

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wooldridge S11884

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State of Virginia Prince Edward County: SS

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th of June 1832. State of Virginia Prince Edward County

To wit On this 21st day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the peace of the court of Prince Edward, now sitting, James Wooldridge a resident of the County of Prince Edward and state aforesaid, aged seventy-two years, the 26 November last, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as well as he recollects the 1st of April 1775, as a private under the command of Captain James Dixon and Ensign John Roper, he met at Thompson's run [?] the Long mountain in Bedford (now Campbell) [County] and marched through the County of Franklin &c, and into the lead mines in the County of Montgomery where Colonel Lynch [probably Charles Lynch] commanded, he with twelve or eighteen men under the command of Ensign Roper were sent down to Red Island [Reed Island] River to guard the powder mill where we remained four or five weeks, he was then ordered back to the lead mines and after our tour of three months had expired, he was discharged, don't recollect whether he received a written discharge that he left Colonel Lynch there when he was discharged, that in this tour he volunteered. That in the spring of 1776 he again volunteered and marched as a private under the command of Captain Robert Adams and Lieutenant Thomas McReynolds, that he met at Thompson's in Bedford (now Campbell) marched direct along the main Western Road to the lead mines where he joined Colonel Lynch still in command, that he remained at that place three months and was discharged, if he received a written discharge he does not recollect it, that he served a third tour, he volunteered & marched the last of March or the first of April 1777 under the command of Captain James Dixon, Lieutenant Christopher Irvine and James Russell Ensign, that he met at Donelson [?] in the County of Bedford, now Campbell, and marched from thence to Goose Creek in the same County, where we remained a few days until joined by Captain Henry Birquids [?] Company, and then both Companies marched in company with each other to the Big Island on the Holston River where we joined the main Army commanded by Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], after remaining there a short time Captain Dixon's company were ordered to the Rye cove on Clinch River, where there was a garrison, and families of the frontier settlers had come in there for protection against the Indians; he here saw Major Martin who had command of the Fort at that place, that they remained at that place until ordered back to the big Island to the treaty and was present at the treaty he saw several of the Indian Chiefs among them Sconsto [probably, Oconostota] or a name resembling it, and the Little Carpenter [Attakullakulla] we remained there until after the Treaty and were discharged after serving a tour of six months,

received a written discharge signed by Colonel Shelby which he lost or mislaid. That he served a fourth tour substituted for man by the name of Joel Ferguson, that he met at Buckingham Courthouse as well as I now recollect the latter part of November 1778 and marched as a private under the command of Captain William Duiguid [?], Lt. John Burke, he does not recollect the name of his Ensign, to the Albemarle Barracks, where Colonel Cole had the command, he served in this tour three months, and was discharged, that he does not recollect whether he received a written discharge, that he was in no engagements, in any of the different tours he served. That upon interrogatories propounded, he states in answer to the first that he was born in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia in the year 1760, in answer to the second he states that he has no record of his age that his ancestors informed him of the date of his birth. In answer to the 3rd he states that at each time that he was called into the service, he resided in the County of Bedford, now Campbell, State of Virginia, that he has resided in the same County and state ever since the war of the Revolution until about three years ago, when he moved to Prince Edward County, an adjoining County, where he still resides. In answer to the fourth he states he three times volunteered and one went as a substitute for man by the name of Joel Ferguson. In answer to the 5th he states as before stated that Colonel Lynch, Colonel Shelby, Major Martin and Colonel Cole was with the Troops; In answer to the 6th he states as before stated that he does not recollect receiving but one written discharge; and was signed by Colonel Shelby which he has lost. And in answer to the 7th he refers to the affidavits of Robert Watkins,¹ John Hunter,² Olive Branch³ and Giles Davidson⁴ who have known him ever since the War of the Revolution, and as to his character for veracity as also for the general belief that he was a soldier during the revolutionary war he refers to the Reverend Thomas A. Legrand [?] [several indecipherable words], Captain William [indcipherable last name], Alexander [indcipherable last name], Captain Thomas Trent and Doctor Joel W Flood &c. That he further states that if any of the officers whom he served under are still living there residence is unknown to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ James Wooldridge⁵

[Thomas A. Legrand [?], a clergyman, and Charles Farrar gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Campbell County

I do hereby certify that about the latter part of March or first of April in the year 1777 I volunteered my services in Captain James Dixon's Company, whose Lieutenant was named Christopher Irving and his Ensign, James Russell which company met at New London then Bedford now Campbell County, that we were marched from thence to Goose Creek in Bedford County where we remained a few days and were joined by Captain Harry Buford's Company – from thence we marched to the Big Island on Holston River, where we joined the main Army under Colonel Shelby – After remaining there a short time, Captain Dixon's Company was ordered to rye-cove on Clinch River, where we saw Major Martin, who I think had the head command of a Fort there; we there remained until we were ordered back to Big Island where a

¹ [Robert Watkins R11189](#)

² Probably FPA S15897

³ FPA S8101

⁴ Probably the same man as [Giles Davidson S6790](#)

⁵ the handwriting of the signature is the same as that in the balance of the document and therefore I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran

treaty was about to be held between the whites and Indians and were present when the treaty was made. I recollect among the Indian Chiefs president of seeing the little Carpenter & Conestoga for a name something like it. After the treaty was concluded we were all discharged by Colonel Shelby having served a six months tour – James Wooldridge served the whole of this tour in the same company that I was in. I believe the said James Wooldridge to be about 72 years of age and have known him ever since the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 28th day of August 1832.

S/ Robert Watkins, X his mark

State of Virginia Campbell County

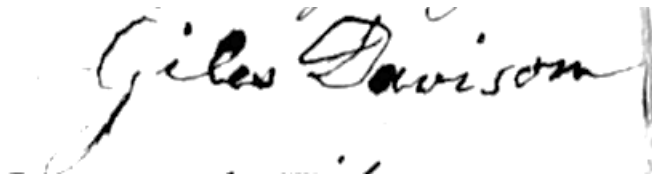
This day came John Hunter (a man well known to me) before me Ellis Hunter a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that in one of the years to wit 1775, 1776, or 1777 a company of volunteers was raised in Bedford County (now a part of it Campbell) to march out to the West to the lead mines on New River to guard the said mines against the incursions of the Tories and the Cherokee Indians: the said mines being employed in making lead for the United States Army at that time – said Company was commanded by Captain James Dixon & [indecipherable word] thinks engaged to serve a tour of three months, which term of service he thinks was performed because he himself served in the said company at the same time and that James Wooldridge was one of the volunteers belonging to said company & he believes served the whole term of three months and that the said company was regularly discharged after their term of service expired. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of August 1832

S/ Ellis Hunter

State of Virginia Buckingham County

I do hereby Certify that about the year 1778 I served a tour of three months in Captain William Duiguid's company at the Albemarle Barracks, the Lieutenant in said company was John Burks, the Commandant of the Regiment was Colonel Cole of Albemarle, James Wooldridge served the whole of this tour in the same company. I believe the said James Wooldridge to be upwards of seventy years of age and have known him ever since the revolutionary war. Given under my hand the 7th day of June 1833.

S/ Giles Davison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Giles Davison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

I do hereby certify that I served a Tour of three months at the Lead mines then Montgomery now Wythe County Virginia under Captain Robert Adams and Commanded by Colonel Lynch and marched from then Bedford County (and now Capbell [Campbell] County Virginia) in which company James Wooldridge served a tour of three months and we were discharged by Captain Robert Adams I do not now recollect the month or the year that we were discharged but it was between the year 1775 & 1777. I believe the said war bridge to be about 72 years of age as stated by him.

S/ Oliver Branch

Olive Branch

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months and 10 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]