

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Goodall W5284 Sarah Goodall VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 10 Jan 2014.

State of Virginia  
County of Greene to wit:

On this day personally appeared before the subscriber Sally or Sarah Goodall a resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged ninety 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836: That she is the widow of John Goodall jr who was a soldier in the continental army and served as such for the period of three years from the time of his enlistment which was in January 1776 till the rallying of the forces belonging to General Gates' [Horatio Gates's] army at Hillsborough in North Carolina, after his defeat at Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780]. She further declared she was married to the said John Goodall jr on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1775. That her husband the aforesaid John Goodall jr died on the 1st day of April eighteen hundred and twenty-nine and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me Sally herXmark Goodall  
James Beazley J.P. 30<sup>th</sup> Jany 1844.

I do assg all my right and title of the within warrant to Sam'l Bulthrop for value receiv'd of him in  
Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>d</sup> of Feb'y[?]  
Test David Anderson John Goodall Jr



The deposition of Zachariah Taylor [pension application W6237], formerly a revolutionary soldier, taken at his house in the County of Greene State of Va on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1842 to be read as evidence before the congress of the United States in the claim of Sarah Goodall the widow of John Goodall decd formerly of the Revolutionary army

This deponent being duly sworn deposeth & saith that about the year 1776 he was with John Goodall under Captain Spencer [Joseph Spencer, pension application S37436] at Gwins Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8-10 Jul 1776], that he thinks that said John Goodall was serving as a cadet or some such officer; that he was a very brave and spirited man; that the next time he saw John Goodall was several years afterwards at Hillsborough North Carolina at Gate's defeat [defeat of Gen Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] at which time said Goodall wore a sword and was serving as a lieutenant. That after this this deponent knows nothing personal of the services of said John Goodall.

Zachariah hisXmark Taylor

Affidavit of Zachariah Taylor of Greene County given before me Joel Jarrell a justice of the peace for said County on this 29th of January eighteen hundred and forty-four, and received in open Court at the same time as above [15 Jan 1844]

I Zachariah Taylor of said County do hereby certify that in January seventeen hundred and seventy six myself John Goodall jr and several others enlisted in the continental army of the Virginia line for the term of three years. The call for men was made I think by Captain Joseph Spencer and John Goodall and my self enlisted in his company. Garland Burnley was his first and William White [S1601] his second lieutenants. We all got ready and marched from Orange C. H. Virginia to Fredericksburg where we were stationed twelve months – we were then ordered North and had not gone far before orders were received for us to repair to meet the British at Gwins island on the Chesapeake Bay – to which place we went passing through Caroline King and Queen Counties on our way. at that place we remained

canonading untill the British were cleared out – this was in July seventeen hundred and seventy nine [sic] – we were then [sic] marched into the Carolina's and arrived at General Gates's defeat in seventeen hundred and eighty – after defeat we repaired to Hillsborough in North Carolina where all hands were discharged John Goodall served as soldier the whole tour and he was a brave man, never exhibiting any fear during the three years I served with him. I think our Company was the seventh in number.

Zachariah hisXmark Tayler

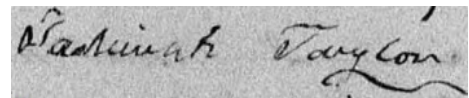
State of Virginia

Greene County to wit: [12 Sep 1844]

I Zachariah Taylor of said county do hereby again declare and certify under oath that I and John Goodall enlisted in the regular army commanded by Captain Spencer in the year 1776, and the circumstance has always had a deep impression on my mind, because my old acquaintances Burnley and White were his Lieutenants and we served together. I also well remember that in Spencers company there were two other of my acquaintances who enlisted with us; they were Oliver Crawford and Joshua Crawford both brothers, and while in the army were taken with the fever and died in the army – they could not stand to get home.

William White one of our Lieutenants under Spencer lived not far from me after the war closed, and we frequently conversed together upon the incidents of the 3 years service. I also knew Garland Burnly very well and I as distinctly remember our service under Captain Spencer as any event during the war: it was my first tour in the War. Nor can I be at all mistaken of Mr. Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] being our Colonel at one time during the 3 years service. I knew him too well for even a shadow of doubt to remain on my mind on that point. I remember the soldiers did not like him as a Colonel owing to his cruelty to them – often times he would have them whiped for slight offences. Colonel Dangerfield however did not remain Colonel long [resigned 13 Aug 1776] – he was superseded in command of us by a Mr. McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] of Augusta County Virginia, who was a different man and he was much liked by the soldiers. John Goodall was with me all the time and after he left the regular army he joined the Cavalry, or Horse company. He was also an Ensign in the regular army toward the close of the war, and was in command at Gates' defeat in North Carolina [sic] acting as Ensign for I was there and seen him my self. I cannot at this time however give the names of the officers under whom he served as Ensign – but I know that he was such and in command with his company. This was in the year 1780.

I am positive that Dangerfield and [William] Nelson were our officers for a time, indeed nothing is more distinct on my mind. They may have joined the State Cavalry after our service of which I know nothing for I was not in the State service. John Goodall was my acquaintance before the war and I could as soon forget our trils in the army as to forget my right hand from my left. I could mention other circumstances, but hope what I have heretofore said will be sufficient for I speak of my own personal knowledge and that only.



Testimony of William Davis respecting John Goodalls service. [12 Jan 1845]

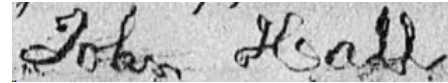
I William Davis do certify that I served two years in the old war and almost daily saw John Goodall who was not in my company but I think was in a Mr. Spencers – in this I may be mistaken, but of his two years service I am positive.



State of Virginia

County of Albemarle towit: [15 Jan 1845]

I John Hall [S5490] do hereby certify that I frequently saw John Goodall whilst he was in the war I cannot specify the dates but I saw him at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and afterward [sic] I saw him at Gwins island on the Bay in Virginia. I do not remember his Cap. I think however a Mr. Burnley was his Lieutenant. I am 90 years of age and served two years in the war under Captain Isaac Davis. We were in the war between the years 1776 & 1780



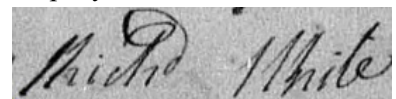
State of Virginia

Greene County towit: [14 Mar 1845]

I Richard White [S6371] of said County hereby certify under oath that I am in my ninetieth year a revolutionary soldier and pensioner and am a brother of Lieutenant William White who I well remember was in the regular army under Captain Spencer whose company was called into service in the early part of the year 1776. I knew Captain Spencer personally and he had two Lieutenants to his company and if I mistake not Garland Burnly was his first Lieutenant. In Captain Spencers company John Goodall enlisted as a soldier to my own knowledge, and when his company received orders to march I went with my brother who was Lieutenant, down near Fredericksburg and John Goodall. Zachariah Taylor and two Mr. Crawfords all my acquaintances went on in said company as soldiers. This fact is impressed on my mind from the circumstance that I went with the company in order to carry my brothers clothing &c who was the Lieutenant [illegible word]. Goodall, Taylor and the Crawfords were my acquaintances and it made a deep impression on my mind at this time. After delivering my brother's baggage I came on Home and my brother's company went on to Gloucester C. H. and from there they went to the canonding at Gwins Island and there drove the British off.

Some time after the canonding at Gwins Island, I do not remember how long, the fever took the company commanded by Spencer and I went on down for my brother William White who was sick with that disease. On my way down we met Zachariah Taylor coming on Home who was also labouring under the same disease and said on that account leave of absence was granted him. After Taylor recovered of the fever which was not long, he to my knowledge went to Spencers company and took his place.

This company commanded by Spencer was raised for three years I think and after the expiration of that time, by the solicitation of Washington its officers enlisted again for the whole war. My brother William White served as Lieutenant for three years in Spencers Company, and after the war he lived till his death in sight of my residence. We were frequently together and I have heard him speak of John Goodall as often as of any other man in the War. he often said that John Goodall served the full time of his enlistment and my brother thought he was a brave soldier. After the tour under my brother John joined the Cavalry and I saw him at the Barracks in Albemarle County He was generally regarded as a very brave man and I remember that he ran away and fought the Indians before the revolutionary war. John had at his death several wounds received in battle. I say again that I know Goodall did enlist in Spencers company and as before said I went to the lower county with his company.

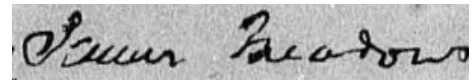


State of Virginia

Rockingham County to wit: [9 Apr 1845]

I James Meadows [S8895] of said County certify under oath that I am in my ninetifourth year, a revolutionary soldier and pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum. That at the time of my enlistment in the army I was a resident of Orange County now called Greene County and lived not far from John Goodall deceased. We both entered the army about the same time, which I think was early in the year 1776 but

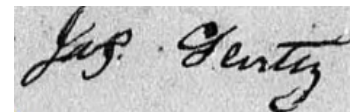
not in the same company. The company I enlisted in at that time was commanded by one Captain Pence [possibly James Pence] and we served three months at Fort McIntosh in the Western part of this State [sic: at present Beaver PA, constructed fall 1778]. This tour of three months was in the militia Shortly after our company reached the Fort the company under Captain Joseph Spencer who was my acquaintance, also arrived and the militia as well as regulars remained there on duty for three months John Goodall was at that time a soldier in Spencers company and being acquainted were together every day almost I remember also that my old acquaintance Garland Burnly who was likewise from Orange County was Lieutenant in Spencers company and acted as such during that tour. This fact is impressed on my mind because toward the close of the war [sic: tour?] Burnley was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain [before July 1779] and I served some time under him as soldier at the Barracks in Albemarle County I never saw John Goodall after our 3 months service untill the year 1778, he came home from the army. On our return from Fort McIntosh the regulars commanded by Spencer were ordered Northward, and the militia men came on home I in that number. If I mistake not the company in which Goodall then was was called the 7th Virginia Regiment and one William Nelson who had been Major of the militia for a while, was the Lieutenant Colonel of the company in which Goodall was. Our company was attached to that of the 7th Regiment. After this trip I served in the revolutionary war at various times amounting altogether to 3 years but was unfortunate in not being able to prove the whole service. I now live within five miles of Greene County line formerly Orange County as it was called at the time I entered the service. John Goodall was wounded in the war and was lame to his death. He was a brave soldier. I also remember to have seen old William Davis at Fort McIntosh and that he was under Cap. Taylor – of this however I am not very positive. As I before said Mr. Goodall was in Spencers Company during the 3 months.



State of Virginia

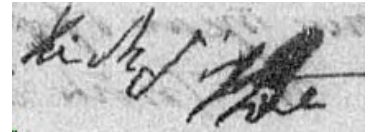
Greene County to wit: [10 Apr 1845]

I James Gentry [S8555] a revolutionary soldier and pensioner do hereby certify under oath to the truth of the following facts. In the year 1777 in the month of January, I enlisted in the regular Continental army for three years under one Captain [Samuel] Eddins and the company commanded by him, was joined by nine other companies all of which were under the command of Colonel [Charles] Harrison. At the time of my enlistment I was a resident of Hanover County below this, but directly after the war I settled in Albemarle County where I still continue to live, adjoining the County of Orange wherein John Goodall my acquaintance in arms, lived and died. I knew Mr. Goodall before I came to this County to live. I became acquainted with him in the army down near Williamsburg in the year 1777. The regular soldiers were stationed there for some time and I also became acquainted with Captain Spencer in whose company John Goodall was a soldier. The army then marched Northward and soon after we had a battle with the British at Monmouth in Pennsylvania I think [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778]. I was with John Goodall from 1777 till December 1778 when I think he left the army. After I came to the neighborhood where I now live I kept up a friendly acquaintance with Goodall and Spencer who both lived near me. Goodall and myself were both at Trenchtown [Trenton?] and many other places during the war. One William White I well remember was Lieutenant of the company Goodall was in. I knew White also very well – he lived and died in the County of Orange now called Greene County. I and Goodall were together almost every day and we were two years in service as regulars – he was under Spencer all the time and I was under Captain Eddins. All which may be seen by reference to my papers in the pension office.



Virginia Greene County to Wit [23 Aug 1848]

I Richard White aged ninety four years of age next birth day hereby certify under oath to the truth of the following facts: That I was well acquainted with John Goodall and know that he was stationed at the Barracks in Albemarle County for some considerable length of time. I am under the impression it was some twelve or eighteen months for I was in the habit of going to the Barracks regularly almost every week and whenever I went there I saw Goodall there and frequently slept there with the officers; Goodall at that time was a Lieutenant under Capt Casey. I carried all sorts of provisions to the Barracks for the purpose of sale. I recollect seeing him there a great many times I cannot how often. The first time I remember of seeing him there was a short time after I had aided in conducting the prisoners from Saratoga [late 1778] under Capt B Johnson Burgoyne's prisoners I think. I am confident Goodall was at the Barracks some length of time for I recollect seeing him there at various times; upon one occasion I recollect well that he was engaged at work upon something like a Rest fixed for a Gate so that it would turn when the soldiers passed in and out. I knew Goodall well and cannot be mistaken as to my recollection of seeing him at the Barracks, & I am quite confident it was some twelve or eighteen months that he was engaged at the Barracks from my recollection at this time. It was after Goodall had been in the South for I heard him mention to my Father at my father's house that he had been in the South and had received a wound in the back which he said was a very bad sign.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard White", written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1857 personally appeared before me Alfred D. Almond Justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid William Eaton aged about 82 years a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law Declares That He served in the war of 1812 in Capt Wm Dulaney's Co, and received Two Land Warrants of 80 Acres each respectively under the acts of Congress of the 28 September 1850 and 3rd March A.D. 1855. That He knew John Goodall Jr Well: That he Now knows Sally Goodall widow of John Goodall Jr deceased; That He knows they lived together as man and wife and were commonly reported so to be: That their marriage was never called in question by any one: That they were persons of high respectibility: That I now know Sally Goodall who lives in the County and know that she is the identical Sally Goodall with whom John Goodall Jr lived, That she now lives on the same tract of land that John Goodall Jr lived on his life time; where He died, and from my first knowledge of him: I have often conversed with John Goodall Jr in regard to his Revolutionary Services, and have heard him says That He was in said War: And he has shewn me a Scar when converseing with him on the subject He received in said War: and he was always regarded by all who knew him as having been a Soldier in the Revolutionary War from his statements, and frequent conversations in relating incidents connected with the said war: Indeed it was never doubted for He was regarded as a very honest and truthful man: Furthermore I knew Sally Goodall to be the person she represents herself to be: Given under my hand and seal the day and date above written

William hisXmark Eaton

[On the same date and place William Melone, 76, made a similar statement except that he received land warrants for 40 and 120 acres for service in the War of 1812 under Capt William Dulaney. He also stated, "I have heard him and Old Billy Davis of this County (formerly a part of Orange) talk about each of their hardships and Exploits in the Revolutionary War.... Goodall and Davis were treated with great respect on account of their having served in The Revolution, and persons were always pleased to hear them talk and recount the scenes of the Old War."]



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are fragmented and otherwise difficult to read.]

The affidavit of John Davis taken before the subscriber – justice of the peace in and for the county of Orange this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834. The affiant being duly sworn saith. That he was personally acquainted with John Goodall [illegible word] of Orange County – that he enlisted under him for twelve months in the regular service, and served a tour of twelve months at the barracks in Albemarle County under the said Goodall as ensign in Capt [Ambrose] Madison’s Company of guards commanded by Capt. James Burton in Col. Taylor’s Regiment. The said Goodall marched from said Barracks [one or two illegible words] a regular officer but this affiant doth not know the place that he was ordered to march to. That he was well acquainted with John Goodall from the time of entering the service with him until his death which took place in the spring of 1829. That his family still reside on the premises left by him which family consist of Sarah Goodall the widow of said dec’d Emmanuel Runkle who intermarried with Mary Goodall daughter of said Goodall, and Margaret Goodall also daughter of John Goodall and Sarah Goodall  
John hisXmark Davis

The affidavit of Samuel Ham taken before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange this 29th day of April 1834. The said affiant being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with John Goodall from the age of [illegible] years to the time of his death That he served with the said John Goodall in the army of the Revolution at the Barracks in the county of Albemarle and that the said John Goodall at that time held the commission of Ensign in the regular service that he served two tours of duty as a militia man with the said Goodall, during all which time he the said Goodall served as Ensign in the regular service, and that subsequently he marched from the Barracks to the south as an officer the affiant further states that the said Goodall died a near neighbour to him on the 1st day of April 1829. That his family still resides on the premises left by him, which family consists of Sarah Goodall the widow of said Dec’d. Emanuel Runkle who intermarried with Mary Goodall daughter of said John & Sarah Goodall and Margaret Goodall also daughter of said John & Sarah Goodall  
Samuel hisXmark Ham

State of Virginia        }  
Augusta County to wit  }

This day [21 Jul 1835] personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Commonwealth justice of the peace for the county of Augusta Smith Thompson [S38438] a citizen of the town of Staunton in the said County of Augusta aged eighty seven years the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, and being first duly sworn stated upon oath that he served in the army of the United States in the revolutionary war for the period of four years and a half first in the north and afterwards in the south – that he was at the siege of Charleston in South Carolina [spring 1780] and whilst there became well acquainted with Ensign John Goodall, this deponent was by profession a barber and was constantly in the habit of shaving and dressing the officers which enabled him to become acquainted with a great many of them, he often conversed with Ensign Goodall; the details of all which conversations he cannot now remember, he does however recollect that Ensign Goodall told him that he was from the county of Albemarle in the state of Virginia; this affiant himself marched from Staunton in Virginia and was more particularly acquainted with Virginia officers at Charleston, the deponent states that he is under the impression that Ensign Goodall told him he had been stationed at the Albemarle barracks in Virginia he does not however distinctly remember the fact. Ensign Goodall and deponent however had frequent conversations about persons and things at Charlottesville the county town of the County of Albemarle. This deponent was taken a prisoner at Charleston and was removed to Haddels point [sic: Haddrells Point], from whence he made his escape and returned home to Staunton, at Halifax in the State of North Carolina deponent met with Col William Washington and informed him that he wished to return home. Col Washington then gave him a pass. the deponent further states that he afterwards met with Ensign Goodall at Yorktown

who was still an officer and was present at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] The deponent states that Ensign Goodall belonged to the regular service in the continental line. The deponent has been drawing a pension for some years, on account of his revolutionary services.

[The online file contains part of an affidavit by John Snow that may be referred to in the following.]  
The affidavit of John Snow [S38391] taken before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county of Albemarle this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1835 the affiant being duly sworn saith that in a former affidavit taken before James [illegible] that he this affiant omitted an important matter that is he remembers to have seen a wound on the shoulder of ensign John Goodall which said Goodall told him he received from the enemy whilst he was in the service in the South – and further more the affiant set that the time of his service with said Goodall in the Barracks was in the year of 78 or 79 – the affiant is now drawing a pension from the government & has been for some years past.

Sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1835      John hisXmark Snow  
Edmund Davis

#### NOTES:

Among the 229 pages in the federal file is also a supporting affidavit by Richard Snow, pension application S14540.

The federal file includes copies of documents that pertain to a different John Goodall (VAS1270), who was a Sergeant of Cavalry.

On 12 Jan 1845 Mary Davis, 89, stated that she was present when her sister, Sally Davis, was married to John Goodall by “old parson Bingham.” Elizabeth Davis, another relative, made a similar statement. A document in the federal file states that Sarah Goodall died 18 Dec 1864 and was survived by one daughter.

Pages 77– 87 and pages 117–118 of the Fold3 file are land records for people named Goodall living in Orange County. Starting on page 98 are copies of some deeds signed by John and Sarah Goodall.

The federal and the Virginia files include copies of the last will and testament of John Goodall of Orange County VA dated 5 Mar 1829 leaving his land, Negroes, and stock to his wife Sarah, to be divided after her death between their two daughters, Mary Cudding Goodall and Margaret McKinney Goodall. A document in the file dated 15 Feb 1844 states that Mary C Goodall had died without heirs.

The federal file contains a copy of a deed to 180 acres given by John Goodall, Sr of St. Thomas Parish in Orange County on 20 April 1776 to his son, John Goodall, Jr., the pension applicant. There is also a copy of a deed to 330 acres bordering Swift Run given by John Goodall, Sr. on 28 March 1771 to his eldest son Charles Goodall.

Also in the federal file is a copy of the last will and testament of John Goodall, Sr. dated 22 Feb 1790 and proved on 26 Nov 1792, naming the following children: sons John Goodall, Richard Goodall, James Goodall, William Goodall, and David Goodall; daughters Susanna Dear, Page Thurman, and Sarah Goodall. Also mentioned were Parks Goodall, Jonathan Goodall, Isaac Goodall, and Charles Goodall. Richard Goodall appears to have been pension applicant S15861.

Also in the federal file is a copy of a 20 Apr 1754 deed of gift by Charles Goodall of Caroline County VA of a Negro girl each to his grandson, Charles Goodall, and his granddaughter, Susana Goodall, children of John and Margaret Goodall. John Goodall, the soldier, was evidently another child of John and Margaret Goodall. There is also a copy of the last will and testament of Charles Goodall dated 7 May 1776 and proved 25 July 1776, devising 50 acres to his brother, John Goodall and the rest of his property to “my three Sisters Susannah Dear Margett Goodall Sarah Goodall.” The will also refers to Susannah Dear’s son, Charles. Others named in the will include James Goodall and Richard Goodall.

The file contains a long letter dated 28 Feb 1859 stating that John Goodall, the soldier, had a brother named James Goodall who married Sally Harvey on 23 Jan 1782 and had a son named John. The letter also includes other family information.