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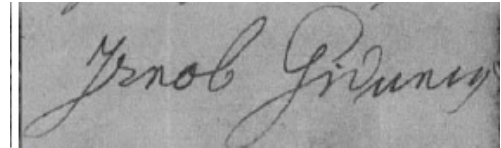
Pension Application of Jacob Gideon S13144

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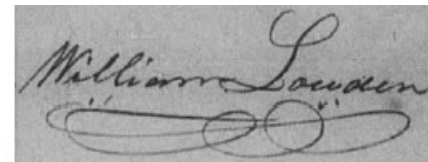
State of New Jersey }
Burlington County ss }

On this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the county of Burlington in the state of New Jersey Personally appeared Jacob Gideon aged sixty three years, resident in the city of New Brunswick and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 That he the said Jacob Gideon enlisted at valey forg [sic: Valley Forge] in Pennsylvania in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, in the company or first troop of Cavalry commanded by Michael Rudolph [Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300] in Lees Legion [Henry Lee's Legion; see endnote] – that he continued to serve in that company until the month of March seventeen hundred and eighty one, that he was afterwards a trumpeter in Col'n. Van Hares [sic: Bartholomew Von Heer's] company in what was called Washingtons guards, and served in said corps until the end of the war, and was then discharged by Cap. Michael Rudolph in Philadelphia. that he was in the Battle of the Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781] Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], and Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781] and was at the taking of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support
[Signed in German Jacob Gidem?]



State of New Jersey }
Burlington County s.s }

On the first day of December AD 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of common Pleas in and for the County of Burlington in the state of New Jersey Personally appeared William Lowden, a person to me well known and worthy of good Credit, who being duly sworn according to Law, did depose and say that he knew Jacob Gideon the person named in the within affidavit, that the said Jacob was quartered in Burlington in the state of New Jersey aforesaid, with Lees Legion of Horse in the winter of 1779 & 1780 that the said Jacob then acted a Trumpeter in the said Legion in the service of the United States. that he is well assured that the said Jacob is the same person that acted as Trumpeter in the said Legion at the time aforesaid, and further this deponent saith not.



District of Columbia ss.

On this 3d day of Oct 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the district of Colo & Washington county, Jacob Gideon aged sixty six 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 March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Jacob Gideon enlisted, for the whole war on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1778 in the state of Pennsylvania in

the company commanded by captain Rudolph in the regiment commanded by colonel Henry Lee in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the end of the war when he was discharged from the said service, in Elkton in the state of Maryland

That he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs – Guilford Court House & Cowpens and that he has no other evidence ,now in his power, of his said services, except several Certificates of Soldiers, made under Oath & herewith produced & the affidavit of Peter Faulkner [pension application S35918] here to annexed.

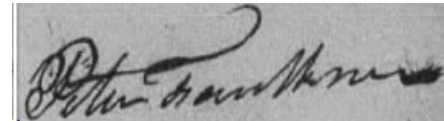
And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

He has no property whatever.

District of Columbia } Ss.

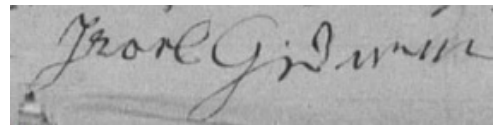
Washington County }

On this fifth day of October 1821 Personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for said county Peter Faulkner, late an Ensign in the service of the U. States during the Revolutionary War, and after being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he was well acquainted with Jacob Gideon Sen'r. and knows that said Gideon entered the service of the United States in the year (1778) seventeen hundred and seventy eight, in the company commanded by Capt. Michael Rudolph in Lee's Legion, and that he continued in service until the year seventeen hundred and eighty, at which time deponent was transferred to the Jersey line, but has reason to believe, and does believe that said Gideon continued in service to the end of the War, and farther sayeth not.



The Undersigned, Jacob Gideon, A Soldier of the Revolution, represents

That he served as a Trumpeter to Capt. Rudolph's Troop of Cavalry in the revolutionary war, that he served in that capacity over two years, and that for his Revolutionary services he is now receiving a pension of Eight Dollars per month, [ni]nety six dollars per annum und the act of Congress of 1818: But believing himself entitled to a pension of ten dollars per month, under the Act of Congress of June 1832, he hereby surrenders his Pension under the act of 1818, and respectfully asks to be transferred to the Pension list under the act of 1832, by which he will receive one hundred & twenty dollars per annum. To the above statement he hereby makes oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God.



[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online image of another page is illegible.]

State of New Jersey

Middlesex County

On this 11th day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen

before me Thomas [illegible] one of the Justices of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Middlesex and State afores'd came James Heard [pension application S540] of the County of Middlesex and State afores'd to me known [several illegible words] Jacob Gideon was in the Legion Commanded by Lt Col Henry Lee as a Bugle Man from year seventeen hundred & seventy nine until the conclusion of the revolutionary war.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me [signed] James Heard

[The following is from the rejected claims file in the Library of Virginia for William Fulkerson S34362.]

Rhaway [sic: Rahway] N Jersey February 26th 1820

Sir [Gov. Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr]/ It appears from a letter which I receiv'd from Major John Pryor of Richmond a few days past that the Executive of Virginia have rejected the claims of William Fulkerson & Jacob Gideon for bounty land, for services rendered in the Revolutionary war.

I must beg leave to observe to your Excellency, that at the close of the Revolutionary war I was appointed agent for the Legion, commanded by Colo Henry Lee, to adjust the claims of the Legion against the United States and Virginia. William Fulkerson served three years faithfully in Southern detachments, in the Troop which I had the honor to Command, and it appears from the evidence of several respectable persons, that he entered into the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the Northern Department. Jacob Gideon was a Bugleman, in the Troop Commanded by Capt. James Armstrong [R258] and served three years in the Southern Department – in the action fought by Gen'l Green at Guilford Court House in the year 1781 he was taken prisoner and continued two months as such – and then exchanged and joined the Troop & continued to serve as a Bugleman to the close of the war

I am your Excellency/ Most [undeciphered word]

James Heard [signature partly hidden by paper fold]

NOTES:

Lee's Legion was not authorized until 7 April 1778.

On 14 Aug 1822 Gideon requested that his pension be transferred from the District of Columbia to Pennsylvania, where he had recently moved. On 23 July 1825 Gideon requested that his pension be transferred back to the city of Washington, where he had recently moved.

A note on Gideon's pension certificate indicates that he died on 3 March 1841.