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Pension Application of John Worsham S11658

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The State of Alabama } December 19th 1833
Washington County }

Personally appeared before me Josiah D. Lister Judge of the County Court of said County of Washington and State of Alabama John Worsham a resident of said County & State aged 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 provisions 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 here after stated. to wit. He volunteered in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia the first of February in the year 1781 as he believes, under Capt. William Dicks [sic: William Dix] who commanded a company of riflemen that Col [William] Campbell commanded the regiment that he was marched into North Carolina and was at the Battle at Whitsells Mills on the ready fork of Haw river [sic: Skirmish at Wetzels Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781] that in this battle Col Campbell was wounded and he was then attached to Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] main Army and was in hearing of the battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. that shortly after this battle the three months for which he volunteered expired and he received a discharge and returned home

The next term of service was as a substitute for Josiah Fargison [possibly Josiah Ferguson] three months in this tour he went under Capt John Wynn and Major Rose to guard the prisoners that was taken in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and carried to Winchester Virginia where he was again relieved and returned home, having obtained a discharge for Furgeson whose place I had taken for three months. After his return home he was drafted for three months under Charles Hutcherson [possibly Charles Hutchings] and was marched to the Siege of the British at little York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] there he was attached to General Washington main Army where he remained untill a few days before the Surrender of Cornwallis. He then enlisted under Col. Maryweather [sic: Meriwether] as a State Legion for three years that immediatly after inlisting he was discharged for the purpose of returning home to equip himself with horse sword & pistols agreeable to the terms of inlistment and to be in readiness at any moment when called for it now being the close of the war he was not again called for. that a short time after this he joined a company of volunteers under Capt. Thomas Guess [Thomas Gist?] Col. John Sevier and went against the Indians in East Tennessee that he believes he was out one month and a half He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State

Then the questions were put as prescribed by law

1st Qust. Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r. In Pittsylvania County [formed from Halifax County in 1766] State of Virginia in the year 1764

2. Have you any record of our age & if so where is it

Ans'r. At my brother Jeremiah Worsham's in this County is the Record of my age

3^d Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since and where do you now live

Ans'r In Pittsylvania County Virginia Some years after the Close of the Revolutionary I immigrated to South Carolina from thence to Tennessee and from thence to Alabama where I have been liveing ever since which is upwards of twenty two years

4th How were you called into the service were you drafted did your volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

Ans'r I first went out as a volunteer for three months next I took the place of my brother in law Josiah Furgeson for three months next I was drafted for three months and lastly I volunteered against the

Indians.

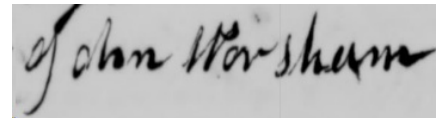
5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served &c
Ans'r Col [William] Washington & [Henry] Lee General Washington & Green and many others I do not know the number of any particular Regiment that I was attached to That he first went into the service under Cols Lee & Washington in the light Infantry that in a short time Col Campbell joined Washington & Lee and he was then under him untill the battle at Whitsells mill where Col Campbell was wounded after he was attached to General Green's main Army during the remainder of the three months for which he had volunteered

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service

Ans'r. I did receive a discharge for each term of service the first was given by William Dicks the second from my brother in law from Capt John Wynn the third by Capt Charles Hutching all of which are lost or destroyed. that he believes nearly all the above named service was rendered in the year 1781

7th State the names of person to whom you are known in you present neighborhood &c

Ans'r Col. Josiah D. Liston, Samuel Frisbie the Rev. James Myers, William Godfrey Esqr. Bookajah Smith and great many besides Sworn & subscribed the day & year above

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Warsham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.