

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Goodson S2578

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On the 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the [sic] Stephen Graham, William K. Frederick & Gibson Sloan now sitting, Joshua Goodson of said County, who will be 79 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September next, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832, viz.: That he volunteered in the militia in the County of Greene (then Dobbs) in the year of \_\_ in a company commanded by Captain John Shepperd<sup>1</sup> in the Brigade of Richard Caswell. That he marched from thence to Moore's Creek bridge in New Hanover County, where he was engaged in the battle [February 27, 1776]<sup>2</sup> of that place after this he marched in various places of this State and was then discharged after a service of three months at least. After this he moved into South Carolina, where he was drafted in the militia and served under Captains Ellerby [Thomas Ellerbee] and Hicks [James Hicks] in a Regiment commanded by one George Hicks. He does not recollect distinctly the length of service in South Carolina but is certain that it was more than six months having served in the whole at least nine months.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid,

S/ John Goodson, X his mark

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk

[John Watkins and James Sullivan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Ans: I am in my 79<sup>th</sup> year I was born in Isle of Wight County Virginia

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: In my grandfather's Bible & one of his sons has carried it to the South

Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Greene County North Carolina when called into service – have lived part in Greene & part in Duplin & lives now in Duplin

Q 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered, & served 18 months.

Q 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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1 Sic, probably either Benjamin Sheppard or John Sheppard, both of whom served as captains of companies of Dobbs County militia under Col. Abraham Sheppard at the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, according to Bobby G. Moss.

2 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

Ans: I recollect General Caswell, Colonel Sheppard & Captain Sheppard, the two last were militia officers from Contentnea in Greene County-- & went to South Carolina – and again entered the service under the command of Colonel Culp – Colonel Hicks and was in several skirmishes with the Tories having served in the militia not less than 18 months.

Q 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never did receive a discharge

Q 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: John T Bryan, Saml. Bowden

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 16, 1838 there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]