

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Goode S38742

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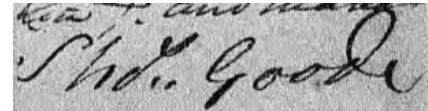
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State of Kentucky }  
Christian County } April 15<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Thomas Goode a citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and County aforesaid declares that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 he entered the American service as a private soldier in Capt Sam'l Hopkins's Company [Samuel Hopkins's company raised in Mecklenburg County] in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Virginia line commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner for the term of two years, that he served out the said term of two years towit from the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 until the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 as a private soldier in the Regiment aforesaid against the common Enemy, and on the termination of his period of service received an honorable discharge which is now lost or mislaid

That he is now old and in circumstances so indigent as to ask the aid offered by the Government, by the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" which he entered with zeal and quit as he conscientiously believes with honor & credit to himself.

That he at various times afterward served in the militia, and was at the siege of York when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. He releases all and every pension that may have been heretofore allowed him and makes this application on account of his reduced circumstances.



The State of Alabama } ss:  
Blount County } Circuit Court, March Term 1824

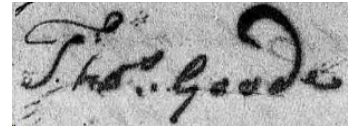
On this thirtieth day of March 1824, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, Thomas Goode, aged Sixty four years, a resident in Jefferson County in said state of Alabama, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz: In the Sixth Regiment Samuel Hopkins's company, in the Virginia line; and that his original declaration was dated the fifteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; the number of his pension certificate, 14,798 in the Kentucky Agency

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

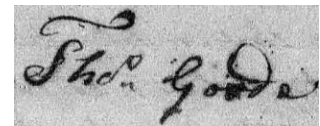
Schedule

One negro woman slave in the possession of John Killough, working for the interest of two hundred and sixty dollars for which the said negro slave is morgaged  
One negro boy slave of the age of four or five years, under, and levied on by virtue of sundry executions to the amount of about three hundred dollars,  
One heifer, three years old,  
On bull, two years old,  
One horse seventeen or eighteen years old,

One old one-horse waggon, nearly worn out,  
One hundred dollars due from Jacob Walton for property sold, with interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February  
1824, at the rate of eight per centum per annum,  
One old waggon nearly worn out, and two small horses, now in the possession of Joseph Goode

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Goode".

That the said Thomas Goode has always been by occupation, a farmer, so long as he was able to work at that occupation. that he is at this time unable to support himself by any occupation that he can pursue; that the only person of his family residing with him is his wife Sarah Goode aged sixty one or sixty two years, who is quite unhealthy and able to contribute but very little to her support

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The claimant makes a further statement 16<sup>th</sup> July 1824  
Says that Joseph Goode his son was indebted to Hodge \$250 and borrowed money from Moore to pay him, at the same time mortgaged a negro woman, property of s'd. Joseph to return which borrowed \$250 from Barton, mortgaged the same woman. also became personally bound with the Claimant for the same – the negro woman died – Joseph and Claimant were sued – Joseph being insolvent the Claimant paid off the execution, raised the money by mortgaging his negro woman Hannah to Bradford for \$260 – to pay Bradford the same woman was mortgaged in March 1823 to Killough. In March 1824 said woman and the boy Calvin were sold to John Burford for \$575 \$260 of which were paid to Killough the last mortgagee and the balance except 25<sup>th</sup> Cents applied to the discharge sundry executions and judgments. [Confirmation by the various mortgagees and the Sheriff of Jefferson County are not transcribed here. This document also states that “The greater part of these judgments are stated to be security debts for John Goode [elsewhere referred to as John H. Goode] and Edward Goode.”]

#### NOTES:

On 31 March 1824 the court appraised the value of Goode's property at \$700, minus mortgages, executions, and debts of \$600. The files contains many other documents relating to Goode's financial situation. In some of the documents Thomas Goode is referred to as Thomas Goode, Sr., and in at least one he is referred to as Col. Thomas Goode.

On 15 May 1825 12 citizens of Jefferson County certified that Thomas Goode was “a good man, a good citizen and a good Christian, one who has seen ‘better days’ but by a long course of uncontrollable events he is reduced to extreme poverty.”

A letter dated 21 May 1835, apparently written by Thomas Goode himself, requests that his pension be transferred from Alabama to Tennessee, where he had moved seven years previously. This was followed by a formal application dated 25 July 1835, which stated that he had moved to Covington in Tipton County TN “because he wished to be with his children.”