

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Bennet Goodrum R4120                      Sarah Goodrum                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky } Sct  
County of Warren } [9 April 1849]

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sally Goodrum aged 86 years and a resident of the house of her son, James Goodrum, in Warren County Kentucky who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her Oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 granting Pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers: That she is the widow of Bennet Goodrum who was a private in the war of the Revolution from Brunswick County Virginia in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty and eighty one to the best of her recollection though she can not say what day of the month in the year 1780 that he first entered said Service as a volunteer under Captain James Mason of Brunswick for three months and continued in said service untill the first of July 1781 that during said period he returned home several times but did not remain but a few days at a time and he would go again she states that she has heard him say he was in several battles among which she remembers the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] She states that he lived in her neighbourhood before the war with a brother of his named William Goodrum who was also a militia soldier in said Service and this Declarant's father, William Garner, was also in said service, all under Capt Mason.

She states that said Bennet Goodrum received several discharges for his said services which she has frequently seen but they were destroyed several years ago

Said Bennet Goodrum died in Warren County Kentucky on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1823, and some ten years after his death, two of his old fellow soldiers and who were in the same company with him from Brunswick County Virginia, towit Wilson Moore [pension application S31262] and Garret Wright [Jarrett Wright, W627] of Allen County Kentucky received pensions for their services. She states that she has been anxious for several years to obtain a Pension as other old widows, but that her sons being uneducated and not knowing what to do have kept putting it off from time to time

She states that she was married to said Bennet Goodrum by the name of Sally or Sarah Garner on the 3<sup>th</sup> day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in Brunswick County Virginia by parson Golddy by Banns She states that she was 18 years of age in August after his said marriage that she has had ten children the oldest of whom is now 66 years of age.

She states that since the death of said Goodrum she has not intermarried but is now his widow; and that she was married while said Bennet Goodrum was at home after he had been discharged and it was thought he would not go into said service again but that very soon after our marriage there was another call for men and said Goodrum had to go again and was gone into said service about a month and then he returned home and never was in the service anymore & further saith not.

Sally herXmark Goodrum

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Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Goodrum, and who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his Oath depose & say That he is the son of Bennet & Sally Goodrum that he is now in his 53<sup>d</sup> year of his age and that there are six of the children older than himself, that he has always considered his father as a soldier in the war of the Revolution and that before his death he frequently heard his father talking about his said services in company with other old soldiers and that his father is now considered by his old acquaintances as a Soldier and that the above Declarant is this Affiant's mother and the identical widow of said Bennet Goodrum & further saith not

James hisXmark Goodrum

NOTE: On 1 April 1852 John J. Goodrum assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of Sally Goodrum, deceased.