Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Goodman W3411 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia }
Albemarle County } S.S

On this 3rd day of November 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Nancy Goodman a resident of Albemarle County and State of Virginia aged Seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled an "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Joseph Goodman, whom she has often heard state that he was drafted for a tour of eighteen months in the time of the revolutionary war, in the the tour of duty named above he marched from the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia, but she cannot now name any of the officers under whom he served, nor can she state the year or years that he was in the service, but would refer for the proof of his services, to the evidence that will accompany her declaration. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Goodman in the month of January in the year of 1786 to the best of her recollection and belief, that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Goodman died on the 16th day of June 1826. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated. She further declares that her maiden name before marriage was Nancy Michie Nancy herXmark Goodman

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On this 7th day of November 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Jesse Lewis [pension application \$5680] aged eighty seven years and made oath in due form of law. That he was well acquainted with Joseph Goodman (who intermarried with Nancy Michie) and he does well know that the said Joseph Goodman, was drafted or substituted himself, in the Spring of 1780 or 1781; (to the best of his recollection) for the term of eighteen months and served as a soldier in one of the Continental Virginia Regiments, that he does know that the said Joseph Goodman, marched from the County of Albemarle under the Command of Capt. Benjamin Harris, and rendezvoused at Chesterfield Old Court House and was place under the command of Gen'l. Baron Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben], affiant further states that the said Joseph Goodman continued in the service until after the Seige at Yorktown [ended 19 Oct 1781], he was then marched to Cumberland old Court House, where the troops went into winter quarters and he believes that the said Goodman did not march with the army to the South in the Spring of 1782 but remained behind in Virginia in consequence of of ill health, but affiant is very certain that the said Joseph Goodman served out the term for which he entered the Army, and was honorably discharged, and affiant further states that he was a soldier and served with the said Goodman in the same Company and Regiment, that they were frequently under the command of different Captains whilst in the Service at one time under the command of Capt. [Abraham] Kirkpatrick at another time under the command of Capt. Field [sic: Reuben Fields] and another time under the command of Capt. [William Lewis] Lovely; their field officers were Major Poston [sic: John Poulson], Col. [Thomas] Gaskins and others. [signed] Jesse Lewis

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse VA includes the following: Joseph Goodman, age 19, height 5′ 8″, light hair, grey eyes, fair complexion,

farmer, born and residing in Albemarle County where he was drafted for 18 months on 20 Mar 1781 and sized on 9 April.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 2 Dec 1786 by Joseph Goodman and William Tandy for the marriage of Goodman to Nancy Michie.

On an application for bounty land dated 14 Apr 1855 Nancy Goodman was living in Campbell County VA, and her age was given as "about eighty six." She appears to have signed her full name to this application.