

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to John Gordon VAS2150  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files. One file also contains an “Extract from Winchester Gazette” that is not legible.]

It would appear from a list of unsettled accounts forwarded to John Paine Esqr. commissioner army accounts by Andrew Dunscombe commissioned for Virginia that Lieutenant John Gordon has not received his pay for the years 1782 and 1783 and that it was due him

The report is in my possession at this time.                      A. M. Green  
29<sup>th</sup> August 1835

To The Governor of Virginia

Your p[etitioners], the heirs and legal representatives of John Gordon, dec’d who was an Officer in the War of the Revolution Respectfully state

That their Ancestor (the s’d Gordon) entered the Army sometime prior to the close of the Revolutionary War. And as they have been informed & have every reason to believe continued to serve the Army until the very close of the war.

Your petitioners are too young to have any personal knowledge of the services of Lieut Gordon – but from the circumstances – have reason to believe he was under the command of Gen’l. Lee – he was intimate in his family. [See endnote.]

The proofs exhibited in a part of their claim to bounty Land – your petitioners pray may be regarded as abundant and satisfactorily proven in order to shew that they in consideration of his military services are entitled to the proportion of Land bounty due a Lieut. of the V.a Cont. line for services to the end of the War.

And they in duty bound will ever pray.    [signed] Joseph Deshields Jr      S A G Deshields  
State of Virga                                      }  
County of Westmoreland to wit            }

Personally came before me a Justice of peace for said County Joseph Deshields Jr. and S A G Deschelds subscribers to the foregoing petition and heirs of Jno. Gordon dec’d who is said to have been in the revolution and to the best of their belief make oath to the facts contained in s’d petition

Given under my hand this 19 day Augs’t 1835:    [signed by Benedict Walker]

This day John Graham of Westmoreland County, of lawful age, a credible witness, personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for the county of Westmoreland aforesaid, and made oath that he was well acquainted with John Gordon of Northumberland County, Va. who was reputed to have been an officer in the revolution, and that he died in the said County of Northumberland leaving the following named children viz. Mary T Gordon, Elizabeth H Gordon, William Gordon and Sarah Gordon. The said Mary T and Elizabeth H are still living, and said William married and died in the city of Washington District of Columbia in the year [blank] leaving children and a widow. Sarah Gordon the daughter of John Gordon dec’d is also dead, leaving one child. the said Sarah intermarried with Joseph J Monroe and had only one child, Sarah A G Monroe who has intermarried with Joseph Deshields Sr. Given under my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835.

[signed by Benedict Walker]

Johnsons life of Green [sic: William Johnson, *Sketches in the Life and Correspondence of Nathanael Greene* (1822)] 2 Vol: page 229

Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] Lt Gordon & Cornet Simmons were the only two of

Washingtons [Lt. Col. William Washington's] Officers who could return into action. The survivors of Washingtons Command being rallied united themselves to Hamptons [Lt. Col. Wade Hampton's] and were again led up to the charge upon Majoribanks [British Maj. John Marjoribanks] – but without success. – page 236. Green visits the sick

List of unsettled accounts forwarded to John Pierce Esqr. Commissioner Army Accounts by Andrew Dunscomb Commissioner for Virginia

Thos. Posey [Thomas Posey]	Lieut Colonel	Pay from Sept 11 1782 to March 10 <sup>th</sup> 1783 & Balance sub.
Sam'l. J Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell]	d'o	Receipts for old [undeciphered word] (no charge being on my Books I could not close it)
Sam'l Finley [Samuel Finley]	Major	Pay in 1776. Balance due U.S. 91 <sup>??</sup> / <sub>90</sub> Dolls.
d'o		Pay in 1782 and 1783
Abraham Kirkpatrick	Capt.	Receipts for old [undeciphered word], no charges being on my Books I could not close it.
Clough Shelton	d'o	Recruiting account
Nicholas Taliaferro [Nicholas Taliafero]	Lt.	d'o
John Mountjoy	Capt.	Account for 12 months pay as supernumerary
Peter Garland	d'o	d'o d'o settled by D [undeciphered]
Erasmus Gill	d'o Drag[oon]s	Ration Account
Albion Throckmorton	Cornet	Papers to claim pay for 1783
Chas. Jones [Charles Jones]	Lt. & Pay Master	Pay &c in 1783
William Taylor	Major	Commutation – Deranged in 1781
Francis Minnis	Capt.	Claims pay in 1783
James Williams	ditto	[undeciphered word] Account
William Triplett	Lt.	Commutation Gists [Nathaniel Gist's] Regiment
James Wallace	Surgeon	Pay 1782 & Commutation
John Gordon	Lieut	Pay 1782 and 1783

To Governor [David] Campbell

The petition of J Deshields Jr. on behalf of himself & the other heirs of Lieutenant John Gordon, respectfully shews, that he was a Va. officer in the Cont. line, in Col Wm. Washingtons Regt to the end of the war.

Voucher No 1 filed in James Simons case, shews that John Gordon was a Cornet in Col. Washingtons Regt: and settled with as of the Va. Cont. line.

Mr. Dunscomb stated in his settled accounts a list of "Unsettled accounts" on which is the name of Cornet John Gordon, as entitled to his pay for the years 1782 and 1783, which shews he must have serve to the end of the War.

In the advertisement of "John Hopkins" the successor of Mr. Dunscomb in Virginia, he states that this pay for services in the year 1782 & 1783 were still due. These statements of Mr. Dunscomb & Mr Hopkins are of the very best kind of evidence, & were made our from the records submitted to them.

all of which is respectfully submitted/ [signature undeciphered]

[The following has columns on the right apparently showing the items of clothing issued, but I could not decipher the headings of the columns and therefore do not include them here.]

Sundry Officer of the Virg'a Line/ For part of Allowances of Clothing &c. Viz

July 13th 1780

Colo. Washington	of ye 3rd Reg't Lt Dragoons
Maj'r [Richard] Call	of Ditto
Lieut [William] Parsons	of Ditto

Lieut Monroe[?]	of	Ditto
Lieut [Presley Peter] Thornton	of	Ditto
Lieut [Churchill] Barnett	of	Ditto
Cornett Bell	of	Ditto
Cornet Conner[?]	of	Ditto
Corn't Gordon	of	Ditto
Corn't Conyers	of	Ditto
Cornet Simmons	of	Ditto
Q'r Master [undeciphered]	of	Ditto

The foregoing is truly copied from the [undeciphered word] Journal/ Pages 17 & 18.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 25th day of March 1840

[signed] Jas E Heath Aud.

NOTE: "Gen'l Lee" may refer to Gen. Charles Lee, but more likely to Lt. Col. Henry Lee, who commanded a legion of cavalry and infantry. "he was intimate in his family" could mean either that Gordon was friends with Lee's family or that he served on his staff.