

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Goode W8855  
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Henry County, State of Kentucky

Be it known that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1837 personally appeared before William McCrackin one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Henry and one of the Justices of the County Court of Henry County Rebecca Goode aged about 85 years who being duly sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 1836.

She states that she is now about 85 years of age as nearly as she can determine having heretofore lost the family record containing the registry of her birth, marriage.

She states that she is now a resident of Henry County Kentucky and has been for the last 34 or 35 years. She further states that her maiden name was Rebecca Young & that she was born in Stokes County in the State of North Carolina and that about the time of the Commencement of the Revolutionary War she was married at the home of her father in the said County of Stokes to Richard Goode-- that she and her said husband continued to reside in the said County of Stokes during the Revolutionary war and that her said husband was engaged the principal part of that struggle in fighting the battles of his country. She states & declares that from the great lapse of time and her advanced age she is unable to state how many different tours of duty he performed or the length of the tours or how often he volunteered but she knows that for about 7 years embracing nearly or quite the whole period of said war, he was frequently called from home and so much engaged in the service of his country that his farming & other home business was entirely neglected by him and the duty of attending to such matters devolved exclusively upon this declarant. She states and declares that the aggregate amount of his services during said war could not at the least have been less than four years & of this she is certain. She states that the first service he performed was on a tour against the Tories on the Santee & Yadkin rivers – that this tour was for three months as well as she remembers & he was not at home till it fully expired. In this tour he was the Captain of a company and his company was a volunteer one she believes.

She further states that he afterwards served as a Major and that he was on a tour of duty as such and engaged in the battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]<sup>1</sup> – that he acted as a Major on most if not all the occasions that he was called out on afterwards for she does not recollect distinctly of his having been promoted and she is satisfied that he did not act in a lower grade afterwards. She further states and declares that he was in the Army in the capacity of Major at the time of the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]<sup>2</sup> and she has every reason to believe that he fought in that action from what she heard from him and others. She also states and declares that from her present recollection he was in the Army

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

as a Major at the time of the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>3</sup> and that he was also engaged in it.

She further states that he was called out into the Army some time she thinks before the battle of Guilford and during said war and that he left home as a Major in the service destined for Georgia and did not return for nine months having served during that period. She further states that she has been some times impressed with a belief that he served a part of the time of the war as a regular officer but of this she is not certain. She knows that he often served as a militia officer and some times as a volunteer officer. She further states that she recollects of his having been called into service by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the fall of the year 1778 and that he was absent from home under that call for nearly nine months and was taken sick and came home. She again repeats that she cannot recollect the various times he was out in the service nor the time of their continuance but she is confident that her said husband did not serve less than four years in said war and all that time as a Major except about three months that he served as Captain.

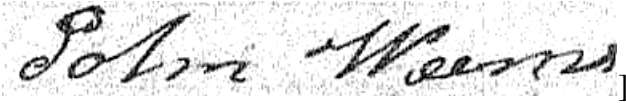
She states that her said husband Richard Goode died about the \_\_\_ day of 1800 as they were moving to the State of Kentucky – the time precisely she do not now remember and that she has continued a widow and unmarried up to the present day and still remains unmarried and that she is very infirm from age and has had general bad health for the last three years and that she is not able in consequence thereof to attend court to make her declaration.

She states that she has no documentary evidence of the services of her said husband except two letters from General Rutherford which are hereto annexed and which by accident alone has been she believes preserved she states that she does not know whether or not she can prove any of his services by living witnesses but that she has been informed that 2 individuals by the name William Lorange<sup>4</sup> and Leonard K. Bradley<sup>5</sup> are still alive and she believes if they are that they know something in relation thereto & she will try to procure the statement of one or both of them.

Sworn & subscribed 11 January 1837.

S/ Rebecca Goode, X her mark

[p 7: On November 18, 1851, John Weems as administrator of the estate of Rebecca Goode, a pensioner at the rate of \$260/annum, filed a power of attorney.



[For Majr. Goode at the White House]

Febry 15<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sir/ by General Lincolns Orders, send to the ade [aid?] of the two Sisters on [one?] Capt with the officers Nessery [sic, necessary] & 50 privits [privates].

You will be Vigelent [Vigilant], in Casting Ball you are to make no more Cattridges [cartridges], but, what may be Nessery [Necessary] for the Troops under your Command --

I ame [am] to [indecipherable word, looks like "Aifire", possibly 'assure'] that you be Carefull, in Derecting [Directing] the officers under you, you are to send a gard [guard] to that post, a Bove [above] the two Sisters--

I ame [am] stationed at, Zubleys Ferry<sup>6</sup> & General Lincoln has given me orders to move the Rum at the Sisters to some Safe Place, sume [some] Distance from the Place, you are to move it a Bout

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>4</sup> MAY BE the same man as [William Lorange \(Lowrance\) S31217](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Leonard Bradley R12679](#) [misindexed under W12679] This claimant states that he served under Capt. Richard Goode.

<sup>6</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/zublysferry.htm>

[about], 5 or 6 miles off

one Waggon you are to send up to Augusta [Augusta] to Col Little [sic, Archibald Lytle?] with the Baggage for them Troops, send it as Quick as possible, if the So. [?] Militia is Not, past you send the Waggon with them.

I Remine [remain] Sir youre [your] Humble Sert.

S/ Griffith Rutherford

To Majr. Goode

[The other letter (pp 39-41) is largely illegible due to a large ink blot or discoloration of the paper. It is even difficult to ascertain who signed the letter, but it appears to have been from Rutherford to Major Good [sic] and to be dated in November 1778. Even with the wonderful image adjustment features of the Fold3.com viewer, the text of the letter simply cannot be deciphered due to the blot. Some historian should view the original at the National Archives to see if the original is legible. This could be an historically important document, as the one above clearly is.]

State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared before me, Joseph Banner<sup>7</sup> Senior aged 87 years a Pensioner on the Pension Roll of the United States and he being duly Sworn according to Law to declare what he knows of the Services rendered by a certain Captain Richard Goode in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and of his being Married to a certain Rebecca Young a daughter of Benjamin Young, this Deponent deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid Captain Richard Goode & his wife Rebecca, both before and after the Revolutionary War they being his neighbors in Town fork a little River in the County of Surry North Carolina from which the division of said County is now in Stokes County, that he was not present at their Marriage, But that it was publicly known that they were Lawfully Married as man and wife by a certain Gray Bynum Esquire who was then an acting Justice of the peace in the County of Surry aforesaid he believes they were married sometime in the year 1776. Shortly before the expedition of the Army against the Cherokee Indians; in which expedition this Deponent served as one of the private soldiers under the Command of the aforesaid Richard Goode as Captain, until they marched to the Long Islands of Holston River when the said Captain was appointed Adjutant of Colonel Jo. Williams' Regiment & one Thomas Evans took his place as Captain & proceeded westwardly to the Indian Towns and destroyed them & capitulated with the Chiefs of the Tribe and then returned home; in this Service said Goode served at least 4 months; and previous to this Service the said Goode commanded a Company as Captain against the Scotch Insurgents at & near Fayetteville North Carolina the length of time he does not recollect, but believes it was at least 2 months, and after the Cherokee expedition said Goode commanded a company that was raised for a 5 months Tour & marched towards the South & was gone in this Tour over its of 6 months in company with several of this Deponents neighbors & near relatives, and many other Services & Tours of duty which this Deponent cannot enumerate with precision But on all occasions as an useful officer and the cause of the United States he was very much esteemed by all who served under & with him and towards the End of the war he was Commissioned Major while in the Army, he was a Militia officer the whole War.

This Deponent further saith not and Subscribed this his Deposition the date first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Joseph Banner, Sr.

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<sup>7</sup> [Joseph Banner W9716](#)

On the same day say 20 December 1837, Ephraim Banner<sup>8</sup> aged 84 years a resident also of Stokes County North Carolina & Pensioner on the Pension Roll being first sworn according to law on his oath declares that the foregoing Deposition of his Brother Joseph Banner as it was read to him is just and true, only as to add that he entered as Security to the Clerk of Surry County court on a Bond for the Marriage license for the above named Richard Goode to be married to Rebecca Young daughter of Benjamin Young he believes in the year 1776 & did not see them married but that they lived together as man & wife many years and had sons & daughters before they started to removed to Kentucky & he understood that said Captain Goode who was then Called Major died on the road before he reached the intended place of destination. Sworn to & subscribed the date first above mentioned before me.  
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Ephraim Banner, X his mark

[Martha Blackburn, 80, gives affidavit that she remembers that her cousin Richard Goode and his brother Thomas Goode were both married on the same day by Gray Bynum, Richard married Rebecca Young and Thomas married Nancy Beazley.]

North Carolina, Stokes County

Personally appeared William Young<sup>9</sup> aged 83 years a Pensioner of the United States before me a Justice of the peace for said County & he being sworn according to law, declares that the late Richard Goode Anna married with his Sister Rebecca Young some time in the beginning of the year 1776 to the best of his recollection & that the following fall of the year said Richard Goode hired him to take care of his crop, when he said Goode went in the Army to fight the Cherokee Indians, that said Goode was a Captain commanding a company raised in Surry County NC and was gone upwards of 4 months, and before that he had marched a company in the Army against the Scotch to Fayetteville, and afterwards this deponent went as a private & served 3 months & was discharged in South Carolina & left his Captain still commanding in the Army who did not return home till upwards of 6 or 8 months, he started in 1778 in November he believes & never returned until after the Battle of Briar Creek he said he was near being in said Battle, this deponent Serve another 3 months Tour under said Goode & his time ended a short time before the Battle of Guilford, he has just reason to believe said Goode Served as Captain the most part of the The war & part as Major, and heard him say that he was a private soldier and Braddock's war when he was a youth & served several years &c. Sworn and Subscribed this his affidavit the first day of January 1838 before me.  
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ William Young, X his mark

[Peter Force<sup>10</sup> a pensioner and former resident of Stokes County, NC, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation and standing of Major Goode, even though he did not serve under him at any time during the war.]

The deposition of William Lorange taken at the house of Mrs. Hambrick in Owen County Kentucky on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1837 who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a resident of Owen County Kentucky and is on the pension roll of the United States for services performed in the Army of the revolution. He states that he is well acquainted with Rebecca Goode of Henry County Kentucky that she is the widow of Major Richard Goode deceased that her maiden name was Rebecca Young and she was & is a relation of this deponent and that he knew her before her marriage to Major Goode and was

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<sup>8</sup> [Ephraim Banner W3923](#)

<sup>9</sup> [William Young R11969](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Peter Force S31036](#)

intimately acquainted with the family. The marriage took place at her father's house in Stokes County North Carolina about or just before the Commencement of the revolutionary war Major Goode lived in Stokes County North Carolina and continued to live there for some time after the war and acted as Sheriff in that County after the war. He knew him well and in the course of the war saw him often in the service. He recollects that Major Goode served as Captain and also as Major but how long he served in each or both capacities he cannot say but is satisfied more than two years. Major Goode died as he understood many years ago as he was moving his family to Kentucky and his widow still lives and is in Henry County as above named and has never married since his death that deponent knows of. Her family is highly respectable and one of her sons is now a member of the Legislature of Kentucky.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Lorange, X his mark

[Facts in file: Widow died September 15, 1848 [last digit unclear could be 1842] survived by 3 children: Richard, Lamuel, and Margaret Zertlett. In 1837, Rebecca Goode's son Samuel Goode lived in Henry County, Ky (p 43)]

[pp 14-15]

State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Office  
October 17th 1851

I, William S. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts, in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State, to sundry persons, for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follow, to wit:

Richard Goode

Book F. No. 2 page 19 Captain Richard Goode 51 Sh. specie

" " " " December 1777 -

" " " " 46 £ 119 Sh 9 specie 1776 -

" " " " 51 £ 75 Sh " "

" " " " 76 £ 81 specie January 1777

" John Ashe Southern Treasurer page 3, paid Captain

Richard Goode <sup>page 1</sup> of 2 militia soldiers

April 20th 1778 -

" No. 175 page 20 £ 30 Sh. specie -

" " 178 " 8 £ 86 Sh. "

" " " £ 31 Sh 12 "

" " 211 " 114 £ 2 Sh 13 D 4 "

Also Vol. 1 old series Book No. 2. Colonel Joseph Williams of Surry County, Regiment (page 18) payments for services rendered in expedition against Scotch Tories or Insurgents January & February 1776 at Moor's Creek.

Richard Goode Captain 30 days 76 £ 11 Sh. -

I also certify that Griffith Rutherford was a Colonel at the commencement of the Revolutionary war but was (probably in 1777) appointed a General. I also certify that the troops of this state

were marched against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1778 -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal of office

Wm. S. Clarke Comptroller



[Veteran's widow was originally pensioned at the rate of \$260 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for her husband service as a Captain and Major in the North Carolina militia for 2 years. Her pension was later increased to \$480 per annum.]