

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip S. Woolwine R11858

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State of Virginia Monroe County

On this 18th day of February 1856 personally appeared before the County Court of said County of Monroe (being a Court of Record having General Jurisdiction) Elizabeth Woolwine (formerly Elizabeth Harris) a resident of said County of Monroe aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1838 (and of any subsequent act to the benefit whereof she may be entitled under the case as stated in her declaration). That she is the widow of Philip S (alias Philip) Woolwine late of the said County of Monroe, but formerly of the County of Augusta, in Virginia, and who is to the best of her knowledge, information and belief was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and also a soldier in the Indian War (or Wayne's War as it is sometimes called) which commenced in 1790 and terminated in 1796. That owing to old age, infirmity, the lapse of time, and the imperfection of her memory, she cannot profess to be very accurate in her recollection of events or dates and trusts that all due allowance for any mistakes may be made on that account, but states to the best of her recollection and belief she understood and received from her husband the following particulars connected with his aforesaid services. To wit – That he first entered the service of the Revolution as a volunteer under a Captain (or other officer) by the name (as she thinks) of ___Perry and remained for 6 months in the said Service and was then honorably discharged therefrom. That she is unable to state either the day or the year precisely when her said husband joined the said service or when he left it, although she thinks it was probably about the middle or towards the close of it. That at one time he had a written discharge, which she remembers to have seen years ago, and which showed that he had been honorably discharged from the said service, but when, or where, or by whom the said discharge was written she does not now recollect, and that since his death it has been diligently searched for amongst his papers and elsewhere, but cannot be found. That she has heard her husband speak about being at "the Point" whilst in the service, by which it has been suggested, that he probably meant Stony Point, which was captured by General Wayne in 1779, but whether he did, or not, or what, in fact, he meant by it, she cannot say –

That he was a resident of the County of Augusta, in the State of Virginia, and went as a volunteer from that County when he joined the said service as aforesaid. She further states that after completing his revolutionary service, (but on what particular date or year she cannot say) although she thinks it was in 1790, 1791 or 1792, that her said husband enlisted as a soldier in the Indian War, (or Wayne's War) before referred to – that he was still a resident of said County of Augusta at the time he so enlisted, and where he enlisted also, and that the recruiting or Commanding officer under whom he enlisted and joined the Indian Service was Captain (or,

probably, Colonel) Gibson, but what Gibson she does not recollect. That the said Gibson (as she believes) was likewise from the County of Augusta, and that his Barracks, or Recruiting Station, at that time, and for some considerable time, was only a few miles from the Town of Staunton in the said County of Augusta. That she believes her said husband held, at one time, the rank of a Sergeant and that in another was a butcher for the company to which he belonged. That she is unable to state the precise period that her said husband continued in said last named service but her recollection is that he remained therein for a full term of three years, and was then honorably discharged therefrom. That her said husband at one time and several years before his death had a written discharge from said service which she remembers to have seen, but when, where or by whom the same was executed she does not recollect. At least it was always said to be such a discharge but being unable herself to read or write she can only speak from what was stated to be its character and contents by her said husband and others of which statements however she has no doubt. She further states that this last discharge (as well as the first herein before referred to) became lost or destroyed in some way (she knows not how) during the lifetime of her said husband and cannot now be found, although since the death of her said husband his papers have been diligently searched and due inquiry has been made with a view to find them. She further declares that beyond what she has already stated she is unable to state at this time in of what troop or company or Regiment or Corps or under what Captain, or other officer, or in what particular place or places her said husband served, or when he entered the said service or services, and the time when he left the same, or whether he was drafted or volunteered or went as a substitute, or the battles, if any he was engaged in, or the Country through which he passed. She further states that her said husband died leaving no written memorandum or documentary evidence touching his said service or services and that she does not now know of any living witnesses, or witness, by whom the same can be established, and that she is therefore under the necessity of making permission to refer to the Records and Rolls of the War Department for such information and proof in her behalf as they may be able to furnish on the subject and had the benefit of the same. She further states, that she was lawfully married to the said Philip S Woolwine in the town of Staunton, in the said County of Augusta, Virginia, at the house of a person by the name of Moore (she thinks John Moore) and by a preacher of the name of Hinkel or Hingle (as she now recollects) although his precise name perhaps is not correctly spelled. That she does not now recollect either the precise day or month or year of her marriage with perfect certainty but that to the best of her recollection and belief it was in the month of April 1787 or 1788, and she knows and states positively that her said marriage took place after the expiration of the last period of her husband's Revolutionary services, as aforesaid, and before the first day of January 1794. She further states, that none of those who were present at her said marriage, besides herself, are now alive, or if living, that she does not know and is unable to ascertain, upon due inquiry, where they or any of them now are. That she has likewise caused diligent inquiry and searched to be made amongst the marriage records of the County Court of said Augusta (where the public records of her marriage, if anywhere, ought to be) and has likewise used diligent exertions to ascertain if any private or family record of said marriage can be had; but that, up to this time, that no such record of said marriage whether public or private can be found or can be ascertained to be in existence. That she means to cause another search of such record to be made in the clerk's office of the County Court of Augusta, and if successful in the attempt, that a duly certified copy of such marriage record well in due time the forwarded, or proper proof adduced, that no such record can be found. She further states that in the absence of any record proof as to her marriage, she begs permission to establish it by the testimony of

credible and distinguished witnesses, and in such way and by such evidence as may be admissible. She further states that her said husband (as he always represented & and she verily believes) was born on the 3rd of June 1766 and that he died in the County of Monroe, on the 26th of June 1850. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the revolutionary service as aforesaid but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 – viz. at the time above stated – and that the said marriage took place before the expiration of the last period of his Indian Service herein before stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, that she has never again married since the death of her said husband, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

S/ Elizabeth Woolwine, X her mark