

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Conrad Goodner (Guttener) R4113R Elizabeth fn63NC
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State of Illinois, County of St. Clair

On this the third day of June 1833 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of the County of St. Clair and State of Illinois the same being a Court of Record, Conrad Goodner, resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born on the 29th of November in the year 1756, and that on the 29th of November ensuing he will be 77 years of age, that when about the age of 12 years his mother told him of his age, and when near 30 years old at his marriage he not being unable to write requested his Father in law to note his age on a scrap of paper which he now has – that he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 and about 1st November with Captain John Griffy and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taxton [sic, Thackston? or Saxton?] and Lieutenant Colonel Lightel [sic, Archibald Lytle?], that he was drafted for nine months and continued in service during the whole time and was discharged in August of the year 1779, that during the last three months of his said service, having been a short time on account of ill health confined to the hospital at the Black Swamp he according to orders served as a waggoner under a Mr. Davis wagon master – that when he entered the service he resided in Hillsborough Orange County in the State of North Carolina, that he marched from thence in the direct route to Charleston in the State of South Carolina, that while waggoner at the encampment of General Lincoln, the battle of Stono River was fought – he further states that he since rendered his discharge to Colonel Lytle, as tantamount to a power of attorney for the purpose of receiving his pay through the medium of Colonel Lytle, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He further states that after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War he lived in Guilford County North Carolina and also in the State of Tennessee, from thence he removed to Randolph County in the State of Illinois and now resides in the County of St. Clair and State last mentioned. He further states that James Glass, Cornelius Gooding & Matthew Roach to whom he is known in his present neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. the above is my amended declaration according to the instructions of the Department.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me in open Court.

S/ Conrad Goodner, X his mark

S/ John Hay, Clk

[Thomas Harrison, a clergyman, and John Randleman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 19, 1844 in Washington County, Illinois, Jacob Goodner, on his behalf and on behalf of all the children of Conrad and Elizabeth Goodner filed a claim under the 1838 act claiming that he is the 4th child and son of Conrad and Elizabeth Goodner; that his father Conrad Goodner was a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services at the rate of \$30 per annum; that his father died August 27, 1837; that he believes his parents married in the year 1782; that his mother died April 12, 1839 survived by the following children: John, Sally Browning, David, Jacob, James, Jane Ann Goodner, Benjamin, Godfrey, Francis A, Elijah and Elizabeth Holcomb; that he was born July 3, 1790]

[Bible record:

David born 1788

Jacob born July 1790

James born Feb. 6 1792

Jeanann born Jan. 9, 1794

Benjamin born June 4, 1795

Godfrey born Feb 1798

[German]

1756 Zet Evnnath Guttener gob 29th Nov 1756 [there is more but it is 'greek' to me. I think that those who can read German may well be able to decipher the birth date and maiden name of Elizabeth, the wife of Conrad, as one of the entries looks to the totally clueless eye as a reference to her] [see fn pp. 10-11]

[evidently, the claim of the children was rejected, since there was no provision for pensions for children of veterans and nothing in the file indicates that the children tried to get the pension to which their mother would have been entitled had she filed for pension after surviving Conrad.]