

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Goodwin [Goodwyn] ¹ W650 Nancy Goodwin f44SC
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State of Tennessee White County: SS

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting, David Goodwin of said County aged Seventy years on the 24th day of February last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He cannot pretend to precise accuracy as to dates, but he believes his first tour of duty commenced in the spring of the year 1779 in the 17th year of his age, having passed his 16th year. He then resided in Saint David's Parish, in the State of South Carolina – the state afterwards being laid off into Districts, "Saint David's Parish" was called "Darlington District." He volunteered under Captain William Standard whose company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Abel Culp [Abel Kolb], whose Regiment belonged to the brigade (or at all events the troops) commanded by General Francis Marion: This tour was for three months; and the object of raising the troops was to fight the Tories, and protect the Country from annoyed the British, and kill as many of them as possible. The troops remained the principal part of the time in and about the Saint David's Parish. The only engagement he was in, was taking a Fort on Santee,² which he thinks was called "the Scotch Lake Fort" – In taking this fort, there was but two of General Marion's men killed – Colonel Lea [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], was at the taking of this fort and commanded some horsemen and also some light infantry. He had several of his men wounded but not mortally, he thinks, to the best of his recollection that after the British in the fort surrendered, they were paroled. There were also about fifteen Tories in the fort, who were taken prisoners. – After this, nothing remarkable happened, during the remainder of the three months. He was not discharged in writing – it was not then customary.

Some short time after the expiration of this first tour he entered upon a Second for one month – as a Substitute for John Flowers, his stepfather. He doesn't remember whether Flowers was drafted, or whether he volunteered, but recollects distinctly that he went out on this occasion in place of Flowers. On this occasion he recollects the name of his Lieutenant – John Peoples [John Peebles]: his Captain's name he does not recollect – nothing remarkable happened during this month – he was still under Marion – the troops were stationed on Santee, still in Saint David's Parish.

¹ BLWt28562-160-55

² The veteran appears to be describing the taking of Fort Watson on April 16, 1781.
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

Sometime after this, he cannot say how long, it was however but a short time, he volunteered under Captain Morris Murphy Junior or Murphree [Maurice Murphy], for three months – his Colonel's name was also Morris Murphy (Senior) [Maurice Murphy]. The object of this tour of duty was to guard the Country against the depredations of Colonel McNeal [perhaps Hector McNeill], a Tory commander. They were not in any engagement or battle during this tour of duty – he was under General Marion – though out the whole of his service, except when on scouting parties, for which he asked nothing – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Answers to the interrogatories³ prescribed by the War Department, and propounded by the Court –

1st – He was born in what is now Darlington District – and what was then Saint David's Parish on the 24 day of February 1763

2. He has a Record of his age now in his possession.

3. When called into service he lived in what is now Darlington District – in the State of South Carolina – From thence he went to Molberry [Marlborough] District where he lived about six years – from there he went to Georgetown South Carolina and remained four months – From thence he went again to Darlington – from thence to Chesterfield District where he remained about two years – from thence he again returned to Darlington where he remained three years. He returned and lived in Chesterfield about one year. From thence he went to the high hills of Santee, where he remained about ten months; this was in Sumter District. From – He then returned to Chesterfield and lived ten years – He then returned once again to Darlington where he remained until about six years ago, when he came to the County of White and State of Tennessee, where he now resides.

4. As already stated he went out twice as a volunteer and on one occasion as a substitute for John Flowers.

5. He does not recollect any other regular officers than Colonel Lea – Colonel Mayhem [probably Colonel Hezekiah Maham] and Colonel Oree [Peter Horry] – he is not positive that all these were officers of the regular Army. He has stated the General Circumstances of his Service as fully as he can recollect them.

6. He never received a written discharge, but was dismissed from the service –

7. He refers to, and states the names of the following persons in his present neighborhood to whom he is known and who can Testify as to his character for veracity & who can testify as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Jesse Lincoln, Eli Sims Esquire, Isaac Taylor and the Reverend Hezekiah Dildine.

S/ David Goodwin

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

David Goodwin

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 9th April A.D. 1833

S/ Jacob Adam Clerk

White County Court

[Hezekiah Dildine, a clergyman, and Jesse Lincoln gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: On June 8, 1853 in White County Tennessee, Nancy Goodwin, 79, applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of David Goodwin, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$23.33 per annum; that she married him March 6, 1800; that he died November 23, 1838; that she remains his widow; that she was married to him in Darlington District South Carolina by the Reverend Coleman, a Baptist Preacher but she does not remember whether or not they had a license. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: On May 9, 1855 in White County Tennessee, Nancy Goodwin, 81, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to David Goodwin pp10
Audited Account No. 2954
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[p 2 [poor retake images of p 2 on pp 3-4]
[No.] 767 [Book] Y No. 96 31 December 85 [1785]
David Goodwin for 90 days Duty as a Private footman in General Marion's Brigade, Colonel Benton's Regiment in 1781 charged Stg [Sterling] £6.7.6
Add more .1.?
Stg. £6.8.6 ¾

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 5]
The State of South Carolina To David Goodin [sic] Dr.
1781
June 1st To 60 days Service as Private soldier at 1/5 £4.5
Nov. 1st To 30 days do at 1/5 2.2.6
90 days at 10/⁵ £45 or £6.7.6 ¾ £6.7.6 ¾

South Carolina
Cheraw District } Personally Appeared David Goodwin before me & duly made Oath that

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

⁵ 10 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate of a militia man serving on foot

the Above Account is Just & true & that he never received any part of the Same.
Sworn to before me this 18th September 1785

S/ David Goodwin



S/ Lam. Benton, JP

[p 7]

Received 31st December 1785 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 767 Book Y

S/ Benjamin Wright Junior



[p 9]

South Carolina Cheraw District

Gentlemen please to Deliver an Indent of mine to the amount of my Public Account that
is in your hands to Mr. Benjamin Wright Junior – In so doing you will much oblige your humble
Servant

S/ David Goodwin

October 21, 1786