

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Woods S14892

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State of Kentucky Madison County to wit

On this 4th day of January 1833 before William Goodloe one of the judges of the Madison County Court in the State of Kentucky came personally Captain Archibald Woods an old and infirm man unable to attend before any of the Courts of record in the State aforesaid a resident of the County of Madison aforesaid in said State aged eighty-four years the 27th day of this present month, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1776 in the time of oat harvest as he verily believes he entered the service of the United States as Captain of Virginia militia, then being a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Virginia and marched from what is now called Monroe County Virginia to the relief of Watauga Fort under Colonel Russell about two hundred miles from the place they started and was engaged on that expedition about six weeks as well as he can now recollect. On his return home from Watauga the first night of their return march an express met them bringing the intelligence that the Shawnee Indians had commenced hostilities on the frontier, which hastened their return. That on his return home he found the people in his neighborhood fortified, and then remained in command of the fort discharging fort duties, such as mounting guard and keeping a look out for the Indians through the medium of spies – in the spring of 1777 when the Indians again commenced hostilities in the County of Greenbrier and vicinity Montgomery County having been in the preceding winter divided so as to form out of it Montgomery and Greenbrier in the State of Virginia, and continued there almost without intermission until after the capture of Cornwallace [Cornwallis], except in the inclement seasons of winter.

That in the spring of the year 1777 he received from the Governor of Virginia a commission as Captain of militia and the duty of protecting the forts in his County and section of country devolved on him from the time he received his commission aforesaid and for that purpose soldiers were sent on to him from the interior and as the time of service of one set expired others were sent as aforesaid and placed under his command to fill the places vacated by those whose terms had expired until after the capture of Cornwallis. That as Captain of the troops aforesaid he was almost constantly engaged in scouting parties after the Indians and discharging garrisoned duty. In the year 1781 he was as he verily believes he was as Captain of the Virginia militia engaged in the active service of the United States nine months or near that time – and that he verily believes he served as a Captain of the Virginia militia as before detailed

more than three years actively discharging the duties of his office as before sit forth. That after his return from the relief of Watauga fort in 1776 as before detailed he was placed first under the command of Colonel Samuel Lewis, then under Colonel Andrew Donally [Andrew Donnelly] and lastly under Colonel James Henderson.

That he never received to the best of his recollection any discharge.

That shortly [?] after the news of the surrender of Cornwallis reached his section of Country and in the same year he delivered his commission as Captain of Virginia militia to the Greenbrier County court. This step was required as well as he can now remember for the purpose of enabling that court to inspect the pay rolls of those who served under his command.

That he was born in Albemarle County or what is now Albemarle County Virginia on the 27th day of January 1749 as per register lately kept, but now lost. That in the year 1774 he moved from Albemarle County Virginia to what is now Monroe County Virginia and in the year 1782 he moved from thence to Madison County Kentucky where he now resides. He states that his aforesaid commission has never been in his possession since delivered to the Greenbrier County [court] as aforesaid and he has no knowledge at this time where said commission is.

He claims full pay as a Captain.

From the lapse of time he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to all his services but refers to Captain Thomas Townsend,¹ Ruth Kavanagh and Yelverton Peyton² & Thomas Ballew. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archibald Woods". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

State of Kentucky Madison County Sct.

On this day to wit the 4th day of January 1833 personally appeared before William Goodloe one of the judges of the County Court of Madison in the State aforesaid Captain Thomas Townsend a resident of Estill County Kentucky aged 68 years and who is unable to appear before any of the Courts of record of this State, and after being duly sworn according to law upon his oath made the following statement. That prior to the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the County of Greenbrier and said state he became acquainted with Captain Archibald Woods who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration and has been well acquainted with him ever since.

That said Captain Archibald Woods was a Captain of the Virginia militia during the revolutionary war, that he saw said Woods frequently whilst in the service of the United States as Captain in the command of the forts in Greenbrier, he then understood from all those who were acquainted with said Woods that he served nearly all of the revolutionary war as a Captain of the Virginia militia. But from the failure of his memory he is not able to state more particularly the services of said Captain Archibald Woods. That he was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1765 but he does not recollect in what County. That he has no record of his age. That he resided in Virginia until 1782 and for several years preceding the latter date in Greenbrier County in that

¹ This may be the same person as [Thomas Townsend S31428](#)

² FPA S31291 (named spelled Yelverton Payton in his file)

State. He then moved to Madison County Kentucky with Captain Archibald Woods and has resided in Madison and Estelle Counties ever since. He now resides in the latter County. That he is well acquainted with said Captain Archibald Woods and has been since 1776 and that he believes said Woods to be 84 years of age. That he is reputed in his neighborhood and which is he lived in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Captain in the revolutionary war, and in that opinion the affiant fully concurs.

S/ Thomas Townsend, X his mark

[fn p. 5: On January 4, 1833 in Madison County Kentucky Ruth Kavanagh gave testimony that she is well acquainted with Captain Archibald Woods; that she became acquainted with him in the year 1777 when he was acting as Captain of a Virginia militia company opposing the Indians; that she was born in 1768 in Virginia in Augusta County; that she moved to Greenbrier County Virginia and from thence to Madison County Kentucky in 1791.

Ruth Kavanagh]

[Yelverton Payton and Thomas Ballew gave supporting affidavits

Yelverton Payton
Thomas Ballew]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Captain in the Virginia militia.]