Pension Application of Bennet Goodrum R4120 Sarah Goodrum VA
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State of Kentucky }  Sct
County of Warren }  [9 April 1849]

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County
Sally Goodrum aged 86 years and a resident of the house of her son, James Goodrum, in Warren County
Kentucky who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her Oath make the following statement,
in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 granting Pensions to certain
widows of Revolutionary Soldiers: That she is the widow of Bennet Goodrum who was a private in the
war of the Revolution from Brunswick County Virginia in the years one thousand seven hundred and
eighty and eighty one to the best of her recollection though she can not say what day of the month in the
year 1780 that he first entered said service as a volunteer under Captain James Mason of Brunswick for
three months and continued in said service until the first of July 1781 that during said period he
returned home several times but did not remain but a few days at a time and he would go again she states
that she has heard him say he was in several battles among which she remembers the battle of Guilford
[Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] She states that he lived in her neighbourhood before the war
with a brother of his named William Goodrum who was also a militia soldier in said Service and this
Declarant’s father, William Garner, was also in said service, all under Capt Mason.
She states that said Bennet Goodrum received several discharges for his said services which she has
frequently seen but they were destroyed several years ago
Said Bennet Goodrum died in Warren County Kentucky on the 18th day of September 1823, and some ten
years after his death, two of his old fellow soldiers and who were in the same company with him from
Brunswick County Virginia, towit Wilson Moore [pension application S31262] and Garret Wright
[Jarrett Wright, W627] of Allen County Kentucky received pensions for their services. She states that she
has been anxious for several years to obtain a Pension as other old widows, but that her sons being
uneducated and not knowing what to do have kept putting it off from time to time
She states that she was married to said Bennet Goodrum by the name of Sally or Sarah Garner on the 3th
day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in Brunswick County Virginia by parson Golddy
by Banns She states that she was 18 years of age in August after his said marriage that she has had ten
children the oldest of whom is now 66 years of age.
She states that since the death of said Goodrum she has not intermarried but is now his widow; and that
she was married while said Bennet Goodrum was at home after he had been discharged and it was
thought he would not go into said service again but that very soon after our marriage there was another
call for men and said Goodrum had to go again and was gone into said service about a month and then he
returned home and never was in the service anymore & further saith not.

Sally herXmark Goodrum

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James Goodrum, and who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his Oath depose & say That
he is the son of Bennet & Sally Goodrum that he is now in his 53rd year of his age and that there are six
of the children older than himself, that he has always considered his father as a soldier in the war of the
Revolution and that before his death he frequently heard his father talking about his said services in
company with other old soldiers and that his father is now considered by his old acquaintances as a
Soldier and that the above Declarant is this Affiant’s mother and the identical widow of said Bennet
Goodrum & further saith not

James hisXmark Goodrum
NOTE: On 1 April 1852 John J. Goodrum assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of Sally Goodrum, deceased.