

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Goode S8581

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit.

On this fourteenth day of August anno Domini 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting William Goode Sen'r, a resident of said County of Chesterfield and state of Virginia, aged seventy years last October, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the "revolution" –

That he in the year 1777, in the summer of that year he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of Chesterfield County, as a substitute for John Goode, under the Command of Bernard Markham Captain, the Subalterns not now recollected, that he marched from the County of Chesterfield, crossed James River at the place called the Hundred, from there marched to Williamsburg then to little York from there to Hampton, was stationed some time at the above named Towns, then marched back to York, and up to Williamsburg and there was discharged but does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers, but well recollects a sham fight took place between the regulars and militia; the Regiment was commanded by Col. Robert Goode, but the day and month he entered the service, he cannot recollect, nor the day that he was discharged – and thinks that the tour did not exceed two months. – Also in the year 1780, some time in October, that he volunteered as a private in a Company of Militia, Commanded by Capt George Markham, James Moody 1st Lieutenant, William Hill 2nd Lieutenant and John Anderson Ensign. The Regiment Commanded by Col. James Monroe. [blank] Mercer Lieutenant Colonel, and Robert Goode, Major of said Regiment; the Troops marched in various directions, in the lower part of Virginia, was at Smithfield, Mackey's Mills, and after serving a tour of about two months, marched up to Petersburg and there was discharged.

That early in the year 1781, some time in January, (if he is correct) he entered the service of the United States, in the militia of Chesterfield, as a substitute for James Gates, Commanded by Edward Mosely [Edward Moseley], Capt, the subalterns not now recollected, and that he marched to the lower Counties, about the Burnt Mills and Mackey's Mills, encamped sometime at Blackwater, and near about Hood's Fort [on James River E of mouth of Flowerdew Hundred Creek, Prince George County], where we were alarmed in the night by the British, and then moved up towards Richmond and there was discharged – recollects of no regular Troops this tour, but served two months.

About the first of March or April 1780 [sic: 1781], he entered the service of the United States in his own Tour, Commanded by Henry Cheatham Capt., John Farmer 1st Lieutenant, Bartlett Elam [Bartilot Elam], Ensign, and if his is correct, Colo. [Thomas] Gaskins Commanded the Regiment the first part of the tour, Capt Cheatham got a substitute and returned home which caused much confusion in the Company, Lieut. Farmer, then commanded the Company for awhile, we were marched from place to place below Richmond and Petersburg, as the British were then in our waters below, as they moved up the river, we marched to Petersburg; late in the night we arrived there, at that time Commanded by Major Holt. The next day a detached party were ordered to the General's Quarters in Blanford [sic: Blandford] adjoining the Town of Petersburg, he the said Goode, being one that went over, when they got there the Troopers came in great haste and said the British were landing at Hood's Fort. Gen'l. Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and his aids mounted their horses and off they went – saw them no more that day, they then marched to a certain hill and formed a line for battle, when the British came in sight we took off our hats and gave two or three huzza's and there were ordered to fire at them, we fired four rounds and were then ordered to retreat, while in action commanded by Major Joel. [see endnote] We then marched from Petersburg to Chesterfield Court House, from there up James river and crossed at Tuckahoe, and then marched down to Richmond, from there to Petersburg with some field pieces and cannonaded the Town.

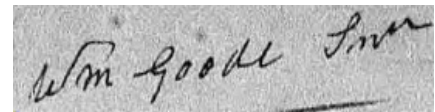
– After that he was in a detached party commanded by Colo. Robert Goode at Sudberrie's [sic: Sudbury's 3 mi NW of Chesterfield] in the County of Chesterfield, and Tarlton's horse [sic: Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 23 May 1781] came upon them there and made fifty four prison[ers] and marched them down to Petersburg, but he the said Goode and the balance of the regiment made their escape and joined the army up James river above Richmond, and marched up the river some considerable distance, [see endnote] the British in the rear followed them up to the counties' of Fauquier and Culpepper [sic:Culpeper] and thereabouts, after that the British marched back to Richmond and made down the river to York, there they surrendered to General Washington [19 Oct 1781], then he the said Goode came home but does not recollect the day nor the month that he was discharged after serving about three months, making about nine months in all he never received any written discharge, that he resided in the County of Chesterfield at the time he entered the service and has resided there ever since. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present , and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

The said Wm Goode also declares, that he was born on the 25th day of October 1761 in Chesterfield county where he has resided ever since. That he has a record of his age in his Family Bible at home. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year and year aforesaid.

[signed] William Goode Jr J.P.

Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit; [10 Dec 1832]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace, for the county aforesaid, William Goode Sen'r. of the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States, in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, Viz. for Eight months as a private in the militia of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and for such service I claim a Pension; that he was born in the county of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia on the 25th day of October 1761, he has a record of his age in his family Bible at home, he never received any written discharge from the service – that it is well known to many persons in his neighbourhood that he served in the Revolutionary war, particularly to Charles Forsee, Edward Bass Senr and Edmund Lockett who have made affidavits on his Declaration and who have also made affidavits of their belief in his veracity, he also refers to the Hon'bl William S. Archer now in Washington City, for further information in relation to his standing for veracity, that may be required.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Goode Senr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

NOTE: Goode appears to give an impression of the Battle of Blandford Hill on 25 Apr 1781. What is described as one tour in the spring of 1781 must have been two separate tours.