

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Godsey W292 Ankey Godsey VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee } August Sessions 1821
Sullivan County }

Personally appeared on this 22nd day of August 1820 William Godsey, aged sixty two years – in open Court being a Court of Record for said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said William Godsy enlisted for the term of two years, In the state of Virginia Buckingham County in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Patterson, of the sixth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel [Mordecai] Buckner, and was transferred to Colonal Morgans choir of Riflemen [sic: Daniel Morgan’s Regiment], and was discharged from said Rifle regiment by Major Parker at the sign of the white horse [possibly White Horse Tavern near present Glenloch PA] in the month of February next ensuing the taking of Burgoyne [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], and he does not recollect the time of enlistment, but the same was two years before the February next ensuing the s’d capture of Burgoyne that he was in the Battles of Guins Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8-10 Jul 1776], taking Burgoyne at still water [sic: Battle of Stillwater, 7 Oct 1777], at White Marsh [Whitemarsh, 5 Dec 1777], against Wallace [sic: siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], and that he has not now in his power any other evidence of his said service than his own oath

and I do further swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, and following towit,

3 pots – one small oven one skillet, five knives & forks 6 plates ½ Dozen cups and saucers, half Dozen tea spoons

William hisXmark Godsey

and I do further swear, that I have had eleven children by my wife now living, but his children are all married and gone from him, and him and his old woman composes his whole family, and his s’d wife is near about his own age, that he is a cooper by trade, and in a partial manner pursues that for his scanty subsistance and that he is unable by age and bodaly infirmaty to pursue that but from necessaty, as he is almost blind one eye entirely gone

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this the 22nd day of August 1820

William hisXmark Godsy

State of Tennessee } S.S.
Sullivan County }

On this 23^d day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Anky Godsey resident of the County of Sullivan in the State of Tennessee aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Wm. Godsey who was a private in the army of the United States in the revolutionary war. That the said William Godsey entered the service under Captain Patterson who died, the he was under Capt Cavils [possibly Samuel Jordan Cabell] of the 6th Virginia Regiment. That at the time her said husband lived in the County of Buckingham, in the State of Virginia. That the said William Godsey while in the regular service was under Coln Morgan. That he

was at the battle of Guilford and the Capture of Corn Wallis & assisted in taking the prisoners to Winchester in State of Virginia. She further declares that she was married to the said Wm Godsey on the 14th day of January in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine. that her husband the aforesaid Wm Godsey died on the 12th day of February 1831 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Anky herXmark Godsey

Thos. Tittsworth

State of Virginia

Scott County – to wit

Mrs. Nancy Hensley this day personally appeared before me Zachariah Hensley a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that she has frequently heard her late husband Fielding Hensley dec'd. speaking of his services in the revolutionary war, and among other things spoke of being at the taking of Cornwallis, and thinks she has heard him say that William Godsey was also at the taking of Cornwallis but knows that she has frequently heard him say that said Godsey was in the service during the revolution, and further saith that she was raised in Buckingham County Virginia from which County Godsey went in to the service, and that she had heard many of the people there speak of his (Godsey's) services in the revolutionary war. And further saith that some ten or fifteen years ago or more the said Godsey called on her late husband to prove his services in order to obtain a pension, and she understood that her husband did prove his services and that he did draw a pension afterwards. given under my hand this 3rd day of March 1838

Nancy herXmark Hensly

Z. Hensley

NOTE:

On 14 Jan 1838 Milly Cornett of Clay County KY stated that she witnessed the marriage of William Godsey to her sister, Anky Hensly, in Buckingham County.

On 25 Jan 1839 Ankey Godsey was said to be 76 and a resident of Kingsport TN, and that her husband entered the service on the 1st of March Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one under Captain William Jones," was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, and returned home in the following May. Her claim was rejected for lack of proof of her marriage, whereupon she petitioned Congress for a pension. She received a pension certificate dated 5 Feb 1844.