

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Albion Gordon W7548

Elizabeth Gordon

f59VA

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[p 7: Certificate dated May 21st, 1828 indicating that Albion Gordon late a quarter master Sergeant in the revolution was entitled to a pension at the rate of \$5 per month as an invalid veteran of the revolution, said pension to commence on April 24, 1816.]

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District of Virginia, Nelson County

On the 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court for the County of Nelson, being a Court of Record, Albion Gordon aged Sixty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st day of May 1820; that he the said Albion Gordon enlisted for the term of three years on the 22nd day of December 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Bailer Hill [Baylor Hill] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Theodorick Bland (and lastly by Col. Anthony W. White) in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in the year 1781, when he was discharged from said service, in the Town of Halifax, in the State of North Carolina: That he was in the Battle of Savanna [Savannah] the Regiment at that time commanded by Lieut. Col. Benjamin Temple, he was also at the Battle at Moncks Corner and Lanier ferry [sic, Leneud's Ferry] on the Santee River at which Place he received a wound which occasion the loss of his sight and he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services; and all of which service he acted as quarter Master Sergeant and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

100 Acres of land, two Negro men, 2 horses, 12 head of cattle, 20 head of sheep, 10 head of hogs, pension from the State of Virginia £22, same from the United States. \$96.

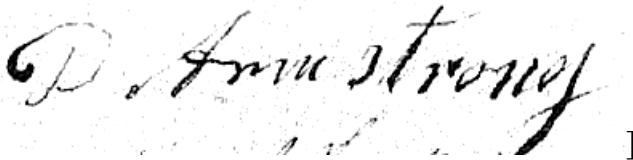
I Albion Gorden do further declare that I am blind, my wife Elizabeth is about the age of 55 years, and my son Lewis is about the age of 18, and has been confined to his bed for upwards of 5 years, these are all my family that reside with me, except the Negroes above mentioned.

S/ A. Gorden¹

[Attested by Spotswood Garland, Clerk]

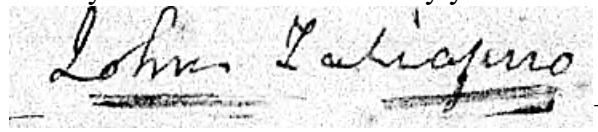
[p 38, On April 15, 1828, Albion Gordon applied in Nelson County for a new pension certificate to replace one he lost; he identifies himself as the same person who previously belonged to the Company commanded by Baylor Hill in the Regiment commanded by Col. Anthony Walter White [Anthony Walton White]; he states that he is blind.]

[p 43: On October 30, 1839 in King William County Virginia, Dudley Armstrong gave testimony that he is 63 years old; that he was born in King William County and has lived there ever since; that he was acquainted with Albin Gordon [sic] before he intermarried with Elizabeth Pigg; that they were both residence of King William County before their marriage; that their marriage took place in the year that John Taliaferro you lived at Crump's Neck an estate belonging to John White late of King William County, said estate lying in Hanover County; that in said same year the affiant's father hired a Negro man named Polen [? very faint] from John Tele ferry of; that Albin and Elizabeth Gordon continued to live in King William County several years after their marriage.



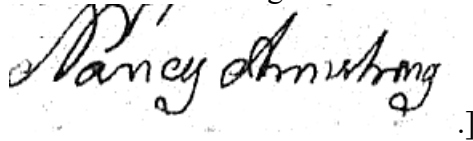
D. Armstrong]

[p 45: On November 4, 1839 in King William County Virginia, John Taliaferro you of gave testimony that he is 75 years old having been born in King William County and lived there most of his life; that during the years 1790 through 1792 he lived on an estate called Crump's Neck in the County of Hanover belonging at that time to John White deceased late of King William County. That those were the only years he lived on said estate.



John Taliaferro]

[p 41: On December 4, 1839 in King William County Virginia, Nancy Armstrong a resident of said County gave testimony that she was born in the County of King William and has mostly resided there ever since; that she was well acquainted with Albin Gordon & Elizabeth Pigg before their intermarriage; that they were both residents of King William County at the time they married; that affiant thinks they were married sometime in the year 1791; that said marriage took place at the time that John Taliaferro lived at a place called Crump's Neck in the County of Hanover belonging at that time to John White of King William; and that Albin and Elizabeth Gordon lived in King William County for several years after their marriage.



Nancy Armstrong]

¹ Not the veteran's actual signature

[p 11: On April 17, 1840, in Nelson County Virginia, Elizabeth Gordon, 73, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Albion Gordon; that she married him in October 1791; and that he died April 18, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

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[Marriage bond dated October 24 1791 given by Alban Gorden & Charles Pigg to secure the marriage of Gorden to Eliz^a Pigg daughter of William Pigg deceased; given in King William County Virginia]

[Facts in file: the widow died April 14, 1850 in Choctaw County, Mississippi; On June 24, 1850, one Archibald Gorden, 54, of Choctaw County gave the date of death of Elizabeth Gorden, wife of Albion. His relationship, if any, to the veteran or his widow is not stated; in June term 1850 in Choctaw County, the court found that George Gorden, Archibald Gorden and Lewis Gorden were the only children surviving Albion and Elizabeth Gorden.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a quarter master Sergeant of the Virginia Cavalry for 2 years. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Albion Gordon W7548

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 March 2020.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Gordon, Albin. Another file under the same name contains an illegible document.]

This is to Certify that Mr Albin Gordon Serv'd three years in the first Reg't Dragoons – Two years and one month as a Quarter master Serg't and Eleven months as a Soldier

13 Feb'y 1783

Baylor Hill Capt [BLWt249-300]

1st Reg Dragoons

[undeciphered] 10th Jan'y 1781

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

This is to certifie that Mr. Albion Gordon of King William County Applied to me as a Phisician Some time in year 1782 he laboured under a Severe Inflammation in both his Eyes, Occasioned from repeated Colds While he served in the Continentale Army. I used all my endeavours for the recovery of his Sight but all to no purpose. He applyed also to Sundry Gentlemen in the proffesion but without Effect to this time. Whereby he is rendered incapable of Mantening himself and in consequence Merits the Publick Notice.

[undeciphered signature]

Fonta Bell/ Nov'r 6th 1786

1st Regim't L D. [undeciphered]

28 [undeciphered] K Wm

I DO with the advice of the Council hereby certify, that Albion Gordon of King William, about 28 years of age late a Quarter Masters Serj't in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

GIVEN under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 3^d day of March 1787.

T Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

NB. Advised the 25th November 1786

Gordon put on List of pensions with £18 pr Ann. from 1st Jan'y 86. [signed] J. Blair Novem 25 1786 Pensioners are directed by Law to be p[ai]d by the Sheriff of the County in which the pensioner Resides by order of the Court

King William April Court 87

Albion Gordon came into Court & produced a Certificate from the Governor & the Court on Compair'g it with the [undeciphered word] list & [undeciphered word] it right is Ord'd to be Recorded, and the Sheriff is directed to pay the said Gornor [sic] the sum of eighteen pounds for the same agreeable to Law

A copy

Jno Quarles DC

Received the within/ Albion Gordon

[The 108-page file includes annual renewals of payment orders and receipts, the last one dated 23 Jan 1838.]

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Know all men by these presents that I Albion Gordon of Amherst County and State of Virginia do constitute and appoint Leighton Wood of the City of Richmond my lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive from John Hopkins esquire Commissioner of [undeciphered word] in the State of Virginia my pension for Six Months commencing the [illegible] of March and ending the [illegible] of September 1799 Witness my hand this Second day of September 1799 & Seal.

Teste
Wm. Marshall
George Tombs



Nelson County to wit:

This day personally appeared before a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Benjamin Fitzgerald [S13308] aged 73 years who swore that he was a Soldier of the Revolution, and that he was well acquainted with a certain [blank] Gordon of the third Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colo. William Washington (The Reg't being the same raised by Colo. George Baylor [W5966]) The said Gordon was an Ensign, and he acted as Clothing master part of his time. He the said Gordon belonged to the Reg't. when the said Fitzgerald joined it and the said Fitzgerald remained in the Regiment more than two years during the whole of which time the said Gordon was in service.

Given under my hand this 16th day of March 1833. Jno P Cobbs

Virginia

Nelson County To Wit

This day personally appeared before me Wm Massie one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Bartlett Hawkins [S9562], aged seventy two years & made Oath that He was a soldier in Bayers Redgement of Cavalry in the War of the American Revolution and that during the aforesaid War He was well & intimately acquainted with a certain Albion Gordon at present a resident of the County & State That said A Gordon was a subaltern commissioned officer in the above said Ridgement for more than three years, viz from 1778 (when He the s'd Hawkins saw & knew him with said Rigement to the North & until 1782 when He the said Hawkins was disbanded at Bakins bridge [sic: Bacon's Bridge] near Dorchester in South Carrolina, at which time & place He left the said Gordon, He knows him the said Gordon to have been in said Redgement during said period, a part of which time He seved as Clothing Master & that said Redgiment was taken command of by Colo Wm Washington after it's surprise at Herringtown [sic: Old Tappan near Harrington NJ on 28 Sep 1778], & continued under his command until the said Hawkins left it.

Given from under my hand this 7th day of June 1833. Wm Massie

The case of Albion Gordon claiming Land bounty as Cornet of Dragoons of the Va Contl line.

I ask respectfully that the case of Mr Gordon be reconsidered and that the additional proof herewith filed be considered – I would not ask it but that I believe that it [two undeciphered words] claim and due to the services of a brave man who is now blind and needs the bounty of his country, that his blindness was produced by wounds reced at the hands of its enemies and recd in battle

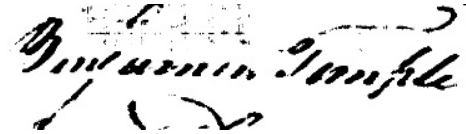
The truth of his case is shortly told, he served three years at first in Col Blands [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] Regt in the character of Quarter master Sergt during which period it was that he re'd the wound that afterwards induced the blindness and thereafter joined the corps of Baylor & Washington & was promoted to a Cornetcy & served during the war. Shortly after the war the wound which was a very bad one in the head produced total blindness. For proof of which I refer to the Journal of the House of Delegates of 1786 pages 89, 116, & 120 & Journal of the Senate same year page 61 together with the

Certificate of Col Temple [Benjamin Temple BLWt2214-450] and his certificate as a pensioner. It may be asked why he was pensioned as Quartermaster Sergt if he was Cornet, this is the uniform rule both with the State & general government from the days of the Revolution to this time an example of which will be found in our legislation in the case of Judge Robt White [Robert White S7893], when he was wounded he was a Leut, the Legislature thereafter pensioned him as Leut. when in fact the Executive granted him bounty land as Capt. See Journal of House delegates 1778 page 72, 98, 105 Journal of the Senate 1778 page 49. See also the Index in the Registers office by which it appears that Robt. White re'd land bounty as a Capt of the Contl line.

In this case there is living proof of service in the grade of Cornet and in a different corps to the one for which he is now in the recpt of a pension and must as is accept to be conclusive on that head – but why has this claim been so long delayed – the answer is at hand it has never been abandoned as will appear from the fact that in the year 1790 after the pension was granted the certificate of Col Temple was obtaind (Temple was of Blands Corps) and no bounty land whatever had ever been drawn, and that the blindness of Mr Gordon produced by his wound has prevented his asserting his claim – but it is known to the Executive as is disclosed by his recent communication that there are many claims undoubted in their validity which have not been heretofore prosecuted, so that lapse of time should not prejudice this claim. The additional vouchers were sent to me after the others papers were filed but deeming them sufficient they were withheld until this time, but are now submitted. Respectfully John Thompson Jr
Richmond Decem 4th 1833

I do Certify that Mr Albion Gordon served in the [page torn] Dragoons under my Command, that he was [page torn] and [two undeciphered words] since he was discharged from the army he has been unfortunate in loosing his sight supposed by a wound he got while in the Army he still [several undeciphered words] as an honest and a good man.

Benjamin Temple late
Colo. Dragoons
October 27th 1790

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Temple". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and date.

Albion Gordon claimed land bounty as [undeciphered word] Quartermaster sergeant [undeciphered] heretofore received it, his claim as cornet is unsatisfactory & is rejected J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]