

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Goodrick (Goodrich) S1763
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State of Tennessee

District of West Tennessee & County of Davidson}

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Hon'ble the Judges of the United States Circuit Court for the District aforesaid John Goodrick a resident of said County & District aged Seventy five years 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as follows to wit. He first entered as a minute man under Captain Paine and afterwards served under Captain Joseph Spencer in the same service, he first went into service on the 3rd day of September 1775 and continued in that tour six months he marched from Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia to Williamsburg & from thence to Suffo[ok] thence to the great Bridge about twelve miles from Norfolk where he had an engagement on I think the 9th day of December 1775 [Battle of Great Bridge]. We were then commanded by General [William] Woodford of the regulars my Capt then was Joseph Spencer & my Col was Edward Stevens of Culpepper County Virg. I then resided in Orange County Virginia & we were disbanded and got home on the 3rd day of March 1776.

In June 1776 I again went out in the above stated service a minute man & served two months on that tour we went to Fredericksburg and down the Rappahanock [sic: Rappahannock River] reconnoitring the Country &c. and engaged on that tour two months when we were again allowed to return home I served this Tour under the same Captain as the former one but our Col was Col Oliver Tolles [sic: Oliver Towles] which was the last service performed by me as a minute man.

The next tour I substituted in place of one James Smith both of us of Orange County Virginia and served two months when I was again disbanded on this occasion we went to Richmond & from that to Mobin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill on James River 15 mi SE of Richmond] to guard the river this service was rendered in the year 1781 our Genl was [Robert] Lawson & Col Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews] was our Col Genl Lafayette was also with us part of the time we went down as long as Williamsburg during this tour, he had no general engagement during this tour.

He does not think he ever rec'd. any discharge, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove said service nor has he any documenty evidence upon the subject.

The following questions were propound[ed] by the Court & answered as follows.

Quest 1. Where in what year were you born.

Ansr. I was born in Louisa County in the State of Virginia 11th of January 1757.

Quest 2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Ansr My age is recorded in Louisa County in the Episcopal Church I have no other record except a memorandum made by myself.

Quest 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live

Ansr. I lived in Orange County Virginia when called into service I afterwards moved to Wilkes County North Carolina from thence to Guilford & from that to the State of Tennessee where I have resided in Rutherford & Davidson Counties upwards of twenty years & live in the latter County at this time.

Quest. How were you called into service did you volunteer were you drafted or were you a substitute. if a substitute for whom.

Ansr. I first entered the service as a minute man in which character I served two tours & afterwards substituted in place of James Smith.

Quest 5th State the names of some of your [sic] regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your services

Ansr. For the answer to this the court refers to the applicants previous statement which is the same.

Quest. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

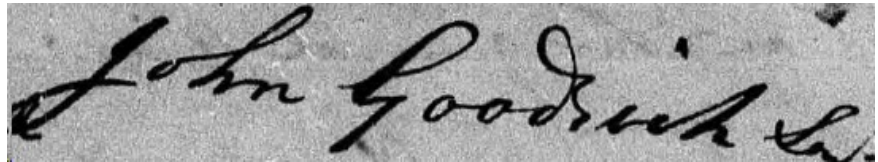
Ansr. I do not think I ever rec'd a discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution.

Ansr Herbert Townes Esqr, Charles Hays William Valx [sic: Vaulx] the Honl. John Bell representative from this district James Collinsworth & many others

Said applicant 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Goodrich". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

NOTES:

Although the name on the file jacket is "Goodrich," the signature, the name on the pension certificate, and elsewhere in the file appears to be John Goodrick.

On 7 March 1837 it was certified that "Rebecca Goodrick was the Lawful wife of the late John Goodrick Sen'r... and that her said Husband died on the 15th day of June 1836.