

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Goss S8579
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[Handwriting of the scribe is almost indecipherable—use this transcription with great care.]

State of North Carolina, Davidson County, formerly part of Rowan

On this 13 day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Davidson now sitting Jacob Goss, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy years who being first 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 1832; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, He states that in the summer of the year 1778 by order of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] as affiant understands and believes Captain Hedrick [Peter Hedrick] raised a company of Militia in the County of Rowan, under a contract to serve two years if their services should be required, this affiant joined the Company and did a [indecipherable word]¹ service for twelve months – encamped or in the field, that during this period – they marched against the Tories to Cane & to Back Creek in Orange counties-- to the Raft Swamp and after a decisive skirmish with the Tories in the month of September 1779 affiant thinks as Mast's ferry, under a believe [? belief] the Tories were completely subdued the Company was discharged. That he recollects Colonel Giles & Major Lofton commanded at Massey's ferry – that Affiant under his contract was called on to serve again with his Company Captain Hedrick commanding in the Spring of the year 1780 [one or more indecipherable words]² for a three months tour – and were marched towards the South – and were in the reserve at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], the Tories having arrived in the meantime in their rear. They were ordered back to Rowan – having been absent about one month with orders from General Rutherford to serve out the old contract of two years, counting in the month's service as aforesaid, the company accordingly remained embodied and was marched against the Tory Colonel Bryan in the Fork of the Yadkin [River] & went in pursuit of him to Colston's [sic, Colson's Mill?³] [at the] Mouth of Rocky River under the command of General Rutherford – and from there ordered back to Rowan – and made excursions into Randolph, Orange, Chatham & Surry [counties] against the Tories and were then kept in active-duty [several indecipherable words]⁴ in Camp until the month of February 1781 when the British marched through this Country the company was dispersed him for a few weeks and Captain Hedrick fled from the Country believing the good cause hopeless, and to avoid being taken by the British to the State of Virginia, about the time Captain Hedrick left Affiant was detached to drive a

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3 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm>

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baggage wagon for Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] Troops, and was engaged in the course two weeks at least. The British having passed on, the friends of the good cause once more raised their head by order of General Rutherford the Company was reorganized under the command of Captain Cunningham for the purpose of serving out their time, [two indecipherable words]⁵ until May 1781, & chiefly engaged in marching about to rally their party, when they were discharged – having served fully two years – that shortly after this he was drafted in a Militia Company commanded by Captain Smith [Frederick Smith] for a three months tour to the best of affiant's recollection in August 1781 and was marched with his Company to Wilmington, and was there when the news of the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] arrived and shortly after was marched home and discharged – having served such three months – that at Wilmington his Regiment was under the command of Colonel Loften and General Rutherford – that between the times of his two years service, and his tour to Wilmington he entered as a substitute for one Young in a Company commanded by Captain Faust [Peter Faust] for three months – and was detached by order of Colonel Lock [sic, Matthew Lock or Francis Locke] to the wagon service and served out three months, filling up the time nearly so between the expiration of his two-year service & his tour to Wilmington. He states that for his two-year service in two parts as aforesaid he on his discharge got a ticket for such pay – that he has no record of his age or documentary evidence of service. He states that he was born in the year of A.D. 1762 that when he was called into service he lived in the County of Rowan and that he has lived there since the Revolutionary war and lives there now – that he went into service as a volunteer as aforesaid and the first service mentioned as a substitute and that tour, and being drafted in the second.

That he was discharged in writing from the service which he has lost

He states that in his neighborhood he is known to John Sappenfeld & Wilson Wiseman who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief and knowledge of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – then to Peter Smith⁶ who can testify to his service and to John Beck⁷

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Jacob Goss, S his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Saml. Gaither, CCC

By D. Mock, D. C.

Peter Smith maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Jacob Goss – that he knew of his own knowledge said Goss served as he states that he was with him in the service, except for a short period when he understands and believes Goss stated under his Military engagement drove a baggage wagon to Washington's troops and his service of substitution under Captain Faust & John Beck maketh oath that he knows of his own knowledge Jacob Goss served as he states under Captain Hedrick and under Captain Faust – as he was in service with him.

S/ Peter Smith, P his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Beck, B his mark

S/ Saml. Gaither, CCC

By D. Mock, D. C.

[John Sappenfield [who signed his name Johannes Serppenfeld, or so it appears] and Wilson Wiseman Dave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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6 [Peter Smith S7533](#)

7 [John Beck S8060](#)

[p 9: On September 14, 1853, Jacob Goss, son of Jacob Goss, gave a power of attorney in Davidson County, NC to Samuel Styers to pursue his rights for benefits from his father's service in the Revolution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Goss". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Jacob" is written on the top line and "Goss" is written on the bottom line, with a small flourish under the "s".

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[p 10: ditto, May 8, 1854, Isabel Styers, daughter and heir at law of Phebe Goss, widow of Jacob Goss. She signed her document with her mark.]

[p 11: On December 8th, 1853 in Davidson County North Carolina, Samuel Styers of said County acknowledged his appointment as attorney to collect what may be due Phoebe Goss as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner or that might be due to the heirs of said widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Styers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Samuel" is written on the top line and "Styers" is written on the bottom line, with a small flourish under the "s".

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[Facts in file: Veteran died October 18, 1834, leaving widow, Phebe; son Jacob and daughter, Isabel Styers.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]