

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Goodwin S6908

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State of North Carolina, Perquimans County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1833

On this thirteenth day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting John Goodwin Senior a resident of the County of Perquimans and State of North Carolina aged eighty 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, on the 2nd day of March 1778 he volunteered under Captain John Harvey in the County of Perquimans where and three months he proceeded in Colonel Jarvis [Samuel Jarvis] Regiment attached to the division of General Will. Gregory [William Gregory] through Edenton in said thence to Hillsboro in same State where the division under General Gregory halted and remained for some time. That John Creecy was Lieutenant of this affiant's company – that from Hillsboro they marched to Yadkin on their way to Charleston where they were attacked and defeated by the enemy – that they retreated back across the River where they encamped and remained there for about four months – that this affiant was at Cole's Mills when Gates was defeated¹ – that this affiant served in this southern campaign for the space of twelve months. That he received his discharge from Lieutenant Creecy & returned home.

That in June 1779 he was drafted in the County of Perquimans in Captain William Riddick's Company to go to the North West Bridge. That Daniel Stallings was Lieutenant of said Company – that he marched to said North West Bridge where he remained three months, when he was discharged by Lieutenant Stallings & returned home – that he was also at this place attached to Colonel Jarvis' Regiment & General Gregory's Division. That in April 1780 this affiant enlisted under Captain Clement Hall – William Walton Lieutenant – when they moved on to the South by the way of Winston in North Carolina, passed the River Roanoke at Halifax and joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at the high hills of Santee, where he staid for several weeks – thence went by Thompson's Fort to Eutaw Springs where a battle was fought [September 8, 1781] and the Americans came off victorious – that they pursued the British towards Charleston and after reconnoitering for some time they returned to the High Hills of Santee where they were encamped under General Greene for the winter – that at this place they were frequently marching & reconnoitering towards Charleston &c. This affiant served in this campaign for the space of twelve months at least. He was discharged by Captain John White, who upon the return home of Captain Hall, had charge of his company.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to any pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Questions propounded by the Court to Applicant

1st When and in what year were you born?

1 Horatio Gates was defeated at the Battle of Camden on August 15-16, 1780.

Answer In the County of Chowan NC and was born in 1753

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have not.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In the County of Perquimans, where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I first volunteered – the second time I was drafted, the third time I enlisted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. To this question the applicant in open Court says he refers to his declaration made above, with this addition, that in his first Southern Campaign under Colonel Jarvis, he this affiant fired upon and wounded his Colonel under the following circumstances. Colonel Jarvis was a first rate officer, he was much in the habit of watching his men while placed as sentinels, and if he found them sleepy or careless, would sometimes take away their guns unknown to them, & the next day expose them to the derision & ridicule of his Regiment – that one night he attempted to play this same trick upon your applicant, who, having first commanded the password of him & directing him to stand, which the Colonel refusing to do, the applicant fired upon him & wounded him, being ignorant at the time, that it was his beloved Colonel. This circumstance the next day was the source of much merriment at the Colonel's expense.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received discharges in all the tours that I took. In the first I received a discharge from Lieutenant John Creecy. The second from Lieutenant Daniel Stallings. The third from Captain John White, all of which discharges I have lost or destroyed.

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

Answer. Henry Skinner Esquire, Humphrey Elliott & Josiah Perry Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Goodwin, X his mark

In Open Court

Test: John Wood, Clk

[Allen Saunders, JP, and H. Elliott gave the standard supporting affidavit, there being no clergyman in this County with which the applicant was acquainted.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Goodwin a private in Captain Raiford's [Robert Raiford's] Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 19th day of May 1781, for the term of 12 months and was discharged on the 14th day of February 1782.

Given under my hand this night day of May 1834.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Perquimans County Superior Court of Law Spring Term 1834

The amended declaration of John Goodwin Senior to the original declaration filed by him at November Term 1833 at the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Perquimans now

taken before the honorable James Martin one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the State of North Carolina.

John Goodman Senior after being duly sworn according to law states, that he fained hoped that he had been sufficiently precise & explicit in the first statement which he made in his original declaration which was forwarded to the war department and has since been returned to him for amendment.

This affiant now expressly states that he volunteered as stated in his first declaration on 2nd April 1778 under Captain John Harvey as a common Soldier that he served in that campaign as before stated at least 12 months. That on the ___ day of June 1779 upon his return home he was drafted as before stated to go to the North West Bridge where he served three months, that in this service no incident worthy of note occurred. That on the__ day of April 1780 this affiant enlisted as before stated in his original declaration, that he served in this campaign at least 12 months. That in the engagement referred to in his declaration at Eutaw Springs flight commenced on Saturday early in the morning by the Americans coming in contact with what was then called the “New Irish Potato Partie” consisting of about 50 in number, who were killed or taken to a man, when the alarm was given & a general engagement ensued between the Americans & English armies which lasted during the day, that in the action the affiant was slightly wounded in the leg. This affiant further states that at the North West Bridge he was stationed in Fort all the time. That in his last tour while under the command of General Greene he was stationed a fortnight at Thompson's Fort, but that generally he was either in camp or the open field. This affiant states that in all his campaigns he was a common soldier and while in the service of the was engaged in no civil service or pursuit.

This affiant further states that in consequence of his extreme old age, and the consequent loss of his memory, & his want of learning, he cannot enter into a more minute & positive detail of his Services &c but of the direct & certain facts, he states in the premises he is perfectly satisfied & convinced, and for the year 1778 he avers that he served at least 12 months – for the year 1779 at least three months and for the year 1780 at least 12 months.

Sworn to & subscribed before me James Martin at the courthouse in Hertford Perquimans this 16th day of April A.D. 1834.

S/ John Goodwin, X his mark

Sworn and subscribe to in open Court

Test: S/ H. W. Barber, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.87 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 25 days in the North Carolina State Troops and militia.]