

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Woodson S11894

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 20th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of the County of Goochland, now sitting Jacob Woodson a resident of the County of Goochland and State of Virginia aged seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: I was drafted into the militia in the County of Goochland, about the commencement of the Revolutionary war, Lord Dunmore being in Virginia, the day month & year I cannot recollect. I believe it was the first draft in the County of Goochland. I was drafted from the County of Goochland under the command of a Lieutenant whose name I do not now recollect, to Williamsburg and at Williamsburg placed under the command of Captain Nathaniel Massie. I cannot recollect the length of that tour but know that it was at least four weeks; was discharged & returned home to the County of Goochland. I was thereafter; the day month year I cannot recollect, drafted, & marched to the Albemarle Barracks, to guard the British soldiers. I do not recollect the name of my Captain or the commanding officer at the barracks; I served out the tour for which I was drafted, which was for four weeks & was discharged and returned home to the County of Goochland. Sometime thereafter, I served another tour of four weeks at the Albemarle Barracks, as a Substitute for my brother Benjamin Woodson: I cannot recollect the day month or year or the name of the officers under whom I served. I served out the tour & was discharged & returned home to the County of Goochland. Sometime thereafter I was drafted in the County of Goochland, on or about the 16th day of October 1780 & marched from the County of Goochland under Lieutenant Philip Webber to the State of North Carolina, where Lieutenant Webber was promoted to a Captain & Lieutenant Towns of Amelia, (the Amelia & Goochland militia then in service were there United & formed into one company) became my Lieutenant. I was attached to General Stevens' Brigade. I was discharged & returned home the 11th of February 1781 making that tour three months and twenty-six days. When in North Carolina I we had no action with the enemy but I was engaged with my company in taking some Tories on the little Pedee [River]; nine were taken by the detachment as well as I can recollect. In the spring of the year 1781 the day & month I cannot recollect, I was again drafted & marched a short distance below Richmond & was there stationed a short time; I do not recollect my captains name, but remember that I was under the command of Major Nathaniel Morris & that the detachment was under the command of General Lafayette. I cannot distinctly remember the length of that tour but know it was at least two weeks; after being there discharged I returned home to the County of Goochland: I know that I served in all the different tours at least seven months & probably much

more. And I further declare that I have no documentary evidence in my possession; I expect to David Royster,¹ Stephen Woodson² & Joseph D Watkins³: I know of no other person living that can prove my service or any portion thereof.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Question by the Court 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Goochland the 29th of March 1761 –

Question by the Court 2. Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it?

Answer. I have no other record than the Register of my family Bible, which is at my house.

Question by the Court. 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Goochland, and have never lived anywhere else, except when I was in service.

Question by the Court 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted each time, except the 3rd tour when I went to the Albemarle Barracks as accepted to for my brother Benjamin Woodson.

Question by the Court 5. State the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; and such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. The only Regular old Continental Officers that I can recollect at this time our General Stevens in North Carolina, Major Nathaniel Morris & General Lafayette

Question by the Court 6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, & if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge from Captain Webber in North Carolina but lost it. I never received any other discharge in writing.

Question by the Court 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. David Royster, Captain John Woodson, Colonel Joseph S Watkins & Colonel John Guerrant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Woodson



[Matthew W Weber, a clergyman, and David Royster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Stephen Woodson of the County of Goochland hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jacob Woodson, who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration; that I well recollect that he went into service to the Albemarle Barracks but cannot recollect the day month or year. I also recollect & no that he went into service in a tour to North Carolina, but cannot remember the date of the year or month. I also know that he was detailed into service & went on a tour below

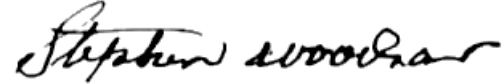
¹ [David Royster S11327](#)

² Probably the same man as FPA R11835

³ [Joseph D. Watkins S18266](#)

Richmond but cannot recollect the day year or month.

S/ Stephen Woodson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Woodson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Stephen Woodson".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]