

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Wooddell S11883

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State of Virginia Pocahontas County

At a Court held for Pocahontas County at the Court house thereof on the 4th day of September 1832 before the Justices of the peace of the said County. Present. Benjamin Tallman, William Cackley, Robert H. Beale and Jacob Lightner gentlemen Justices State of Virginia Pocahontas County

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared before the subscribers one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Joseph Wooddell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 under Captain George Moffett and was stationed at Clover Lick [in present Pocahontas County WV] to defend the Frontier settlements against the Indians for the Term of six weeks, being then a resident of & drafted from the militia of Augusta County Virginia

that he again was drafted from the militia as aforesaid & from the County aforesaid in the year 1777 under the command of Capt. George Moffett, Colonel J. Dickinson [John Dickenson] Commandant & taken to Point Pleasant on the Ohio River against the Indians and stationed there a short time period not precisely recollected But not to exceed three months from the time of entering service untill discharged.

That he again was drafted from the Militia aforesaid and from the County aforesaid in the year 1778 Commanded by Captain Cooper Colonel Newels [sic: James Newell's] Regiment General Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade and he was marched from his place of Residence as aforesaid through the States of Pennsylvania Newyork & New Jersey against the English army and continued in the Service as a private soldier for the term of one year & discharged in the State of New Jersey at Middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook] in the month of February 1779.

that he again was drafted from the Militia as aforesaid and from the County aforesaid in the year 1781 under the Command of Captain John Givens [sic: John Given] Colonel William Bowyer, General [William] Campbell & General Lafayette Commanding & marched from his place of residence to Richmond Va against the English army who were then laying in that place & from there following the aforesaid English army to Williamsburg being in the Battles at Hot water [Hot Water Plantation (Spencer's Ordinary) 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun] & James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul] and continued in the service for the term of three months being the first Lieutenant in the Company aforesaid and then was discharged and that he has no knowledge of any Person now living who could testify to his services as aforesaid stated. he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension of any state

Joseph Wooddell

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

John [sic] Woodell - Serv'd 18 mo. has drawn \$270.

this Pensioner died about 12 months since. I met no one who knew any thing of his services - the opinion of those of whom I made inquiry is in his favour

W. G Singleton Feby. 15, 1835

NOTE: The file contains a commission signed by Gov. Thomas Jefferson in 1780, but details are illegible. On 8 June 1833 in Augusta County John Wooddell deposed in behalf of his brother, Joseph.