

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gorin W25643

Elizabeth Gorin

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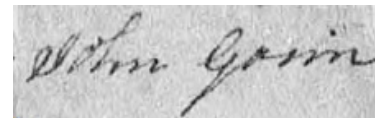
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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court; before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Barren County, now sitting John Gorin a Resident of Barren County of the State of Kentucky, aged 69 years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May last, who being first duely 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was born & raised in the County of Fairfax, state of Virginia, near Alexandria, & in the year 1777 volunteered as a Soldier under Captain Thomas Pollard & Lieutenant William D. Neale in the Virginia Militia, & was attached to Cols Rumsey & Gilpins Regiment, & marched to Pennsylvania, & there was attached to Gen'l. Charles Scotts Brigade, under his excellency Gen'l George Washington, & was at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] at which battle Genl Nash was killed [Francis Nash, mortally wounded] & He was present at his interment [one or two illegible words] day at the Pigeon Hill, and shortly afterwards he assisted in dislodging the Hessians at the Schuylkill Bridge near Philadelphia. He then prepared to go to the white Marsh [Whitemarsh PA] but did not go. That he was then sent home for the winter. He does not recollect the exact period he served at this time, but thinks it was about 3 months. He obtained a Legal discharge but has now lost it. In this tour he acted as Sergeant. Shortly after [sic] his return home the troops were called upon to guard Gen'l. Washingtons house. Dunmore was cruising in the Potomack River [sic: Potomac River, May and June 1776]. He again volunteered and went with the troops, as a private, for some weeks, the number not now remembered. From this service he received a Discharge but cannot now tell what has become of it. In 1781 He served as a Press Master in raising a troop of Horse & went to the place of Rendezvous He was then, after several weeks, from the beginning of said service, dismissed for the time being. In a short time the troops were again called for to join the Army in Virginia to put a stop to the British Army in that State, & He immediately joined Capt. Hugh Douglass's [sic: Hugh Douglas's] Company as an orderly Sergeant & served in that capacity, & was attached to Col Summers Regiment, and took up the line of march & joined the Army at the Maubin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] below Richmond, and was there attached to Gen'l. Stevensons [sic: Edward Stevens] Brigade. Col Summers was sent home. Col Mereweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether], & Major John Hardiman took the command, being Regular officers, but having at the time no command until they took it as afsd. He marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], thence moved on to Yorktown; was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis & his Army [19 Oct 1781]. He was then discharged; but afterwards, assisted Cornwallis's troops to Baltimore. He was on this tour 4 or 5 months, before the discharge was obtained; & some time after the discharge, cannot now recollect the exact time, He, after the surrender went home, but returned with waggons & met Cornwallis troops at Alexandria, from whence he assisted in conveying them & baggage to Baltimore. He has now now no Documentary Evidence, nor does he now know of any person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. 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, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the state of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid



Questions

1. where & in what year were you born?

Ans'r. In Fairfax County, Virginia near Alexandria, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1763.

2. have you any Record of your age; if so where is it?

Ans'r. I had one; but cannot now tell where it is, probably in Virginia

3. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live?

Ans'r. I was then living in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, near Alexandria. I have lived in Kentucky ever since the year 1782 from Philadelphia I came to Ky. I had been to Philadelphia to superintend a cargo of Tobacco.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or a substitute?

Ans'r. I volunteered the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> time not being then on the Muster Roll. I was appointed by the Col of the County Pressman for the Horse Company, when I went with Cap. Douglass, I think I volunteered also 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Militia Regiments as as you can recollect; & the gen'l. circumstances of your service?

Ans'r. Gen'l. Washington, Lafayette, Gen'l. [George] Weedon, Gen'l. Scott, Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne, Gen'l. [Charles] Lee, & others, not now recollected. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Virginia Regiment, I cannot recollect others. I was at the Battle of Germantown, the dislodging the Hessians at Schuylkill Bridge, the Surrender of Cornwallis, & assisted in taking the French troops & their baggage from Jamestown where they landed, to Williamsburgh.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever get a Discharge from the service; if so from whom & what has become of it?

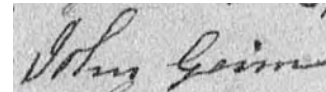
Ans'r. I did get Discharges, but as I never expected to have a use for them, I was careless about them & they are now lost. I do particularly recollect by whom the given, perhaps the latter ones were given by Brigadier Gen'l. Stephens.

7. Did you ever receive a commission, if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it?

Ans'r. Not in the Regular service. I was appointed by the Capt'n. Orderly Serg't.

8. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

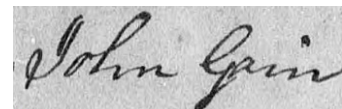
Ans'r. Capt'n. William Edmonds, Col. Samuel Murrell, Christopher Tompkins, Col. Thompson Chrenshaw, Gen'l. Covington, Rich'd. Garnett, Henry Crutcher, Col James Hall, & many others. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



State of Kentucky } ss  
County of Barren }

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Barren circuit court now sitting John Gorin aged 69 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration as an amendment to his Declaration which he heretofore to wit on the 28th September 1832 made out, and sent on to the War Department & to which this is attached, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. In 1777 when he volunteered when he volunteered under Captain Thomas Pollard & Lieutenant William D. Neale, & in which Tour he was in the Battle of Germantown he served to the best of his recollection as a corporal, ten weeks, and not as Sergeant as was stated in his original Declaration which he presumes was done thro mistake. When called upon the guard Gen'l Washington's House he acted as a Private at least three weeks. When in 1781 he acted as Press Master to raise a company of horse, he served in that capacity at least 4 weeks. Under Captain Hugh Douglass he served in the capacity of an orderly Sergeant at least four months. He was then appointed a Waggon Master on an Escort to Louden County, on which service he acted as Waggon Master at least 4 weeks, and which is not mentioned in his original Declaration. He was engaged in conducting & overseeing a part of the waggons which conveyed Cornwallis's troops and Baggage to Baltimore, at least 4 weeks. And for the above service He claims a Pension.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



State of Kentucky } Sct  
County of Barren }

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Gorin aged about 58 years, a resident of Barren County in the State of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to Law, declares that she is the widow of John Gorin Deceased, who was a Captain in a Company commanded by himself for a while and after his promotion, by Captain Charles Harvey in the Tenth Regiment of Kentucky Mounted Volunteers Commanded by Col. Philip Barber, in the War with Great Britian declared by the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812. That her said Husband volunteered at Glasgow Ky (& was elected Captain of the Company) on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1813 for the Term of Three Months and continued in actual service in said War for the Term of Eighty four days and was honorably discharged at Glasgow about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r. 1813 as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said Company & Regiment. That her husband was promoted to Major shortly after engaging in the service and held that Commission till the expiration of his Term.

She also declares that her husband was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and served at least six months according to the best information she has. He was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and was at the Seige of York Town and Surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

He was also a soldier in one of the Indian Wars since 1790 and served for some months, but she is unable to state the time or the Company or Regiment to which he belonged. She has no means of ascertaining the particulars of his service in the War of the Revolution or Indian War, except by reference to the Declaration made by him to obtain a Pension, which she supposes is on file in the Pension Office in Washington City. She refers to the Papers on file in said office to show the times of his service in said Wars. He drew a pension for some years before & up to his death.

She further states that she was married to the said John Gorin in Barren County Ky. on the twenty sixth day of May A.D. 1825 by one Jacob Lock a Minister of the Gospel of the Baptist Church and that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Duvall; that her said Husband died in Barren County Kentucky on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1836 and that she is still a widow.

She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act, passed September 28<sup>th</sup> 1850.

She herewith files the Original Record of her marriage with said John Gorin, which is in his own handwriting & was made at the time of or very shortly after the marriage.

Elizabeth herXmark Gorin

John Gorin and Elizabeth Duval Joined in the Bonds of Matrimony May 26<sup>th</sup> 1825

#### NOTES:

Elizabeth Gorin's application was certified by F. Gorin, a son of John Gorin by a previous marriage. Drury Clark stated that he had served under John Gorin in the War of 1812.

On 25 July 1855 Elizabeth Gorin made an application for bounty land for John Gorin's service in the Revolutionary War, which was certified by Samuel S. Duval and Edward M. Duval.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 25 May 1825 by John Gorin and George Rogers for the marriage of Gorin to Elizabeth Duvall, as well as a copy of the marriage certificate.

On an application for a pension dated 29 Sep 1855, Elizabeth Gorin was said to be 62.

On 18 Aug 1856 Elizabeth Gorin stated that the date of her husband's death previously given was mistaken, and that he actually died on 5 Aug 1837, as certified by James Leeper and Thomas J. Gorin, son of John Gorin, from the date on the tombstone.