

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Goodwin S13176
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

VA

State of Virginia Nelson County towit:

On This 22^d day of April 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Nelson County, now sitting Thomas Goodwin, a resident of said County of Nelson and state of Virginia, aged sixty seven years on the 25th day of May last, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1781 in the month of January or February he became a substitute for his father John Goodwin before he arived at age for service, and was received as such in a company commanded by Capt Thomas Doswell of the County of Hanover, in the Regiment Commanded by Park Goodall. The Company met at Jeremiah Glens in said County, and joined a Regiment Commanded by Col. Goodall and marched to Williamsburg, there the company was divided and three prisoners named Downing, Johnson and Thompson were sent by a part of the Company to Richmond, and he went with them, and the prisoners were there delivered to a man by the name of Rose, after which he was marched to Sandy point [on James River], to take possession of boats to carry troops backwards and forwards, there the Company staid until the British fleet came up, where orders were given to march to Richmond, and then to Chesterfield Courthouse, where we joined forces under a Frenchman called Major De Cluman or some such name [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane], who was then his superior he does not recollect. So soon as he joined the Army at this place, orders were given to form in line of Battle on the North side of the Courthouse, and there remained in line some time, and then the army marched and crossed James River in the night at Tuckahoe [in present Richmond] and marched on near to Powells above Richmond, and the next morning marched to Richmond and joined the army under LaFayette. On the same day (he believes) the British Light horsemen burnt the Warehouse in Manchester. The army was then marched to 4 Mile Creek [Fourmile Creek] from whence they were marched suddenly in the night toward Petersburg – having staid all night at the River We next day march to Pocahontas – at this place the artillery fired into the Town of Petersburg. This movement was made to take [Gen. Benedict] Arnold before Cornwallis' forces could come up. The Bridge was on fire at the time – after which a retreat was ordered, and the army marched back to 4 Mile Creek, there the army remained untill he was discharged, having been relieved by other, and his tour of duty of three months being expired he was discharged in the month of May – That so soon as he returned home, in the County of Hanover on the 26th day of May 1781 he was drafted to serve another tour of duty (on his own account), in a company commanded by Capt William Norvill, who resigned and the Company was put under the command of Capt Isaiah Haden after it arived in Gloucester County. The Company marched to Brook bridge below Richmond, where it staid some time, then to New Castle [now Old Church], and was under the command of Col. John Taylor and Major [David] Campbell. He crossed with the forces over the river York just below the junction of Pamunkey and Mattapony [sic: Mattaponi River], into the County of King and Queen, and was stationed at Hubbard Old field. The forces stationed here frequently marched down into Gloucester County On one occassion, about 12 October in the day the forces were formed for battle at Ware Church, shortly after this he was taken sick and sent into the Country for attensand, and his tour of duty having ended he was taken home, having served three months. So he states he was in the service of his Country three months on each tour, making six months. He resided in the County of Hanover when he entered the service both times. He has no documentary evidence of his service – he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, except John Claybrooke of Louisa County, who knows he was in the service two tours of three months each, whose testimony he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state – sworn to and subscribed the

day and year aforesaid

Thomas Goodwin

He also makes the following answers to the following question propounded by the Court.

1st. Where and in what year was you born?

Answer. In the County of Hanover, State of Virginia, and on the 25 day of May 1765.

2nd Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. It was in my father's bible, and it was sold at his sale after death. I also transferred it to my own Bible.

3rd Question. Where were you living when called into service, and where have you lived since?

Answer. I lived in Hanover when called into service and where I entered as a substitute. Since which I lived part of the time in Louisa County, and prince George County, prince William County, then to King George, and then in the County of Amherst, now Nelson, where I still reside.

4th Question. How were you called into service. Were you drafted, or did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer. I was first a substitute for my father, and having served a tour I was then drafted and served another.

5th Question. State the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I Recollect Col. Goodall who commanded the Regiment I first went with, under Capt Thomas Doswell, Major De Cluman, or some such name who was a Frenchman, Gen'l La Fayette These officers in part commanded when I was first a substitute In my second tour being drafted I was under Capt William Norvell and Capt J Haden, and was in the regiment commanded by Col John Taylor and Major Campbell. The general nature of his tours is introduced in the declaration made from his statement.

6th Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a discharge as I Recollect.

7th State the names of persons in your neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of yours services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. There is no person now in the neighborhood who knows anything of my services, but I refer you to the certificate of John Claybrooke's testimony, which I wish to be filed with my declaration. I however refer you to Spotswood Garland and Col. Charles Perrow, who can testify as to their belief of my veracity.