

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Goggin S31067

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State of Kentucky }
Pulaski Circuit Court } Sct

On this 23rd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court for Pulaski County, holden by and before the Hon^{bl}. John L Bridges Circuit Judge now sitting as a Court Richard Goggin, a Resident Citizen of Pulaski County State of Kentucky, aged Seventy One years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that while a resident of Bedford County, State of Virginia, sometime in the latter part of the Summer as he now thinks of the year 1779 the Tories were embodying themselves committing depredations, and disturbing and annoying the country and the British force or army was lying on James River below Richmond of that State. Orders were given by the authorities of the Country to raise and organize men (as he now thinks were called minnet men [sic: Minute Men]) for the Term and period of eighteen months to be in readiness at all times to enter the service in defence and protection of the country whenever ordered by the competent authority to march to any place directed and serve under any General Officer that they might be ordered to serve under and to engage in any service and continue in the service as long as the situation of the Country and the orders of the authorities required, and at the time aforesaid in the service aforesaid he volunteered in the Company of Robert Adams (Capt.) for eighteen months, he belonged to the Regiment of Colo. [Charles] Lynch, Major Overton was the Major of the Regiment. after the Company was organized we were engaged in scouting and rangeing as ordered by Colo. Lynch in the County of Bedford aforesaid, and the Country round about, to rout and disperse the Tories, and we were often ordered to engage in that kind of service and frequently was engaged in obedience to orders in the service aforesaid and was at all times during the period of the eighteen months aforesaid for which he entered the service, at all times ready in obedience to orders to march to any place in defence of the Country that he might be ordered, and was at all times ready to engage in any service in defence of the County that might be required, and he states that during the eighteen months aforesaid. In obedience to orders he together with the rest of the Company marched to Petersburg Virginia to defend the Country against the British Army that had invaded and was threatening to overrun the country and was then lying upon James River and was shortly thereafter in possession of the City of Richmond, he was then in the Company of the said Capt Robert Adams in the Regiment of Col. Lynch as aforesaid, and while at Petersburg he belonged to the Brigade of Gen^l. [Robert] Lawson, he continued in active and constant service at Petersburg not less than ten weeks was then directed to return home, and after the expiration of the period of the eighteen months aforesaid he was discharged from the service and received a discharge signed by Capt. Robert Adams for eighteen months service, which discharge has long anterior to this been lost or destroyed. he states that during the eighteen months aforesaid, he was free and exempt from all militia service or duty except such service as he was bound to render when ordered in the company aforesaid. the time he was actually and actively engaged of the eighteen months aforesaid in the service of his country he cannot now from lapse of time and loss of memory exactly and positively say, but states that he was labourously actively and actually engaged in the service of the United States, during the eighteen months aforesaid not less than Six Months

Afterwards while a resident of the County of Bedford aforesaid in the early part of the month of January 1781 the same year that Lord Cornwallis surrendered he became a Substitute for Nathan Williamson for a Three months term of service in the Militia in the Company of Captian Joseph Poindexter after the Company was assembled he was marched to Suffolk Virginia and there joined the main army he belonged to the Regiment of Colo. Meriwether a Frenchman by the name of Decloman

[sic: Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane] was the Major was attached to and in the Brigade of Gen'l [Peter] Muhlenberg at the time the British forces were in possession of Norfolk Virginia from Suffolk he was marched to the vicinity of Norfolk and there ordered to remain in the service, and during the residue of the time he was engaged in the service, the British and American Armies were every day in sight of each other and the army was every day under arms. there was frequent skirmishes between the outposts and advance Guards of each army. Prisoners were often taken on each side, but no general engagement, he served out fully the said Three months in the service aforesaid except Three days. before the expiration of his Term of Service three days he together with two other men were discharged and ordered to return home to procure Soldiers to come to the relief of those engaged in the service at the place aforesaid he received a written discharge for Three Months service signed by Captian Poindexter but which has long since been lost or destroyed. Afterward while a resident of said County of Bedford Virginia immediately after his return from the vicinity of Norfolk about the first day of May 1781 A Call was made for Soldiers to Guard protect and defend the magazines and public property that had been removed from Richmond to New London [now in Campbell County] to prevent the same from falling into the possession of the British he volunteered for a Three months Term of service as a Militia Man and was ordered by Colo. Lynch the Colonel of the County under the command of Major Holt who came from the City of Richmond in charge of the Magazines and public property aforesaid and was for Three months constantly engaged in the service under the command of Major Holt aforesaid at the place aforesaid guarding and defending said public property and did together with the rest under the Command of said Major Holt stand Guard every night and day in defence of said public property. the British army was then encamped near Richmond and after having fully served out said Three months he was discharged from the service. he has no Recollection of having received a written discharge and believes he did not That he has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services He is known to Martin Owens a Clergyman and John Beaty Esq'r a Member of the Pulaski County Court and William G Cowan residents in his present neighbourhood, who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state of Territory

He was Born in Bedford County aforesaid, State of Virginia on the 28th day of November 1761.

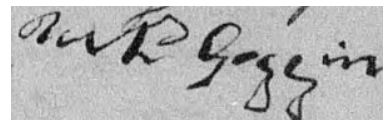
He has a record of his age in a Bible now in his possession copied from a Record of his age in a Bible given him by his Father which he verily believes is correct and true

He volunteered for every Term of Service that he rendered except the one in which he as a substitute for Nathan Williamson as stated in his Declaration

He stated above in his Declaration the names of the officers who were with the Troops where he served, the Regiments to which he belonged and the general circumstances of his service

He received written discharges for his different Terms of service signed as stated above in his Declaration except the last mentioned Term of Service for which he received no discharge, all of which discharges has long since been lost or destroyed not expecting they ever would be of any value or importance to him, he was negligent and careless about their preservation.

He was living in Bedford County aforesaid when he was called into the service. after the Revolutionary war he lived in the Counties of Campbell and Franklin (they having been formed and established) until the 1812. Twenty years of which period he lived at Calloways Iron works in Franklin County and the residue in Campbell. in 1812 he removed to Kentucky and lived in Madison County until the year 1814 in which year he removed to and settled in Pulaski County State of Kentucky and he has continued ever since to live in the same plantation and still resides in said County on the same plantation. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Goggin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.