

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Godwin R4127

Mary Godwin

f15NC

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State of North Carolina, Hertford County: SS

On this 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1832 appeared personally in open Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting James Godwin a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 77 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832, that he was drafted in the year of 1781 in Captain Thomas Gregory's company a private for the term of three months, Regiment commanded by Colonel Dozier [sic, Peter Dauge], & Colonel Blount [Redding Blount], went with his company to North West River Bridge. Troops commanded by General William Gregory & he stayed until his time expired – he received his discharge from General Gregory, & returned home. He has lost this discharge & has no documentary evidence to prove his services, but expects the evidence of James Weston<sup>1</sup> to be very material which he herewith submits.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension whatever except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the date aforesaid.

S/ James Godwin, X his mark

The court then propounded the following interrogatories as prescribed by the circular of the War Department. The Applicant being in open Court on oath, in answer

1<sup>st</sup> Born in Hertford County on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> I had but I believe it is lost

3<sup>[rd]</sup> I was living in Hertford County, where I have lived since & where I now live

4[th] I was drafted into the service in 1781 a private in Captain Thomas Gregory's Company, Colonel Dozier's Regiment North Carolina militia

5[th] General Gregory, Colonel Blount, & Dozier

6[th] I received my discharge from General Gregory but it is lost

7[th] General B. J. Montgomery our Senator in the legislature – Watson Lewis Esquire P. M. at Pitch Landing

James Weston a resident of Hertford County aged about 73 years appeared personally in open Court as aforesaid and maketh oath that he is well acquainted [with] James Godwin the applicant as above & knows of his performing a tour of duty in Captain Thomas Gregory's Company Colonel Dozier Regiment North Carolina militia at North West River Bridge North Carolina in the year 1781. The deponent was in the service with the applicant.

Sworn to day & date aforesaid.

S/ Jas Weston, X his mark

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1 [James Weston S7858](#)

[James Delk, a clergyman, and John Vann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On Sept. 30, 1852, in Hertford County, NC, Mary Godwin, 62, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married him in 1828; that he died in 1842, aged 86]

[On September 30, 1852, Enos Dilday [also spelled Dildea], of Hertford County, filed affidavit stating that he knew James Godwin who died in Jan. 1843 in Hertford County at age 86; that he, Enos, married Anna Godwin in 1811 and that she was a daughter of said James Godwin; Anna died in 1833 and Enos married another daughter of James Godwin's named Nancy; Nancy died in October 1851; that he and his first wife Anna Godwin had "many children" 8 of whom are still living, namely:

1. Jesse Dilday, 41, who lives in Fayette County, Tenn;
2. Elizabeth, who married Jos. Launder, about 40, who also lives in Fayette County, Tenn;
3. John, 35, of Hertford;
4. Martha, 33, wife of Clements Hoggard who lives in Fayette County, Tenn;
5. Louisa, 31, wife of James Holloman of Hertford;
6. Joseph, 26, of Hertford;
7. Nancy, 25, wife of William S. Dilday of Hertford; and
8. Mary, 23, who resides in Fayette County, Tenn.;

by his second wife, Nancy Godwin, he has had three children, namely,

1. George, about 18 years old,
2. Thomas, about 17 and
3. William about 4 years old, all of whom reside in Hertford;

that James Godwin left other children, namely,

1. Priscilla who married James Hill and died about 64 years of age leaving 2 children, to wit: John about 26; and Mary about 34
2. James who died leaving one child: Dossey Godwin, about 25, who lives in Hertford
3. Elizabeth, about 50, who married Burrill Holloman, who lives in Hertford
4. Jesse who died in 1837 aged about 49, leaving one child, Martha Jane, about 15, who lives in Gates County, NC
5. Mary, about 65, wife of Godwin Askew, of Hertford
6. Elisha, about 42, who lives in Hertford.

Enos states that James Godwin's first wife was Elizabeth Thomas who died upwards of 40 years ago; secondly, he married Mary Bacon in 1828.]