

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Goodwin S37020

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

York: SS

On this fourteenth day of May A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit of said Commonwealth, personally appeared Aaron Goodwin aged sixty-four years resident in Parsonsfield in the said County of York [now Maine], who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" – that he the said Aaron Goodwin in the Month of April 1779 at a port in France, entered as a seaman on board the ship called the Bon hom Richard [BonHomme Richard; Bon Homme Richard], in the service of the United States, under the Command of Captain John Paul Jones, and sailed on a cruise in said Ship and was in the engagement when the Bonhomme Richard took his Britannic Majesty's Ship called the Serapis – the day after the engagement the Bonhomme Richard went down, and Captain Jones with his crew took possession of the ship Serapis and proceeded in said ship to Holland, where we left the Serapis & went on board the United States Ship Alliance, under the command of the same Captain John Paul Jones, and sailed from Holland in the last mentioned ship on a cruise went into the part of Corona in Spain, and from thence to the Orient in France, where Captain Landers [Pierre Landais] took command of the Ship Alliance & sailed for Boston in America, at which court he arrived in the month of August 1780 – where he was discharged, but has lost his discharge –

(And in proof of the foregoing declaration, made by the said Aaron Goodwin, Thomas Hammet and Richard Lord two credible & disinterested witnesses, personally appear and being by me first duly sworn according to law, they upon their oath do say, that the above named Aaron Goodwin did serve as a seaman on board the United Ships the Bonhom Richard, the Serapis and the Alliance from the time he entered on board the former, until he was discharged from the latter, as [he] has testified – that they both served with him the whole time – & know that he did his duty as faithfully & was honorably discharged)

That he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said.

S/ Benjⁿ Greene

State of Maine
County of York, SS

On this twenty-second day of September 1824 in open Court, being the Supreme Judicial Court held at Alfred within and for the County on the third Tuesday of September 1824 Present the Honorable Prentiss Mellen Chief Justice of said Court; and said court keeping a record of their proceedings, having jurisdiction unlimited in amount, proceeding according to the course of the common law, having the power to fine and imprison, and being a Court of Record in said County, personally appeared Aaron Goodwin resident in the said County aged seventy years, who, being first 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 of March 1818, and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Aaron Goodwin enlisted for the term of one year about the 1st of January in the year 1776 in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Captain Phillip Hubbard in the regiment commanded by Colonel Pierce Long in the line of the State of New Hampshire on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until January 1777 at Kittery Point so called in the County of York & State of Massachusetts when he was discharged from the said service, in Kittery in the State of Massachusetts now State of Maine.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May, 1820, I 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.

S/ Aaron Goodwin



Sworn to & subscribed the 22nd September 1824 in open Court
Before S/ Prentiss Mellen
Chief Justice of said Court

Schedule of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz.:

a few articles of old furniture such as a few Kitchen Chairs a tate [sic] Chest &c, all of which is of little value

Schedule of the family residing with me Aaron Goodwin who, by occupation am a farmer which I am unable to pursue by reason of a Rheumatic disorder which has troubled me for many years.

Names.	Ages.	Capacity of each to contribute to their support
Sally my wife	68	very unwell most of the time

S/ Aaron Goodwin

I Benjamin Goodwin¹ of Shapleigh in the County of York of Seventy years of age testify & say, that I have been acquainted with Aaron Goodwin of Parsonsfield in said County from childhood; In the year of 1776 said Aaron and I enlisted in the Continental Service under the twelve month service, in the Company commanded by Captain Phillip Hubbard & Colonel Pierce Langley's Regiment of Portsmouth, N. H., in the New Hampshire or Massachusetts line, that we, said Aaron & myself served at Kittery Point in the County of York, then the District of Maine, now the State of Maine, twelve months, and that said Aaron served all that time faithfully without any Intermediate time.

S/ Benjamin Goodwin, X his mark

[Attested May 12th, 1824]

I Nathan Goodwin of Shapleigh in the County of York and State of Maine age 78 years testify & say that I have been acquainted with Aaron Goodwin of Parsons Bill in said County of York from childhood. In the year 1776 said Aaron & myself enlisted into the continental Service in the war of the Revolution under the Command of Captain Phillip Hubbard in the regiment commanded by Colonel Pierce Long of Portsmouth New Hampshire into the 12 months service he & I both enlisted about the same time in January A.D. 1776 & we both Served at a place called Kittery Point in the county of Your aforesaid and I do know that the aforesaid Aaron Goodwin faithfully Served 12 months the above Service was either in the Massachusetts or New Hampshire Line

S/ Nathan Goodwin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Goodwin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Nathan Goodwin".

[Attested May 12th, 1824]

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died September 28, 1827]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 17, 1824 for service for 15 months as a mariner in the United States Navy.]

¹ FPA S18840