Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edmund Goode W3801 Sarah Goode VA
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State of Virginia

Bedford county to witt,

On this 26 day of March 1839, personally appeared, before me John L Cobbs a Justice of the peace in and for said county Mrs. Sarah Goode a Resident of said county, 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 7, 1838, Entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Edmund Goode dec'd. of said county, who was a private soldier, in the Revolutionary war, and in the continental line of Service (of Virginia) as will appear from the certificate of balance of pay issued from the Auditors office June 15, 1782 for £36.00 and delivered to Jno. Talbot who at one time represented said county – that her husband is the only person by the name of Edmond Goode she has heard of as being in the Revolutionary war – and also the only one of that name on the agency Register – but of his particular services she is unable to speak correctly and will therefore have to rely on record evidence for further proof of services; But, from what she could gather from her husband during his life time; and from others who had heard him speak of his services – that, he must have served most of his time in the South – that he was at the battles of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], Campden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Gilford [sic: guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], That she does not know the Regiment by No. that he belonged to, or the name or his captain – but that at the battle of Eutaw Springs Col. [William] Washington comanded the horse, and Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] the Infantrey. That Dewet [Dewitt?] and Morgan [Simon Morgan, pension application W8475] were captains in the Infantry, at that battle and also Capt. Jno. Watts [John Watts BLWt2431-300] of the Cavalry. That her husband (Edmund Goode) as she has been told assisted in carrying Capt. Morgan and Capt. Watts off the field of battle at Eutaw – they being both wounded on that occasion. That this same Capt Morgan was afterward Adjutant Gen'l. of the State of Virginia. And further, that the said Sarah Goode declares that she was married to the aforesaid Edmund Goode in said county by the Rev'd. Jeremiah Hatcher on the 25th day of November 1791. And that her husband the aforesaid Edmund Goode died on the 15th day of October 1812. That she was not Married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that she was married to him previous to the first day of January 1794 – Viz, at the time above mentioned; as will more fully appear by the county Record annexed – and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid, to the present time.

[signed] Sarah Goode

NOTE: On 26 March 1839 David Saunders (W3872) stated that Capt. Morgan had told him that Edmund Goode had helped carry him off the field at Eutaw Springs, and that the name of Sarah Goode before her marriage was Sarah Branch.