

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gorden W3979

Mary Gorden

f37NC

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions – James Gorden a resident of the County of Davidson and State of North Carolina aged 84 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with Captain Bodenhammer [sic, Bodenheimer ?] and served in __ Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers. He was drafted to serve three months as a Minute Man in the Militia Service he marched from Salisbury NC to Cheraw South Carolina under Captain Bodenheimer. He marched from Cheraw to a little town called Pine Tree where his term of service as a Minute Man expired. He then entered the Service as a regular soldier under the command of Captain Meredy [sic, Meredith?] & Colonel Bluford [sic, Buford?]. He marched from Pine Tree to Camden South Carolina and was engaged in the battle which was fought at Camden from Camden he went to Charleston SC. He was there discharged and returned to North Carolina soon after the battle at Martinsville in Guilford County NC he rejoined the Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then marched to little York and [was] present at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York, Va. He there received a final discharge. He served six months in the regular service and three and Militia service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. Mock, CCC

S/ James Gorden, X his mark

An Amendment of the declaration of James Gorden

On this 14th December 1832, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of the County of Davidson & State of North Carolina James Gorden who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was born in Cecil County in the State of Maryland. He further deposeth that he was living in Rowan County in North Carolina when he was called into service & that he has lived since the Revolutionary war & is now living in the County of Davidson N. C. He states that he is well acquainted with Thomas Jones, Joseph Wagoner, John Yokeley & Eleven Gordy Esquire who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a Soldier of the Revolution & He also states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Gorden, X his mark

[p 13: On March 14, 1850 in Davidson County North Carolina, Mary Gorden, 96, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Gorden a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him March 19, 1779 in Rowan (now Davidson) County North Carolina; that he died at his residence in Davidson County North Carolina on September 21, 1837. In 1851, she stated she was then 80 years old.]

[p 4 marriage bond signed in Rowan County, NC, by James Gorden and John Riddle for the marriage of James Gorden to Mary Riddle; dated February 12, 1779]

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