

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Goodson SC3224
Audited Account No. 2951A

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Senate

The Petition of James Goodson praying compensation for Revolutionary services

Claims

J D Witherspoon

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To the President & members of the Senate
The Petition of James Goodson respectfully
Sheweth –

That the annexed receipt for one hundred days service in Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade has never been paid him which his situation in life [word obliterated] want of the knowledge of what was passing – has for many years precluded him from the advantages of the bounty of the State which he has sorely needed, he heard many years ago that the old soldiers could receive their arrears of pay by sending their receipts to Charleston – he did send by the first opportunity this receipt it was returned because he had applied too late – about two years ago he was informed that old soldiers were allowed pensions – he applied to the Legislature & at its last session & was readily placed on the pension list & now believing that his Countrymen will act as justly to his present claim as they did graciously to his last he begs for whatever they may think is his due. On this rests his extreme age, his poverty, and decrepitude – make every mite contributed to the support of himself & family of the last importance to them & he further states that the pension to which he is entitled for the last two years has not been paid, that his orders to the Treasury and to the Tax collector have been unsuccessful; he prays that it may be ordered to be paid to him that he may not lose for want of complying with forms with which he was wholly unacquainted & your petitioner will ever pray

Test S/ Mat. Brunson

S/ James Goodson, X his mark

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State of South Carolina to James Goodson

Dr.

11th October

1784 [sic]

To one Hundred Days Duty don in Genl. Marions

10th January

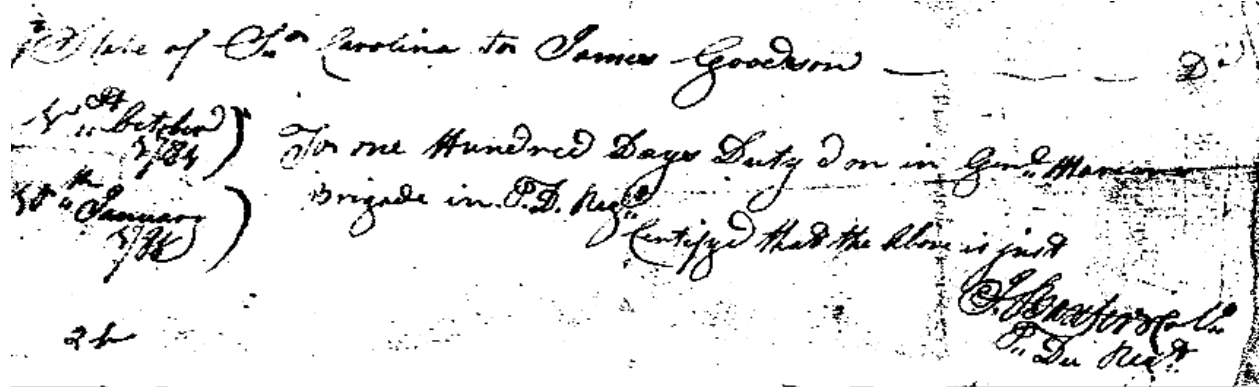
Brigade in P. D. Regt. [Pee Dee Regiment]

1788

Certified that the Above is just

S/ J. Baxter Coll. [Jacob Baxter]

Pee Dee Regt.



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To the Honorable Henry L Pinckney Speaker & other members of the House of Representatives
The Comptroller General and Obey events to a resolution of the House requiring him to report on the Claim of James Goodson Respectfully reports that he finds in Indent Book N page 198 the following entry

No. 198	Issued the 31 January 1785 to Mr. James Goodson for
Book	two pounds two Shillings & ten pence farthing for 30 days duty
N	done in the Militia in 1782 as per Account Audited
	Principal £2.2.10 ¼ No. 24 annual interest £0.3.0

And that the above is the only entry which he has been able to find in the name of James Goodson in the Books of Indents

Respectfully submitted

Th. Harrison, Comptroller General

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The State of South Carolina

To James Goodson

Dr.

1781

October 1st

& January 6th To 100 days duty as a private soldier 1/5

£7.1.8

South Carolina Cheraw District } Personally appeared James Goodson before me & duly made oath that the above account is Just & True & that he never Received any pay for the same.

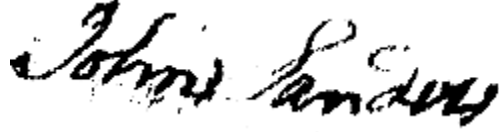
Sworn before me

25th September 1785

S/ Lam. Benton, JP

[p 12: Note: The top part of this document is illegibly faint]
South Carolina Darlington District } Personally appeared before [sic] [me] John Sanders and
made oath that James Goodson was a faithful Soldier of the Revolutionary War and that he knew
said Goodson during a part of the Struggle for freedom

S/ John Sanders



S/ John Sansbury, UQ

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The petition of James Goodson praying to be placed on the pension list

Pensions

Granted

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The Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives

The Humble petition of James Goodson Sheweth that he was a faithful Soldier during a
greater part of the Revolutionary war and that he did to the utmost of his Skill and ability defend
the rights and liberties of this State and of these United States –

Your Petitioner further states that he served under Captain King [George King] Giles
[Thomas Giles] at that time was Colonel. King died during his tour of service he then served
under Captain Windham [Amos Windham] who was under the immediate command of General
Marion he also states that Baxter [Jacob Baxter] was Colonel – when he was in the Service under
Windham – Your petitioner further states that he was in Several Skirmishes during his Service
but from extreme old age and failure of memory your petitioner is unable to state them in order.
He also begs leave to State that he is more than Seventy one years of age – and much afflicted
with boday [?]² – For which reasons your petitioner is unable to Support himself without some
assistance from your Honorable body – Trusting to the veracity of the witnesses testifying to the
facts – Stated in the body – together with his own oath of the same – Your Honorable body grant
him his pension one year in advance as your petitioner has applied for the last two years but
owing to a slight informality in his petition your Honorable body has refused his granting him his
prayer]. – Your petitioner once again presents himself a fit Subject to be placed on the pension
list –

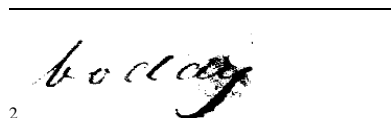
South Carolina

Darlington District } Personally appeared James Goodson who being duly sworn made oath that
the fact stated in the foregoing petition are just and true – Sworn to before me this 4th day of
January 1829

S/ John Sandbury, UQ

S/ James Goodson, X his mark

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A Schedule of James Goodson's property

A life estate in 150 Acres pine land	
An old Negro woman worth	\$45
Two Horses	75
Twelve his Cattle	60
Twenty head Stock Hogs	40

[text too faint to discern] with a small quantity
of other furniture – one coat

[Sworn to by James Goodson with his mark on January 4, 1829 in Darlington District South Carolina]

South Carolina Darlington District } Personally appeared before me Thomas Merser [sic, Thomas Mercer?] and made oath that he will new James Goodson during the Revolutionary war and that he was a faithful Soldier in the cause of freedom

S/ Thomas Murser, X his mark

Sworn to before me this
day of January 1829

S/ John Sandbury, UQ

[p19: Note the file only contains 2 receipts for payments of an annuity to James Goodson the first dated June 7, 1831 in the amount of \$120 and the 2nd dated June 30, 1834 in the amount of \$60]