

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Godfrey W9456 Sarah Godfrey f17SC
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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 27th day of October 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Sarah Godfrey aged 71 years, & a resident of Charleston, who being 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 the 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Thomas Godfrey late of Charleston deceased, who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution and served in same under arms 2 years, to wit, he the said Thomas Godfrey joined the Artillery of Charleston commanded them to the best of her recollection by Captain Toomer, at the commencement of the Revolution and served in same, to the capture of Charleston in May 1780, Deponent saith that, during this period she has heard her husband often relate, and it is her believe, that he served at Beaufort, and at the assault upon Savannah in 1779 [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779] when he was slightly wounded, and also at the Siege of Charleston [March 29-May 12, 1780] as a member of said Corps, & that at the Surrender of said City in May 1780, He was while under arms made a prisoner & remained so a prisoner for 12 months and more, she further declares that, she was married to the said Thomas Godfrey on the 13th day of January 1787, and that, her husband the aforesaid Thomas Godfrey died in the year 1804, and that, she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated and that, she is now poor, and has no documents to produce in support of her claim, and that, most of those who knew her husband's Services have lately died.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I also Certify the credibility of the affiant, the word "no" 29th line first inserted.

S/ Lee, Dist. Judge S. C.

S/ Sarah Godfrey



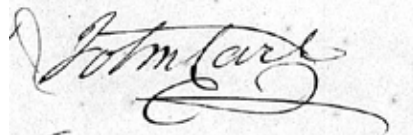
State of South Carolina, district of Charleston

On this 31st day of October 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr John Cart¹ aged 76 years a resident of Charleston & a revolutionary pensioner, who being duly sworn

¹ [John Cart S8139](#)

according to law Deposeth, that he remembers Thomas Godfrey during the War of the Revolution as bearing arms against the British, That Deponent was in Charleston for a considerable portion of said period, that it is his belief that said Godfrey served as a private in the artillery, and that he served as such for one year previous to the Siege of the City and that when the Towns surrendered in May 1780, he has reason to believe said Godfrey was among those who surrendered to the British as prisoners of war, and that he remained a prisoner to them for 12 months, Deponent saith he is likewise acquainted with said Thomas's widow, viz. Mrs. Sarah Godfrey and from his recollection of the times he is of the opinion that said Thomas was married to said Sarah in the year 1787 and that her statements are entitled to credit.

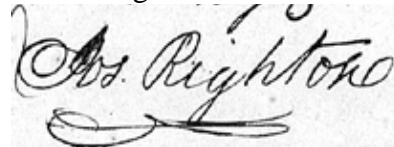
S/ John Cart



State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 31st day of October 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr Joseph Righton² aged 76 years a resident of Charleston and a Revolutionary pensioner who being duly Sworn according to law Deposeth that, he was personally acquainted with the late Thomas Godfrey of Charleston deceased, that, he was a private in the "artillery of Charleston" during the War of the Revolution, that, Declarant was also serving in said company at said time & that, he has reason to believe said Thomas Godfrey served in said Corps 12 months previous to the fall of Charleston & that, upon the Surrender of same, Deponent has every reason to believe said Godfrey was taken prisoner while under arms, and remained so a prisoner to the enemy 12 months, Deponent saith from his knowledge of the parties he believes said Thomas, was married to the present Mrs. Sarah Godfrey, his widow, now an applicant for a pension -- in the year 1787, and that, she is a poor woman, whose statements are entitled to belief. I Joseph Righton was at the said Sarah's wedding.

S/ Jos. Righton



[Facts in file: Thomas Godfrey and Sarah Donnom were married January 13th 1787 by Rev'd Thomas Frost; Mrs. Barbara Gruber, 78, gave an affidavit dated November 1 1838 in support of the widows claim.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the Artillery of the South Carolina Continental line.]

² [Joseph Righton W22074](#)