

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ratcliff R8602

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### Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List, under the Act of the 18th Marched 1818

State of Mississippi Franklin County: On this 4th day of April 1832 personally appeared in open Court in the Circuit Court of the County of Franklin being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid John Ratcliff a resident in said County aged between Seventy two & three years who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said John Ratcliff enlisted for the Term of 12 months on the 14th day of July 1782 in the State of South Carolina in the company or Corps of cavalry commanded by Captain Laneux [sic, Peter Lanew?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Orea [sic, Peter Horry] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps or company until July 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Craven district (since called Darlington district) in the State of South Carolina; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; That his name is not on the roll of any State except that of South Carolina: and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension: That he had us heretofore thought that he was able to work and live without a Pension as he has enjoyed general good health but now as he is in declining years and becoming incapable for performing labor sufficient to support himself he needs the aid Pension.

S/ John Ratcliff



Sworn & subscribed in open Court April 4, 1832

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor

has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property.

S/ John Ratcliff

Sworn to & subscribed & declared in open Court this 4th day of April 1832

S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

Schedule

I have no property except my wearing apparel that before the 18th March 1818 I divided what property I own among my children and have since that time resided with them. That I have labored for my support and my children are in quite limited circumstances I have Eight children four sons and four daughters all of whom are adults.

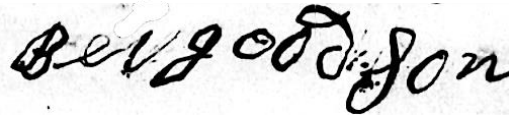
S/ John Ratcliff

Sworn to & subscribed & declared in open court this 4th day of April 1832

S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

State of Mississippi Franklin County: This day personally appeared in open court in the circuit Court of the County of Franklin Benjamin Godson [sic] and made oath that he saw the above named John Ratcliff in the Company of cavalry commanded by Captain Lanew & Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Horry. That said company was twelve months man. That he was well acquainted with said John Ratcliff at that time and has been well acquainted with him at different times since.

S/ Ben. Goodson<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Goodson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Goodson W7550](#)