Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Theophilus Goodwin S37954 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in the State aforesaid --

To all to whom these presents shall come Greetings – Know ye that the Theophilus Goodwin Citizen and resident of this District & State aforesaid Laborer did this day approach before me and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war in the year 1778 under Captain Robert Temples [Robert Temple] of the infantry in the North Carolina Regiment under the command of Colonel Litle [Archibald Lytle] of Brigadier General Sumner's [Jethro Sumner's] Brigade and fought at the Battle at Stono [June 20, 1779] and that he served faithfully for the Term of nine months and received his discharge from Captain Robert Temple which discharge is lost or mislaid that he cannot find it. He further Deposeth and saith that from his reduced circumstances in life that he stands in need of the aid of his Country for support.

S/ Theophilus Goodwin

In Testimony that the above named Theophilus Goodwin did this day make oath before me of the truth of the above affidavit I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Court to be affixed the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord 1818 and of the independence of the United States of America the 42nd.

S/W. Thompson

State of South Carolina, District of Edgefield:

On this fifth day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court Court being a Court of record for said District and State Theophilus Goodwin aged 59 years Resident of Rocky Creek in the district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he Served in the Revolutionary war as follows in the North Carolina Regiment North Carolina line Commanded by Colonel Lightle or Litle [Archibald Lytle] in a company Commanded by Captain Robert Temple. That he is now on the pension roll of virtue of the Act of 18th March 1818 that his pension Certificate is dated on the 18th day of September 1818 the pension having Commenced on the 5th day of June 1818 And that he has already received his pension from the last mentioned time till 4th day of March and the said declarant doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any estate Real or personal or mixed Except the property Contained in the following Schedule (Viz.)

One horse Colt	\$35.00
One Cow and Calf	10.00
Some plantation Tools	10.00
One Sow and Eleven Shoats	20.00
Some Dung hill fowls	5.00
One Set Knives & forks	1.00
½ dozen Cups & Saucers	.50
2 pots	3.00
½ Sitting Chairs	3.00
2 Smoothing irons 23	2.00
	\$89.50

That from the diseases and infirmities incident to Old Age he does not feel himself able by his Occupation (a Tiller of the Earth) to support himself and an infirm or wife that he has 12 children But all of them have left him but for two daughters and two sons the daughters are grown and work Chiefly for themselves and the sons one of them 18 years old and the other 14 assist him to support the family. That there is no one else on whom he can depend for a support only the two sons above mentioned and the time Short especially with one that he can Expect that assistance. That he has no other source to look to or from whom he can expect any succor.

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year above written.

S/M. Mims, CCP

S/ Theophilus Goodwin

[September 1, 1828, veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefits to Butler County, Alabama.]

[Facts in file: veteran died in 1837 survived by his wife (not named)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 5, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]