Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Goodrum S8589

VA

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Virginia

Greensville County. To wit.

On this 7th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Greensville sitting, John Goodrum Sen'r. a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy six years since Jan'y. 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of September in the year 1776 (after serving as a minute man for about twelve months) in the company commanded by Capt. James Mason in the 15th Regiment commanded by Col David Mason of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment – that he served three years the term of his enlistment, that he first, after being inoculated for the small pox, marched with his Regiment to the North, and joined the army under Gen'l. Washington at Philadelphia, that after serving for some time with that army, he was transferred to the Staff Department, and was ordered to the South, and joined Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln in South Carolina, in May 1779, was at the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779], and at the end of his term of enlistment left the army, and delivered the public stores in his charge to Col. George Elliott, in Petersburg, Virginia never having rec'd. his pay, he delivered the papers proving his service to the Hon'l. James Trezvant to be used in support of his application to Congress, whose certificate explains their contents, and the reason of their not being now produced He has rec'd. from the Executive of Virginia, a warrant for his Bounty Land, as proof to their satisfaction of three years service on the Continental Line.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

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I Robert Mabry [VAS448], Lieutenant of the Company from Brunswick County, commanded by James Mason as Captain, which Company was annexed to the 15th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, do hereby certify that John Goodrum enlisted in the said company on the 30th day of November 1776 to serve three years; Marched with said Company from Virginia and joined the Continental Army in the Jerseys; after which he was taken in the staff department; during his stay with said Company he conducted himself as a faithful and good soldier. Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1808.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia misfiled with Goodrich, John.]

I do hereby certify that I have examined the Pay Roll deposited in the Auditors office in the City of Richmond, and dont find the Name of John Goodrum on the said Rolls who was a Soldier in the 15th Virginia Regiment as having drawn any pay or depreciation Given under my hand this 2nd November 1808.

I certify that Mr John Goodrum placed in my hand a certificate signed by Capt David Mason an officer in the [illegible] Va Regt upon Continenal establishment in the revolutionary war, stating that the said Goodrum had faithfully served his time as a soldier for three years. The said certificate was given to a Committee of Congress to whom Mr Goodrums application for pay was [one or two undeciphered words] and has been mislaid or lost so that I have not been able to procure it for Mr Goodrum Given under my hand this 10th of Nov 2830 James Trezvant Southampton.