

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lyddal Gordon S31700

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State of Georgia, Washington County

On this tenth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Ordinary now sitting Lyddal Gordon a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy One 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States in the Militia as a Substitute for my Father in the year 1779 under the command of Colonel David Mason and Captain Joseph Winn I entered the service in Lunenburg County and State of Virginia for five months I marched from Lunenburg County to Halifax North Carolina from thence we marched to Granville Court house from thence to Hillsboro thence to Saulsberry [sic, Salisbury] from there to Charlotte Town from there to Camden from thence to Colonel Thompson's oh [William Thomson's] and thence to headquarters near Stono and was in the action at that place Commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and a few days after the Action General Lincoln ordered Colonel Mason to march his Command to Camden to be regularly discharged but the company was anxious to get home and all left without discharges between the years 1779 and 1781 I was in several Militia expedition was commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] Captain William Hays and at another time under Captain John Brodnax I entered the year 1781 or 1782 a volunteer under General Marion [Francis Marion] and Captain McCauley I served until General Washington captured Cornwallis at Little York.

And that I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatory 1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans to 1st Intr. I was born in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia in the year 1761.

Intr. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans to 2nd: There is a record of my birth and my Father's Family Bible which is now in the State and I saw it about three years since said Bible was then in the possession of my brother

in law Ica Adkins [?]¹

Intr. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans to 3rd I was living in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia when I entered the Service I removed from Virginia to South Carolina and in the District of Newberry in the year 1805 and lived in said State of South Carolina until 1826 I then removed to the State of Georgia and County of Washington where I now live.

Intr. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans to 4th Intr: I entered the Service in the place of my father who was drafted I afterwards volunteered under General Marion I was under Captain Hays as a Substitute.

Intr. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. to 5th Intr: I do not Recollect the name of any regular officer by do not recollect the Continental or militia regiments the General Circumstances I can say no more than I did in the Statement of my Services.

Intr. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

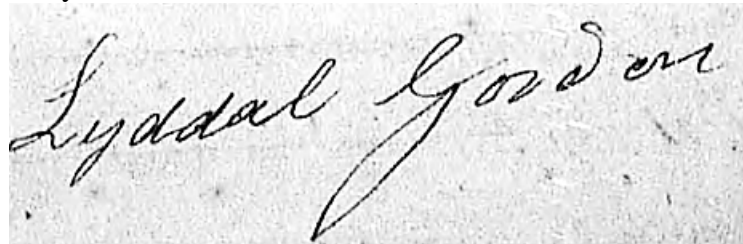
Ans. to 6th Intr: I never received any discharge from the Service

Intr. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. to 7th Intr: _____ are persons who have known me in my neighborhood since I have been in this State and can testify to my character as a good citizen and a man of veracity and good behavior I know of no person living who can testify to my services in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ Lyddal Gordon

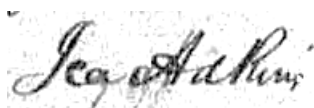
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyddal Gordon". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

S/ T. J. Warthen, JIC

S/ Silas Floyd, JIC

S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

[Alexander Armstrong, a clergyman, and Richard Warthen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

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State of Georgia, Washington County

On this first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court Lyddal Gordon a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy One 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 the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. I entered the service of the United States in the Militia as a Substitute for my Father William Gordon in the year 1779 under the Command of Colonel David Mason in Captain Joseph Winn. I entered the service in Lunenburg County and State of Virginia for 5 months I marched from Lunenburg County to Halifax North Carolina from thence to Granville Court house from thence to Hillsboro thence to Salisbury thence to Charlotte Town thence to Camden thence to Colonel Thompson's and thence to head Quarters near Stono and was in the action at that place commanded by General Lincoln and a few days after the Action General Lincoln ordered Colonel Mason to march his command to Camden (on the day of the action at Stono [June 20, 1779] I was commanded by Colonel Henderson [William Henderson?]) to be regularly discharged the Company being anxious to get home most of them left without any discharge and I was one who got no discharge for that reason between 1779 & 1781 I was in several Militia expeditions commanded by General Muhlenberg Captain William Hays and at another time under Captain John Brodnax I entered in 1781 or 1782 a volunteer under General Francis Marion and Captain McCauley I continued in that service until General Washington captured Cornwallis at Lytle York. I served, 12 months under General Marion in this last term of service. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State Agency.

[Here Gordon answered the 7 standard interrogatories in substantially identical manner as he answered previously except that he named Richard Worthen and Eli Finn as the 2 neighbors in his neighborhood who could testify as to his veracity and reputation as a revolutionary soldier.]

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ James Boatright, JICWC

S/ Lyddal Gordon

S/ Samuel Robison, JICWC

S/ Silas Floyd, JICWC

[Silas Carter, a clergyman, and Lewis A. Jernigan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The Amendment of Lyddal Gordon to his Pension declaration

Georgia, Washington County:

I entered the Service of the United States in the year 1779 under the Command of Colonel David Mason and Captain Joseph Winn in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia as a Substitute and served five months and the Command that I belonged to was discharged at Camden South Carolina the company being anxious to get home the most left without a discharge and I am one that got none for that reason. I was called out by a draft of three months under the command of General Muhlenberg Captain William Hays and served two months of the time. The British leaving the Country where we were caused us to be discharged short of the time we were called out for In the last two months Service I took up the line of march at Lunenburg Court house and marched to Cabin Point on James River and there joined the Army and was dismissed from Service at Babb's Old Fields, I entered the service under the

command of Captain John Brodnax for three months at Lunenburg Courthouse and marched to Petersburg and from there to blaus [?] Mills.² The command was stopped at blaus Mills, and the Captain there received orders to dismiss his company and he done and the time he served was thirty-five day[s] to the best of my recollection. In the year 1781 or 1782, I volunteered under the Command of General Francis Marion and Captain McCauley. I joined the Army at the high hills of Santee and served 12 months, and was discharged at the same place. Personally appeared before me Lyddal Gordon who being duly sworn saith the above is a correct Statement of his services in the revolutionary War to the best of his recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December 1833

S/ Lyddal Gordon

S/ John Wicker, JIC Washington County

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State of Georgia, Washington County

Before the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared Lyddal Gordon and on oath makes the following additional amendment to his declaration of the 10th of December 1832 in order to obtain the benefits of the act passed the 7th of June 1832. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory and having no documentary evidence to direct his mind, that he must have been in error as to the time or date as specified in said declaration when he entered the Service as a volunteer under General Marion but as to the length of service he most unequivocally declares is correct and that he never did serve in any other character and a Substitute and volunteer as specified in said declaration, and that he did perform the Services as first stated, and was discharged soon after the Battle at York Town, and if that took place (as stated) in October 1781, he admits he was mistaken as to the time of and rained the Service but not as to the length of time he served.

S/ Lyddal Gordon

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 27 December 1837.

S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

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A Statement Showing the Services of Lyndal Gordon

The period when the service was rendered	Duration of the services	Rank of the claimant	Name of the company of which he served	Rank of the applicant	County through which he marched	Place of service	By which the declaration is supported
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1779 Sub	5 but left between 1779 & 1781	Col David	Prin Mason Capt	Genl		From Lunenburg to	71 years
		Genl Minn	Lincoln			Salisbury NC to	
		Genl Andrew				thence to Gran County	Voluntary
		Genl Capt			Hono	thence to Sta Virginia	
1779 & 1782	Sub Several Militia expeditions	Genl	Genl			thence to Hillsborough	
		Genl	Genl			thence to Salisbury	
1781 or 2 vol	till capture of Comwallis at Little Back	Genl	Genl			thence to Charlotte	
	12	Genl	Genl			thence to	
		Genl	Genl			thence to Camden	
		Genl	Genl			thence to	
		Genl	Genl			at Thompsons	
		Genl	Genl			& thence to	
		Genl	Genl			head quarters	
		Genl	Genl			near Stono	

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina and Virginia militia.]