

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Woodall VAS1979

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of John Woodall of Halifax County Virginia September 30th 1829

Your petitioner begs leave to state that he is a Soldier of the Revolution, that he is old, poor and infirm and asks of your Honorable body a pension, to enable him to pass his few remaining days free from want, and with some little comfort – his friends & neighbors advised him to make this appeal to the Justice & liberality of his Country; his Own situation, his age, upwards of seventy years old, disease and infirmity rendering it impossible for his labor to support himself, unites with this advice, to induce him to appear before your Honorable body – his distress & situation does not result from intemperance or extravagant habits, as will appear by referring to the statement of his Neighbors – his labor since the conclusion of the Revolutionary war, is supported himself & his family, and with health & strength, would have continued to have done so in your Honorable body would never have heard a word from him about a pension – but age & disease renders that now a duty, that in other circumstances, he never had the least intention of doing – your petitioner, it is true was never in the regular service – but he performed more military duty, then some of those did who were in that service, & who are now receiving pensions – he don't say this with any view of detracting from their merits, but just to state the facts – he performed three distinct tours, and in the performance of those tours, was engaged in the well & hard fought battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] – your Honorable body is well apprized that the Virginia Militia performed their duty in that battle, as well & as bravely as any part of the troops – and that there was no flinching on their part on that Occasion – he was also engaged after the battle, in two other actions, on James River under General Lafayette – your Honorable body must also know, that Lafayette & his troops, performed their duty bravely & gallantly – & that there duty was laborious – these services are not now mentioned with any other view than to tell your Honorable body know that your petitioner has just grounds for he is making this appeal to them for a little support in his old age – having thus contributed when young & active towards the establishment of that liberty & independence that all now enjoy & the bad of which all acknowledge – and pressed down in his old age by misfortunes that he could not avert – he hopes your Honorable body will extend to him the same relief that others that have done no more than he has done & are now receiving & your petitioner will ever pray &c
September 30th, 1829.

The undersigned are acquainted with John Woodall – his statement in the foregoing petition,

respecting his revolutionary services they fully believed to be literally correct – he is a man of truth, of respectable Character and of industrious & frugal habits – he is an old man & seems to be very infirm & unable by his own labor to support himself & he is old

Howson Clark	John Roberts
Richard R High	James P Roberts
John Watkins	Benjamin Mitchell
John S Pleasants	Benjamin H Mitchell
William H Morton	Joseph Wyatt
Henry P Sneed	Ralph Sullivant
Richard the Morton	C. M. Adkisson
Nathaniel Morton	Daniel Parker
William W Carrington	Richard H Ligon
Thomas F Harris	Henry Morton
Timothy Childress	Henry Carrington
William Canada	Philip Johnson
James Hill	Mils Sprajins [??]
John Hudson	
Thomas Johnson	
Abraham Owen	
William Irby	
Thomas Hall	
Charles Hundley	

[Reverse]

Petition of John Woodall for compensation for services during the Revolution

Thomas P Athinson

December 14th 1829

Referred to Claims

Rejected 16th of January 1830

Thomas W Culner [?]

Chairman