

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Horsley Goodman R4111 Elizabeth Goodman VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }
Albemarle County } ss

On this 19th day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Elizabeth or Betsey Goodman, a resident of Albemarle County and State of Virginia, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Horsley Goodman, whom she has often heard state, that he had served several tours of duty in the revolutionary war, and was an Orderly Sergeant whilst in the Service, and belonged in the Virginia Malitia; She has heard him state that he served one tour of duty as a guard to the prisoners at Charlottesville and at the barracks [sic: at Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville, where Burgoyne's army was kept from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781]; in Albemarle County in Virginia, and she has frequently heard him state that he had served two tours of duty just before the close of the war, one of the tours he was drafted and marched from the County of Albemarle and served under the command of General Lafayette, when he was in command in Virginia, in the other tour he served in the place of his father who was drafted, for a tour of duty; She believes in the last tour of duty he was at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]; She cannot now state as to the length of the service of her husband in the war as aforesaid neither does she now recollect how many different tours of duty which he did perform nor the names of any of the officers under whom he served, with the exception of Capt. John Miller, Col. Mason and Gen'l. Lafayette, She believes she has heard him state that he had served under those officers, she must therefore refer to the testimony that will accompany her declaration to prove the services of her husband in the revolutionary war as aforesaid

She further declares, that she was married to the said Horsley Goodman to the best of her recollection and belief on the 27th day of June 1783; that her husband the aforesaid Horsley Goodman died on the 14th day of February 1827. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 Viz at the time above stated

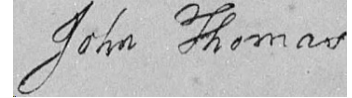
[signed] Betsey Goodman

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On this 22 day of October 1842 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Blackwell and made Oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with Horsely Goodman the late husband of Betsey Goodman and he does well know that the said Horsley Goodman served a tour of duty in the revolutionary war, in the Spring and Summer of 1781 under the comand of Capt. John Miller or Capt. Wood, he the affiant served in the same tour of duty and he saw the said Goodman frequently whilst in the service, and he has no doubt that the said Goodman served fully two months in the two named above as he the affiant served that period himself. Affiant further states that in this tour of duty they marched from the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia in the month of April and he returned in the month of June, and they were marched about to various places in the lower part of Virginia, in the neighbourhood of Richmond, Williamsburg &c affiant cannot now say whether the said Goodman, acted as a noncommissioned officer or private soldier

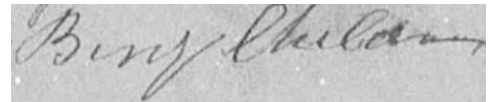
John hisXmark Blackwell

I John Thomas [pension application R10502] of the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia now in the 86th year of his age, do hereby certify that in the month of September 1781 – and during the Revolutionary war – was ordered by Colo. Nicholas Lewis of the aforesaid County & State, who was then the Colo. Commandant of the Militia, to call out six persons to aid him in pressing cattle in the County of Albemarle for the purpose of furnishing the army at York Town during the siege of York and that in performance of said duty he ordered a certain Horsly Goodman now dead as one of the party – who also resided and died in the aforesaid County – and after they had collected the cattle which they pressed – they carried them to the Home Certain Thomas Garth of the aforesaid County of Albemarle who is now dead. And is of the opinion that said Horsly Goodman was engaged about two months with him in the discharge of the aforesaid duty. And he further certifies that that duty was always considered a Tour of duty. [28 Oct 1842]

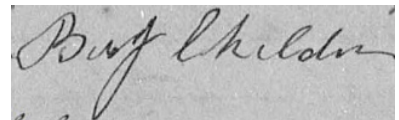


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On this 29th day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Benjamin Childres [R1926] aged seventy nine years, and made oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with Horsley Goodman and he does well remember, that the said Horsley Goodman served a tour of duty in the revolutionary war, that he the said affiant served a tour of duty at the same time with said Goodmen; the said Goodman was drafted and marched from the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia, either under the command of Capt. Henderson or under the command of Capt. Moss Leake [sic: Mark Leake]; but he believes that he was under the Command of Capt. Henderson; affiant states that in this tour of duty, that he was drafted for a tour of two months, but was continued in the service ten weeks, (he remained in the service a longer period than he was drafted to serve, in consequence of not being relieved by other troops;) and he does well know that the said Goodman served all the time that he the said affiant served; for he the said affiant and the said Goodman was very intimate whilst in the service and was very often together, affiant further states that the said tour of duty named above, was performed in the Summer of 1781 for he was discharged in the month of September in the year of 1781, but cannot now recollect the day; and affiant further states that he is under the impression that the said Goodman was a Sergeant whilst in the service as aforesaid



I Benjamin Childress do hereby certify that whilst in the service with Horsley Goodman named in the foregoing affidavit that they were stationed most of the time at Mobbin's hill [sic: Malvern Hill] within fourteen Miles of Richmond and the balance of time at Taylors Mill
[31 Oct 1842]



NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 8 May 1783 by Horsley Goodman and Clifton Rodes for the marriage of Goodman to Betsy Rodes. On 4 July 1853 David R. Goodman, administrator of Elizabeth Goodman, who lived near Charlottesville before her death, assigned power of attorney to pursue her claim. He listed the following children who survived Horsely Goodman: William Goodman; David R. Goodman; Nathan C. Goodman, since deceased; Lucy Goodman, since the wife of Thomas H. Brown; Eliza Goodman, since deceased, wife of James A. Watts; Susan Goodman, since deceased, wife of James Durrett; Ann Goodman, since deceased, wife of Seth Burnley.