

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Godwin R53

VA Sea Service/ VA Half Pay

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Know all men by these presents, that I, James H. Godwin late sheriff of Nansemond County and committee of the estate of Joseph Godwin deceased who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution, have made ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make ordain, constitute and appoint James Murdaugh of the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name as late Sheriff of Nansemond County and committee of the estate of Joseph Godwin deceased who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy as aforesaid, to ask, demand and receive of and from the Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Pensions, or such other Officer of the United States Government as is or may be appointed for that purpose, all commutation pay and interest thereon, due for the services rendered by the said Joseph Godwin (now deceased) as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution. Full power and authority... [the rest omitted] Witness my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1852.

[signed] James H. Godwin

Nansemond County to Wit

This day [19 April 1851] Joseph Holladay personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that he was well acquainted with Joseph Godwin, who it was reputed to have been in the naval service, of Virginia during the War of the Revolution (of his services he knows nothing except by reputation, for that he the said Joseph Holladay is only in his 62<sup>nd</sup> year of age) That the said Joseph Godwin lived and died in the County of Nansemond, he lived in that part of the County called Barrotts neck on Nansemond River, and he resided from the residence of the said Joseph Holladay about eight Miles. That the said Joseph Godwin resided in the County of Nansemond ever since he could remember, and died in the said County of Nansemond. That the said Joseph Godwin died leaving two children Emma C. who married Stephen T. Hookey, and Lucy Jordan then Lucy Lawson a widow, who married Isum Jordan, & the said Isum died leaving the said Lucy [two or three illegible words] That the said Emma C. Hookey has died since, leaving her husband Stephen T. Hookey surviving her and that the said Emma C. Hookey lived and died in the County of Nansemond, and the said Stephen T. Hookey her husband still resides in the said County. That Lucy Jordan removed to the Town of Portsmouth and died there.

[On the same day George Godwin may a similar statement, adding that the first husband of Lucy was Richard Lawson, that she married Isum Jordan after the death of her father, and that she died leaving several children.

Pension Office/ June 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

I certify that I have examined the Claim of the administer of Joseph Godwin deceased, a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy, in the Revolutionary War, under the act of July 5<sup>th</sup> 1832 & find that said Godwin was entitled to half pay as Lieutenant from the 22<sup>d</sup> April 1783, when the war ended, to the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1821, when he died, at the rate of one hundred & eighty two Dollars & fifty Cents per year ( fifty Cents per day) & which amount is payable to James Murdaugh Esq attorney in fact for the administrator of said Joseph Godwin deceased.

J E Heath Com'r

Approved/ Secretary of the Interior