went back to North Carolina and immediately removed to Georgia & resided there 13 or 14 years then moved to Tennessee in 1812 and has since that time resided in Williamson aforesaid. 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 in Open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thos. Hardman, Clk

S/ Charles Gorden, X his mark

[John blithe, a clergyman, and Thomas Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Williamson County

I Absalom Scales of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Charles Gorden. That I saw him in General Greene's Army a few days after the battle at Guilford in North Carolina and he was then detached to guard my Father's wagons to Bell's Mills on Deep River which supplied the Army with provisions. I also believe him to be 67 years old and that he served the time he has specified in his declaration. I also believe him to be a person of credit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

S/ Wm Little, JP

S/ Absalom Scales

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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[another version]

Pension Application of Charles Gorden, Nat'l Archives Series M804, Roll \_\_\_\_\_, Application #S45881

Transcribed by Nancy Poquette

Williamson County, Tennessee }

On this \_\_ [left blank] day of October 1833, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Williamson aforesaid now setting, Charles Gorden, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration...:

That he entered the service of the United States about the first day of July 1780 as a volunteer for nine months under Captain Thomas Cook and Lieutenant Thomas Gunter and was marched from Guilford County, North Carolina where he then resided through the adjoining country to protect the inhabitants and the prevent the Tories from gathering and doing mischief, in which he was engaged until a few days before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March 1781 at which time he joined the main army at High Rock Ford on Haw River under General Greene. He then fell into the regiment commanded by Colonel Butler.

After he had remained a few days, Captains Hugo's and Cook's companies were detached to Caraway Mountains where a body of Tories under Magert or Magerty were encamped but before he and the rest of the troops under their command had arrived at the mountains, information reached them that the Tories had been defeated. He then was marched back, and he together [with] seven or eight others were ordered to guard Scales wagon to Bell's Mills on Deep River and on his return was discharged sometime in May 1781, making a term of nine months which he served for which he received a discharge which he gave to his father and has not seen since.

He was acquainted with no other officers than those above mentioned. He has no documentary evidence in his possession and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except Absalom Scales, whose affidavit was taken to substantiate a declaration of his at October term of this court 1832 but which was not submitted because the clergyman could not appear before said court and which affidavit is here submitted.

He was engage in no battles but was often engaged in small skirmishes with Tories.

He was born, he thinks, in March 1795. He lived in Guilford County, North Carolina when he

entered the service and after the Revolution he resided in the same until he came to Nashville a soldier under Captain Hunter and remained as such two years in the service of North Carolina. He then served in the Indian War at the north under General Wayne. He then went back to North Carolina and immediately removed to Georgia and resided there 13 or 14 years, then moved to Tennessee in 1812, and has since that time resided in Williamson aforesaid...etc. Charles Gorden, his mark.

Williamson County, Tennessee }

I, Absalom Scales of the county of Williamson and state of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Charles Gorden. That I saw him in General Greene's army a few days after the battle at Guilford in North Carolina, and he was then detached to guard my father's wagon to Bell's Mills on Deep River, which supplied the army with provisions. I also believe him to be 64 years old, and that he served the time he has specified in his declaration. I also believe him to be a person of \_\_\_\_.[?veracity?]