

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Good (Goad) ¹ W1413 Mary Good f46NC[sic VA]
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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 20th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County of Sullivan William Goad aged Seventy seven years in the sixth day of next February, from the record of his age in his possession in his father's family Bible and who is now a resident citizen of the said County and in order to obtain the benefits of the provision of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 after first being sworn in open Court made & subscribed the following declaration, to wit: That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia on the sixth day of February 1754 as before stated, according to the family record in his possession; that his father removed to the County of Pittsylvania Virginia where he resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and until the year 1779 when in February of said year he was drafted or rather called upon as one of a class for said class to perform a tour of duty (he being the first of his class often) and enrolled himself under one Captain William Witcher of Pittsylvania County to perform a tour of duty as he then & now understands it for six months; that the men rendezvoused at Cascade Creek near the North Carolina line, & from thence marched to Salisbury in North Carolina, & was there put under the command of Colonel Mills & from thence was marched under said officers to Camden South Carolina, thence across Congaree, Wateree & Ashley Rivers & joined head Quarters at Stono in South Carolina where was the Main Army and was in the battle at said Stono [June 20, 1779]; after the battle he was taken sick & conveyed back to Camden, & there remained until the Army marched back to that place when he was discharged with the other militia under Colonel Mills verbally and returned home after being in said service five months and one day.

Again, after having removed to the western part of what was then North Carolina now Tennessee, he was drafted to go against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], who was on his march toward the mountains and placed under Captain Benjamin Clark who then resided in what was called Washington County North Carolina & under the immediate command of Colonel John Sevier; that the militia from Virginia under Campbell [William Campbell], that under Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Sevier assembled at Buffalo in what is now Carter County & they are marched jointly across the Yellow Mountain to Kings Mountain & went into the engagement with Ferguson & fought the memorable battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] under Colonel

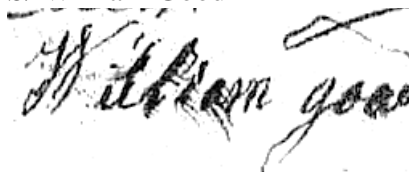
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Campbell to whom the chief command had been given by Sevier & Shelby, in which battle the American Army was signally successful and Ferguson was killed & most of his men either killed or captivated [sic] & sent to Salisbury as prisoners of War. That he set out on the said expedition he thinks early in September 1780 and the battle was the fought in October, the seventh day if he is not mistaken, & from the time he set out & joined head Quarters to his return he was [out] three months, he having been one of those who guarded the prisoners to the Shallow ford of the Yadkin [River], where he was discharged verbally by his Captain, by the authority of Colonel Campbell, a recruit from Virginia having there met the men & took charge of the prisoners & he returned home.

Again, he was drafted to go on an expedition for three months against the Cherokee Indians who were in league with the British, that he was enrolled under a Captain whose name he has forgotten(being a stranger in the Country) but was commanded by Colonel John Sevier & under his command was marched to the Cherokee Country & there expelled the Indians & was verbally discharged by Colonel Sevier & returned home after being in service from the last of September or first of October 1781 to some time in December before Christmas & thinks this term I estimate of service was two months. That in the three several tours, he served ten months and for which service he claims to a pension or annuity. That he has no documentary written evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish the facts of his said service, but that _____ & _____ are persons known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the reputation of his servitude. He states that there is no minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the instructions of the Secretary of War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the role of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20th day of August 1833.

S/ William Good

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Good". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ William Good".

S/ G W Yetherland [?], Clerk

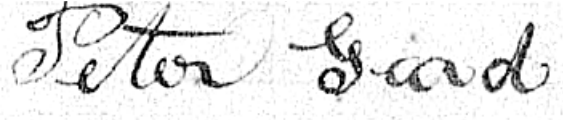
[p 34: William Boyce and Nathan Shipley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On March 18, 1853 in Washington County Tennessee, Mary Good or Goad (as she was commonly called), aged about 55 years and a resident of Washington County Tennessee, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of William Good or Goad, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$33.33 per annum; that she married him November 14, 1820; that they were married by John Peoples Esquire; that her husband died in Sullivan County Tennessee; that her husband drew his pension up until September 4, 1842; that thereafter in 1851 she applied for and obtained the arrears of pensions due him. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 23: On August 4th, 1853 in Sullivan County Tennessee, John Vincent and John Baxter residence of said County gave testimony that they knew William Good or Goad who married Mary Hall in Sullivan County in November 1820; that William died some time in January 1843.]

[p 14: On March 26, 1855 in Washington County Tennessee, the widow, aged about 54, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married William Good in Sullivan County Tennessee November 14, 1820; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Hall; that she is a pensioner under the 1853 act. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: On March 26, 1855 in Washington County Tennessee Peter Goad gave testimony that he knew Mary Good to be the widow of William Good; that William died in Sullivan County Tennessee January 9, 1843. The affiant's relationship, if any to the pensioner and/or his widow is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Goad". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with the first letters of "Peter" and "Goad" being capitalized and prominent.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]