

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Goodson S30440

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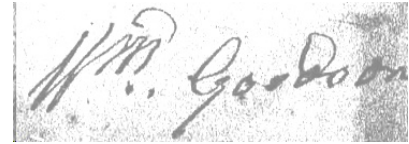
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State of Kentucky } SS.

Cumberland County & Circuit }

On this 10th day of April 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Benjamin Monroe Sole Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the Cumberland Circuit aforesaid now sitting William Goodson a resident of the County of Cumberland aforesaid and State of Kentucky aged 73 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 7th 1832. that in the year 1776 he was regularly commissioned Ensign of the malitia by the governor of the State of Virginia that soon after he had accepted said Commission a call was made for men to go against the British and Common Enemy that he immediately volunteered as ensign Raised a number of volunteers and joined Capt. James Barnet [James Barnett] and immediately entered the service of the United States in that character this was in the County of Bottetout [sic: Botetourt] State of Virginia in the year 1776 he marched on to the long Island on the Holsten river [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] according to the orders he had received the company to which he belonged Capt. Barnets and Capt Smiths marched to the s'd Island for the purpose of joining some horse troops at that place commanded by [blank] When they arrived there the horse troops had gon on to the Indian nation had been gone too long to be overtaken by the foot troops and the officers after holding a consultation changed their rout reconiting [reconnoitering?] the frontier of Virginia marching to different places in search of the enemy returned home holding themselves in readiness for other service in this tour he volunteered for no specific time but continued in service for the Term of one month & half at least and he thinks longer. he again volunteered as ensign in the same company and was attached to Col. Linches [sic: Charles Lynch's] Regiment for the purpose of suppressing the tories who were assembling together for the purpose of joining the British in this expedition he marched to various places routed and dispersed them in this tour he served one month before he was dismissed this last tour was in 1777 he again in the same year volunteered and marched on to the led mines [sic: lead mines near Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] it was reported that the Enemy was about to take possession and a call was made to prevent them which was accordingly done in this tour he served two weeks he again volunteered and marched to various places in search of the Tories. he went various Tours of that period the precise time that he served in any one he cannot state but expressly charges that he served faithfully as Ensign in the malitia in the War of the Revolution for a long time indeed he was seldom out of service in 1781 he marched on to North Carolina as Ensign and was in two engagements with the enemy – one at Reedy fork of Haw river [skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781] the other the allamance [sic: at Clapp's Mill on Stinking Quarter Creek near Alamance River NC, 2 Mar 1781] he was then under the Command of Colo. [Hugh] Crockett was several times in the Brigade of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in this way he served from 1776 untill February [sic] 1781 when he was appointed Collector of the Tax by the Commissioners appointed by the legislature of Virginia for recruiting the states quota of Troops in which capacity he served one year and he charges expressly that he served as ensign about five years tho not all the time in actual service but is confident that he was more than two years in service as Ensign – inclusive of the time he served as Collector he states that he has lost or mislaid his Commission so that he cannot find it he has no documentary evidence of his services as ensign and that he knows of no person whose Testamony he can procure who can testify to his services he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State he herewith attaches his appointment as publick Collector bearing date 2 February 1781 he states that he was born in Jefferson Frederick County State of Maryland in December 1759 as he has been informed by his parents which he believes to be true he has no record of his age at about two years of age he was

brought by his parents to Virginia where he remained in Bottetot County during the time he was in Service after the close of the war he moved to Montgomery County Tennessee where he remained about four years untill the year 1800 when moved to Kentucky where he now lives in the County of Cumberland he states that he well acquainted in the County having lived here since 1800 But none of his Companions of the revolution with whom he was acquainted reside here Subscribed and sworn to the day and year af's. he further states that there is no clergyman in his town to certify for him



Sir/ You are hereby appointed a Collector of the tax imposed by an Act of the last Session of Assembly entitled an Act for recruiting this states quota of troops to serve in the continental Army. You are therefore hereby Enjoined & required to appear before us at our Courthouse on thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant then and there to give bond for the faithful discharge of said office, and receive such instructions as are necessary. And of this you are [several illegible words] under the immediate penalty of fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco.

Botetourt February 2<sup>d</sup> 1781

[signed] W. Ward

[signed] D. May

Mr. Wm Goodson Little River

NB apper the fifteenth Instant

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Cumberland County }

on this first day of October 1833 personnally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County af'd. William Goodson and made Oath that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of april last he made his declaration in the Honorable Circuit Court of Cumberland County State of Kentucky for a pension under the act of Congress of June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 to which declaration he offers this as an amendment

he states that in addition and by way of amendment & explanation of his former Declaration that he was regularly Commissioned as Ensign in the malitia of virginia That from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise length of time he did serve But he positively states that he did serve in the malitia of the state of virginia in the war of the revolution in a Corps Called into Service by Competant authority as Ensign in the regiments of Colo. Lynch & Colo. Crockett not less than two years in tours of from twenty to ninety days for which service he claims a pension he further states that since filing his original declaration he has discovered that John Scott Sr. [W3046] of this county can prove his having been Commissioned as ensign and my services as such whose affidavit he has procured bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833 and is herewith attached referred to as part of this declaration

Where and in what year were you born

Ansr. I was born in the month of December in Frederick County State of Maryland in the year of our lord one thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe to be true.

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Ansr. I have none nor never had any

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

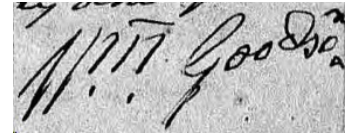
Ansr. I lived in Bottertourt County virginia when called into service and continued that as my home for many years after the revolutionary war after that time he moved to the State of Tennessee where he remained untill about the year one thousand eight hundred when I moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where I now live

4 How were you called into service.

- Ans'r. I was at all times & calls a volenteer
5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you serv'd. such Continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service  
 Ans'r. I was frequently with Colo. [William] Washington Colo. [Henry] Lee Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] & others and the general services was scouting about after the enemy and was in several engagements with the British & tories &c and was in actual service as ensign in that way more than two years
  6. did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it  
 Ans'r. I rec'd. a regular commission signed by the (then) Governor of virginia as ensign which commission he has mislaid or lost But how when or where he knows not so it is he cannot find it
  - 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for varacity and their belief of your services as an officer of the revolution

Ans'r./ I am acquainted with the severel gentlemen who certified for me in my original declaration and I am also acquainted with all of my neighbours who live near me for any time past & all of them I believe would if present state their opinion as to my character and their implicit belief that I was an officer of the revolution as I have stated

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year af'd.



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Be it Remembered that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833 before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid State of Kentucky personally came John Scott Sen'r. a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath state that he is now in the 74<sup>th</sup> year of his age and further states that he is now well acquainted with William Goodson of Cumberland County state of Kentucky he states that he has been well acquainted with him the said Goodson in this County for about 28 years, that he knew him in the State of virginia before he came here and before the commencement of the war of the revolution he further states that he well knows that said Goodson was commissioned as Ensign and served as such in the war of the revolution more than three years he saw said Goodson in the army commanding as ensign at many times and places he saw him at the Battle at Haw River he was then in Colo. Crocketts Regiment, he also saw him several times commanding as ensign in Colo Linchs Regiment he further states that he has no doubt that said Goodson faithfully served as ensign in the war of the revolution of the virginia malitia from the year 1776 or thereabouts untill the year 1781 when he was appointed collector he states that he was intimately acquainted with said Goodson & knows he was a brave active man and was always ready & willing to serve his country and as before stated knows he did serve as ensign af'd from 1776 to 1781 tho not always in service but he is confident he was in actual service more than three years he further states that said Goodson is abou the age of affiant, and that he is highly respectable and no man stands higher for varacity & good character that said Goodson Subscribed and sworn to this day & year

