

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Woodford VAS5084  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in three files. The files of Gen William Woodford also contain documents pertaining to Robert Dudley VAS3072, William Taliaferro VAS4644 and Charles Woodson W6580, included apparently as evidence that officers who died in service were entitled to bounty land as if they served to the end of the war. Transcriptions of those documents are in their respective files.]

Journal of the Convention, Aug't. 5 1775

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

The question was then put, whether the said William Woodford or Wm. Christian [William Christian], on whom the greatest number fell on the ballot, should be appointed to command the said regiment, the majority appeared in favour of William Woodford Esq'r.

Resolved therefore, that the said Wm. Woodford Esq'r. be appointed Colonel of the said third regiment.

See page 11 of Journals of Convention. The above is a correct Extract. T Green

Journal of Committee of Safety.

Wednesday 3rd April 1776

Colonel Woodford appeared & received his Commission

Signed John Page

Extract from Journal of Committee of Safety page 80. Jas E Heath/ Aud. Off./ 8 Feb 1834

I do hereby certify that the late Brigadier General William Woodford serv'd more than three years in the Virginia Continental Line and died in the service. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of December 1782.  
Chas. Scott B.G. [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850]

To Governor Campbell.

The Petition of J. Woodford son & heir. on behalf of himself & the other heirs, of General Wm. Woodford respectfully represents.

That said Woodford was appointed Colonel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Reg't on the 5 of August 1775. He continued in service from that day, to his death having been appointed Brig. Gen'l. by Congress 21 Feb. 1777. He commanded the Army at the Battle of Great Bridge on the 12<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1775 [sic: 9 Dec 1775]. His heirs have rec'd Land Bounty for upward of 7 years, but conceive themselves entitled from 5 August '75 to the end of the war, deducting the allowances already rec'd.

Which is respectfully submitted by T Green

That he died in service is well known:

att for J. Woodford

The Vouchers on which his land was drawn in 1783. (3)

prove it – if proof is required. TG

Bounty land is allowed in this case for a service of eight years & three months as Brigadier Gen'l Continental line deducting what has been heretofore received DC [Gov. David Campbell]  
March 26, 1840

NOTE: After being surrendered at Charleston on 12 May 1780, the British sent Woodford to New York City where he died aboard a prison ship on 13 November 1780.