

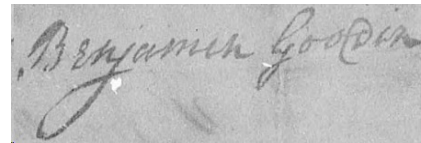
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Goodwin S34903

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Before John Taylor presiding Judge of the Supreme Court of the state of Mississippi personally appeared Benjamin Goodwin and being duly sworn deponeth and saith that he the said deponant did on the 26th day of December in the year of our Lord 1776 inlist as a Sargent for three years in Captain David Scotts Company [David Scott S25425, company raised in Monongalia County] of the 13th Virginia Rigitment commanded first by Col. Russel [sic: William Russell BLWt1849-500] and afterwards by Col. John Gibson [S41578] and continued to serve in the Revolutionary War on the continental establishment against the Common enemy untill the 9th day of March 1780 at which time he received a regular dis discharge from Leut. Col. Richard Cambell [sic: Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] of the 9th Regiment to which at that time this deponant belonged that said discharged has been lost or distroyd by time or accident This deponant furth saith that he is a Native Born Citizen of the State of Maryland and has resided ever since his said discharge within the limits of the present United States and now resides in the state of Mississippi and is a Citizen thereof and the said deponant further deponeth and saith that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to stand in need of the assistance from his Country for support he further saith that he never was allowed or received any pension in consiquence of his aforesaid services Sworn & subscribed this 16th of Feby 1820



State of Mississippi
Superior Court of Chancery }
Western District } January Term 1823

On this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty three, personally appeared in Open Court, the same being a Court of Record for the aforesaid District, Benjamin Goodwin, aged Sixty eight years, a resident of the County of Jackson, in this State, who being first duly Sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows, First, in the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment under the command of Colo. Russell, & in the Company commanded by Capt'n Scott, which said Regiment was afterwards commanded by Colo. John Gibson, and was afterwards numbered nine – that he was enlisted on the Twenty Sixth day of December 1776, and was disbanded on the ninth day of December [sic] 1780. And that he served the whole time, between the 26th day of December 1776 and the ninth of March 1780 as a Sargent. That his original declaration was made on the Sixteenth day of February 1820, that he has received a pension certificate which is numbered 17541. That his employment has been that of a Farmer, that he is wholly unable to pursue the same, by reason of his infirmity of body. That he has two sons with whom he resides – said sons are named Benjamin Goodwin & Allen Goodwin, the first aged 39 years and the second 33 years, and that he has also a Daughter aged 22 years, and that his said children are wholly unable to contribute any thing to the support and maintainance of their said father, by reason of their Indigence. He further states that his pension certificate issued from the War Office on the 19th day of June 1820, and that he did not receive the same, untill late in the month of August 1821. That he then resided about four hundred miles from Planter's and Merchant's Bank at Huntsville in the State of Alabama, the place where said certificate was payable, that on receipt of said certificate, he proceeded immediately to the aforesaid Bank and present the said Certificate, and demanded the sum then due on the same, but was informed, that no payment could then & there be made, as the funds of the United States, had a short time previous been transfered to the Bank of the State of Mississippi and that the Cashier of said Bank of Mississippi was authorized to pay the same – and that he has present said certificate, to the Cashier of the Bank of the State of Mississippi at

Natchez in said State, and that said Cashier has refused to pay the amount due on said certificate, previous to the time that the funds of the United States were deposited in said Bank of the State of Mississippi, and before the time that said Bank was authorized to pay pension certificates

I Benjamin Goodwin do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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, nor have I any income whatever.

Benjamin Goodwin

Schedule

Demand on open account against the Estate of John Demars, amounting to about Seventy One Dollars – Said Estate is insolvent.

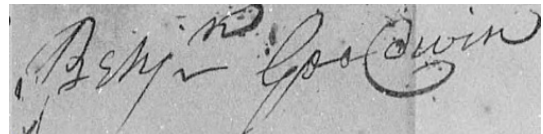
Benj'n Goodwin

State of Mississippi } Ss Circuit Court
Adams County } May term 1823.

Personally appeared in open Court on this twenty eighth day of May A Domini 1823 Benjamin Goodwin aged sixty eight years, who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818, 1st of May 1820, and first of March 1823. That he the said Benjamin Goodwin enlisted for the term of three years, on the 26th day of December 1776 in the State of Virginia as a Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain David Scott in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Russel in the State of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the corps until the 9th day of March 1780, when he was discharged at Peterborough, State of Pennsylvania. [Oath similar to the preceding.] Since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property.

<u>To whom sold</u>	<u>Time of sale</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
William Buell	Oct 1822	One horse	Sixty dollars \$60

The applicant further states that he lives with his son in law William Buell a mechanic who lives by his daily labour and who is unable to support him: that he is himself by trade a farmer, and is by reason of his age and infirmities unable to pursue such occupation, and that he has no way to subsist without dependance upon public charity.



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Goodin, Benjamin. Another file under the same name is not legible enough for transcription.]


I Do Certify that Benjamin Goodin Serg't in the ninth Virginia Regiment enlisted the 7th Jan'y 1777 for the term of three years and Continued in actual service untill the 9th of March 1780 and was then Discharged by Lt Col Campbell Given Under my hand this 25th March 1784.

Lewis Thomas [S37489] late
Capt 7th Virg'a Reg't

A Copy Cha Jones Clk

Countersigned
James Wood [BLWt2419-500] B.G.

Sir please to Settle my Acc't and [three undeciphered words]
[undeciphered] Benj Goodwin[?]



NOTE: The federal file includes the following letter evidently written by Goodwin to Christopher Rankin, Member of Congress:

Washington January 26 1823

Sir I Reced your Favour of the 6th of December Last, and am Truly thankfull for the Attention you Paid to my Buzziness, I have Complied with the Derrections Of the Secretary Of the War office & Sent it On and Shall Be Truly thankfull to you for your Attention to my Buzzeness the Pention Bill was dated the 16th of Febuary Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Payable the 4th of March and September Out of which I recev'd \$5.55 Cents and no more in pursute of which I have Spent the Small remains of what I had and has Left me in debt

I am with Due Respect your Obt Srvt

C Ranken Esq'r

