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Virginia Rejected Claim of John Goodall VAS1272
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The petition of the Heirs of John Goodall respectfully represents –

That John Goodall was an Ensign in the Virginia Continental Line in the Revolutionary War & was in service the greater part thereof. Mr. Henry Buchanan [pension application S37807], than whom no man stands higher in his neighbourhood has certified to all the material facts of the case – whose statements are all corroborated by the testimony of Mr Wm. Figg [William Figg] a highly respectable man who was himself in the service of the Revolution. He was entitled to Land Bounty which has been never rec'd. Your petitioners therefore pray that it may be now allowed them.

I certify that I knew John Goodall in the Revolutionary War & that said John Goodall served three years in the Virginia Continental Line as an Ensign. William hisXmark Figg
[Certified in Gloucester County 2 July 1832.]

I Major W. Mahone of the County of Jas City Virginia now [24 July 1832] at the age of seventy three years, do hereby certify and make known that I was well acquainted with John Goodall late of the County of James City deceased, and that to my knowledge he was in the war of the revolution as a Soldier, and served in the Northern army in the years seventy eight & nine That I understood then, and believed, that the said John Goodall was an officer in a company from Virginia in that army; and that he was the Ensign of the Company, because I know that he carried the flag of the Company. I think that the said John Goodall returned from the Northern army about [blank] That after the war of the revolution, the said John Goodall married in the County of James City and lived in the said County from the time of his marriage until the time of his death, with the exception of a year or two that he resided at or near the City of Williamsburg.

I know also that the said John Goodall had several children, who all died under age and unmarried except John Goodall his son, now a minister of the Baptist Church and a resident of the County of York in this state.

I knew also the wife of the said John Goodall who survived him and is since dead.
Major W. hisXmark Mahone

I Robert Saunders, of the City of Williamsburg in Virginia, now at the age of seventy years, do certify and declare that I was well acquainted with John Goodall late of the County of James City in Virginia, deceased; that I first knew him about the year 1787 when he was married and resided in the said County. From that time I knew him and his family intimately till his death. I further say, that I have often heard the said John Goodall speak of his having served in the war of the Revolution as an officer in the northern army, but of the particular Rank as an office I have no recollection. the said John Goodall spoke of scenes that he witnessed with the army in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; nor have I any doubt, from his character, that they were true. The said John Goodall left a widow and two children at his death. That his widow lived some years after the death of the said John Goodall, and is now dead. I well know that John Goodall was residing in the County of York, and is a minister of the Baptist Church, is the only surviving Child of the said John Goodall before spoken of, having known him from a child, and seen his progress to manhood, and seen him frequently since his arrival at age. I know also that his son Robert who was one of the Children living at the death of said John Goodall, died under age and unmarried.

All which I certify under my Hand this twenty fourth day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty two.
Ro. Saunders

Auditors Office July 21, 1832

John Goodall an Ensign in the Virginia line on Continental establishment received a certificate on the 7 May 1787 for the balance of his full pay amounting to £60.18.8. Jas. E. Heath

A[uditor of] P[ublic] A[ccounts]

[Note that there was another Ensign John Goodall: pension application W5284.]

I certify that I knew John Goodall in the Revolutionary War. Said Goodall was an officer of Infantry in the Virginia Continental Line. I do not recollect of what grade except that he was a Commissiond officer. He continued in service more than three successive years & was never dishonourably discharged to my knowledge.

[4 July 1832]

Henry Buchanan

NOTE: On 22 Sep 1832 Nancy Hughes, 70, stated that John Goodall married Hester Morris.