

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Gordon SC54  
Audited Account No. 2975

AA49<sup>2</sup>

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To the Honorable David Ramsey Esquire President & other Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of John Gordon humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner hath a well-founded claim for personal Services in the year 1780, 1781 & 1782 as will appear by his attached Account and a Certificate of Alexander Swinton Esquire Lieutenant Colonel of Britton's Neck Regiment –

That he [undeciphered word] Depreciation of State Indents for several Years was the Cause of his not applying sooner as the compensation would have been inadequate to his demand, and not worth the Expense he must have incurred to obtain the same – But that State Indents having become more valuable of late would be some Indemnification to your Petitioner –

Therefore hopes you will Humble House will not deem his application improper, because it has not been made sooner. –

Your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable House will grant him such Compensation for his personal Services as to their Wisdom shall seem meet<sup>3</sup> – And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray



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<sup>1</sup> 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 "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. 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.

<sup>2</sup> This file contains documents relating to more than one individual named John Gordon. I am reasonably confident that the documents transcribed in this transcript relate to the same individual by that name.

<sup>3</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

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State of South Carolina

To John Gordon Dr. to Five months Duty in the year 1780 as a private	£11.5
To Seven Months duty for the year 1781 as a Lieutenant	73.10
To five months Duty in the year 1782 as a Lieutenant	<u>42.10</u>
Under Captain William Gordon	

Total £173.5

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Gordon did Serve the time above mentioned in the Brittons Neck Regiment of Militia

S/ Alexr Swinton Lt. Colo.



Of Brittons Neck Redgt.

19<sup>th</sup> January 1791

South Carolina Columbia

Personally appeared before me

John Gordon of State aforesaid who being duly Sworn saith the above Account is Just and true.  
Sworn before me this 28<sup>th</sup> 1791

S/ Danl. Tucker, J. Q.

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The State of South Carolina } Williamsburg District

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the said State.

The humble Petition of John Gordon respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner is a native of said State, long a resident of the District Aforesaid, and that his unrecompensed Services in the cause of his Country merits your consideration. As a private Militia man during the Revolutionary War, he rendered his Assistance five months in the year 1780 as a Lieutenant he served seven months in the year 1781 and five month in the following year 1782 all which Services were in the Briton's Neck Regiment of militia under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Swinton. The correctness of the above statement will be resolved by a relation to and account accompanying this in the handwriting of the said Swinton. Your petitioner further sheweth, that privates were then allowed one shilling and six pence per day and Commissioned Officers the grade and rank of your petitioner seven Shillings. That according to this stipend he became entitled to the sum of one hundred thirty-seven pounds five shillings Sterling. No portion of which has he ever received, or been in any manner required for his services aforesaid. Your petitioner therefore prays that the nature and extent of Claim may be regarded and such Sum admitted or such compensation afforded as your Honorable Body in its Justice may deem him equitably entitled to, Your Petitioner in duty bound will ever pray  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1819

S/ John Gordon

[p 29: Same petition except addressed to the SC Senate]

[p 32: another image of the document transcribed from page 25 of the file as set forth above.]

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State of South Carolina

Richland District } Personally appeared John Gordon Senior who upon being duly Sworn saith that he petitioned the last legislature for Compensation for Revolutionary Services that he is informed his petition with its accompanying documents were at the last Session referred to the Comptroller General and that for the information of the present Session the Comptroller has reported that a certain John Gordon in the year 1784 received for Revolutionary services some where about twenty pounds. This deponent further saith that he is not the John Gordon mentioned in the Comptroller's report that the state of South Carolina is justly indebted to him in the amount stated in his Said petition and which Amount & for his Services aforesaid he has in no way been Compensated either directly or indirectly by discount or otherwise

Sworn to before me

this 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1820

S/ Keith Green, JP

S/ Jno Gordon Senr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jno Gordon Senr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[p 41: Report by the Committee on claims for the South Carolina House of Representatives recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.]

[p 43: Report of the Committee of Claims of the South Carolina Senate that the claim be denied as being "insufficiently supported by evidence nor are they satisfied that the petitioner has not been already compensated...."]