

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Goodwin, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1093,
Application # W650

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White County, Tennessee, April 9th, 1833, David Goodwin, aged 70 years:

“He believes his first tour of duty commenced in the spring of the year 1777 in the 17th year of his age, having ^{been} ~~feast~~ his seventeenth year. He then resided in St. David’s Parish in the state of South Carolina, the state afterwards being laid off into districts. ‘St. David’s Parish’ was called ‘Darlington District.’”

“He volunteered under Captain William Standard whose company was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel 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 their ravages and also to annoy 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, which he thinks was called the ‘Scotch fort’ [*Scott’s Fort on Scott’s Lake?*]. In taking this fort there was but two of General Marion’s men killed. Colonel Lide 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, as this declarant believes. 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.”

“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 does not 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. His captain’s name he cannot recollect. Nothing remarkable happened during this month. He was still under Marion. The troops were stationed on Santee, still in St. David’s Parish.”

“Some time after this, he cannot say how long, it was, however, but a short time, he volunteered under Captain Morris Murphy or Murphree, for three months. His colonel’s name was also Morris Murphy (Senior). The object of this tour of duty was to guard the country against the depredations of Colonel McNeil, a Tory commander. They were not in any engagement or battle during this tour of duty. He was under General Marion throughout the whole of his service, except when on scouting parties, for which he asks nothing.”