

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lemuel Goodwin S8588

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State of North Carolina, County of Granville: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this ___ day of November A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of said Court now sitting Samuel Goodwin, an inhabitant of said County of Granville, aged about 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 is a native of Halifax County in this State and is about Eighty years of age (but has no record of his age) & speaks only from tradition – that up to the war of the Revolution he resided in said County of Halifax, & shortly after leaving the service, he removed to the County of Granville, where he has resided ever since. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, in the year 1776, as he believes, being the year in which Independence was declared with one Howel Tatum [Howell Tatum], who was a Captain or Lieutenant in the County of Halifax, & served in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers: -- that he enlisted as he thinks, in March or April, as well as he recollects for a term of three months – that he was ordered to Wilmington, where he joined his Regiment in May. -- The Regiment at this time he thinks was commanded by Colonels Nash [Francis Nash] & Clarke [probably Thomas Clark]. -- the Major he does not now recollect, -- His Captain, when he first joined the Regiment was named Allen, & after he left the Regiment, one Thomson-- his other company officers, he does not now recollect. -- After remaining at Wilmington a short time, his Regiment marched to Charleston in South Carolina, and was at that place, when Fort Moultrie [June 28, 1776]¹ was attacked by the British under the command of General Clinton [Henry Clinton] & Sir Peter Parker. The company to which this affiant belonged was stationed at Haddrell's Point in view of the action. He thinks General Charles Lee was in Command of the forces in Charleston at this time -- & that besides the officers above named, Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie] was in command there. He does not recollect the names of any other officers, who were in command there -- & possibly he may be mistaken in some of those above named. The engagement above spoken of, was in June or July – In August, his Regiment was marched back to Wilmington in North Carolina, where he remained on duty until he received his discharge in February 1777, as well as he recollects, but having lost the paper which he then received, he cannot speak with entire accuracy as to the date – though he thinks it was signed by an officer of the name of Martin – During his whole term of service, this affiant bore the commission of Sergeant.

This affiant subsequently, on the passage of the British Army under Cornwallis through North Carolina, performed a small tour of duty in the Militia and to Halifax County, while the enemy were stationed at Halifax Town; also another Short tour as a Guard to the General Assembly while it was in Session at Wake Court House – But he is unable to speak of the times he was on duty in either of them and does not expect that any compensation will be allowed to him for the same.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

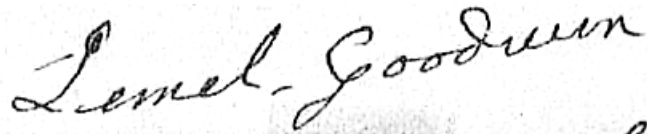
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

In answer to the several questions set forth in the instructions of the War Department. He has before stated his age, and place of Birth, as well as he remembers. He has also stated that he has no Register of his age. He has stated in his place of residence when he entered the Service, where he has since lived & where he now resides, also how he entered the Service, and the officers under whom he served. He has stated the circumstances of his service, and that his discharge is lost.

He thinks he will be able to prove his character for veracity and their belief of the statement of my services aforesaid by James Downey Senior Esquire by Leslie Gilliam Esquire high Sheriff of Granville and by William M. Sneed chairman and Presiding Magistrate of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Granville County.

Sworn to, and subscribed in open Court now sitting & holden by James L. Wortham, Shadrach Parrish & Willis Parrish members thereof this ninth day of November 1832.

S/ Lemuel Goodwin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lemuel Goodwin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Downey Senior Esquire, Leslie Gilliam, Sheriff of Granville County, & William M. Sneed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]