

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Chapman Gordon ¹ W356 Charity Gordon f85NC
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State of Georgia, County of Walker

On the 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the State & County aforesaid Charity Gordon a Resident of said County, aged (80) Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an Act Granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows, that she is the widow of Chapman Gordon who was a Private in the war of the Revolution and served as herein Stated, he entered the service some time in the year 1779 or 80 by volunteering under the Command of Captain John Cleveland in Wilkes County North Carolina and served under him some two or three years, in the foot service, after which he entered as a volunteer into a company of mounted or Horse Men, which was also commanded by the said Captain John Cleveland, she thinks, for 12 months, he also served under Captain Nathaniel Gordon some two or three years whether under him before or after he was under Captain Cleveland, she does not Recollect, all his services however was rendered in Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's Battalion or Regiment & in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, she has often heard her husband in conversation about the war say that he was in the Revolution, the most of the time it was going on. She further declares that she was married to the said Chapman Gordon in Newberry District South Carolina on the 25th day of December in the year 1786 and that her Husband the aforesaid Chapman Gordon died on the 12th day of June 1813. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the Marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, that is at the time above stated. She further states that she wishes under the application to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress passed March 3rd, 1843, June 17th, 1844, & 29th July 1848.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

The words ("in Newberry District South Carolina") interlined before signed. She further Declares the Reason she has not heretofore applied for a Pension is that, she did not know of anyone living by whom she could prove her Husband's Services and that she did not know Proof could be made from Records war and over words that there was any Records of affording proof in such cases.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above.

S/ Joshua Harlan, JP

S/ Charity Gordon, X her mark

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State of Georgia, Franklin County

¹ BLWt11066-160-55

On this 24th day of November 1849 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Magistrate in and for the said County Captain John Stonecypher² a Citizen of said County aged 93 years a Pensioner of the United States, and after being duly sworn according to law declares upon his oath that he was in time of the Revolutionary War in Wilkes County North Carolina well acquainted with Chapman Gordon the Husband of Charity Gordon of Walker County in this State, who is now an applicant for a Pension he further states that the said Chapman Gordon was a soldier in the same Regiment he himself was (Viz.) Colonel Cleveland's Regiment General Rutherford's Brigade of the North Carolina Militia, though he cannot particularly describe any particular Tour of service he Rendered from old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect those particulars, but he was with him the said Chapman frequently in the service & knows he served in Colonel Cleveland's Regiment he remained intimately acquainted with the said Chapman or years after the close of the War.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & Date above

S/ Daniel Mosley, JP

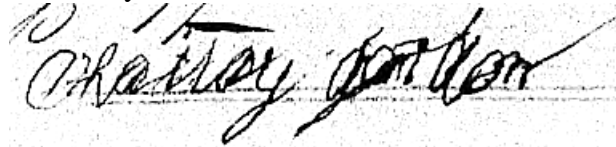
S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

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Georgia, Whitfield County

On this 4th day of April 1855 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County & State aforesaid Charity Gordon aged Eighty Six years a Resident of Walker County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Chapman Gordon Deceased who was a Private in the Companies commanded by Captains John Cleveland and Nathaniel Gordon in the Battalion or Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the Militia of North Carolina in the War of the revolution. That her said Husband volunteered in Wilkes County North Carolina in the year 1779 or 1780, for what length of time she cannot say, nor can she give the date of his leaving the Service. She further States that she was married to the said Chapman Gordon in Newberry District South Carolina on the 25th day of December in the year 1786. That her name before her marriage was Charity King. That her said Husband died on the 12th day of June 1813 and that she is now a widow. She further Declares that she has heretofore made application for a Pension under the Acts of Congress approved July 7th 1838, 3rd of March 1843 and 17th of June 1844, and July 29th, 1848, and Obtained a Pension Certificate for the Sum of \$63.88 per annum and for proof of her said marriage & the services & Death of her Husband she refers to the Papers on file in the Pension Office upon which she was pensioned. She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she is entitled under Act of Congress approved 3 March 1853.

S/ Charity Gordon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charity Gordon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 14: On December 23, 1858 in Maury County Tennessee, the widow applied for the transfer of her pension benefit from the Georgia agency to the Tennessee agency she having removed there to be with her grandchildren with whom she has been living for several years. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 13: On February 10, 1859 in Columbia Tennessee, George W Gordon wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Pensions in which he refers to a request that his mother's pension certificate be

² [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

transferred from the Savannah agency to the Nashville Tennessee agency.

Geo W Gordon]

[p 8: family record:

Chapman Gordon & his
Wife Charity King the
Present & Wife
of Chap: Gordon was
Married in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven
hundred & Eighty Six
in the Month of December
the 24

Mary Dawes Gordon
was born in the year of our
Lord 1787 the 31st day of November

Charles Penington Gordon
was born in the year of our
Lord 1790 the 24th day of
May]

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State of North Carolina

Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from the Journals of the General Assembly of this State that John Cleveland was on the 14th July 1781 appointed a Captain of the Troops to be raised by an Act of the General assembly of said Session.

Given under my hand this 6th day of January 1854

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

For Evidence of Benjamin Cleveland commanding as Colonel see Wheeler's History of North Carolina Page 97, Page 101, Page 103 & Page 444.

[p 57: NC Comptroller's report:

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I, William S. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts
in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
it appears of record in my office, among the pay-
ments made by said State to sundry persons for
Military services in the Revolutionary War, as
follows to wit:

Chapman Gordon

Indent or Army certificate No. 1281 issued by Auditors
of Morgan District August 2^d 1784 £2.10 specie

C. Gordon Book No. 26 page 72 £19.2.06 specie

Ditto " B. 16 " 64 £29.10 " "

which payments I have no doubt refer to Chapman
Gordon as I have not been able to find any other C.
Gordon



2.10
19.2.6
29.10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed
my seal of office this 21st day of
February A.D. 1852

Wm S. Clarke Compt.

[p 43: William Hill, Secretary of State of North Carolina, certified on May 17, 1854 that the District of Morgan in the year 1784 composed the Counties of Burke, Lincoln, Rutherford and Wilkes.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$63.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]