

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Woodday S1886

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State of Tennessee Roane County: County Court October Sessions 1832

On this __day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William B. Clark, John Carter & William Galbreath Justices of the peace composing the Court of quorum & it being a court of record having a clerk & seal now sitting John Woodday a resident of the County of Roane and State aforesaid aged about seventy-five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service as a private volunteer under the following officers and served as herein stated, Applicant resided in North Carolina Orange County when he entered the service. Applicant entered the service under Captain William Douglass in the year 1782 -- for the term of three months served as a light horseman, that there was two companies the other was commanded by Captain Mash, the above companies were called the Rangers for Orange, Randolph & Chatham Counties, Applicant was in no engagement, but was kept scouting about in said Counties to prevent the Tories from collecting in a body applicant made no General March, but was first marched from one of those counties aforesaid to the other, applicant furnished his own horse, gun & sword and continued to serve as above stated until his three months expired as soon as his time was out applicant volunteered again under the aforesaid Captain Douglass for the term of three months and served three months again in the same manner aforesaid. Applicant was sometimes out of the three aforesaid counties sometimes in Wake County as low as Raleigh, that they were engaged the principal part of the time in exploring the three first mentioned Counties that they succeeded in their object in dispersing the Tories whenever they could hear of any that was collected, applicant states that his Captain was under the Control of the following officers General John Butler & General Alexander Mabin [sic, Alexander Mebane], who were the militia Generals, Colonel Robert Mabin [sic, Robert Mebane] who was the brother of the General & Major William McCally [probably William McCauley], Major Ransom & Major McDaniel all the superior officers of Orange County, applicant states that after he served out his last 3 months for which he entered which makes six months he volunteered again under the same Captain Douglass for the for the term of three months again to serve as before stated applicant does not know how long he served this last time as his Captain received orders to dismiss his men until

¹ For some unknown reason, this veteran's file is broken into 2 files.

they were called for again but applicant was not called upon any more. Applicant was sent frequently by his Captain with Tories (that they had taken) to Hillsboro at which place if they could prove themselves to be true Whigs they were set at liberty otherwise they were committed to Jail. Applicant states that he saw as many as eighteen of the Tories hung at different times, at Hillsboro Orange County, applicant continued to reside in Orange County aforesaid until he moved to Blunt [Blount] County Tennessee which was about thirty years ago where he continued to reside about 15 years then moved to Roane County where he has resided ever since. Applicant states that he is well acquainted with Samuel Eskridge, Esquire, William Eblen Esquire, Thomas Spencer Esquire & Henry Breazeale clerk of Court and many others applicant could state if it was necessary; the above named men can testify that applicant is a man of character for veracity and that he served as a soldier in the revolution. Applicant states that he received two written discharges from Captain Douglass but cannot find that one which he encloses as evidence of his services, does not know whether he brought the other to this state or not, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. Applicant is getting infirm and deaf, is unable to labor and is also without learning. 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. Applicant was born in North Carolina Orange County in the year 1758. Applicant moved from Orange County North Carolina shortly after the revolutionary war, to Blount County Tennessee where he remained about 20 years then moved to Roane County where he has resided ever since.

Duly affirmed in open Court

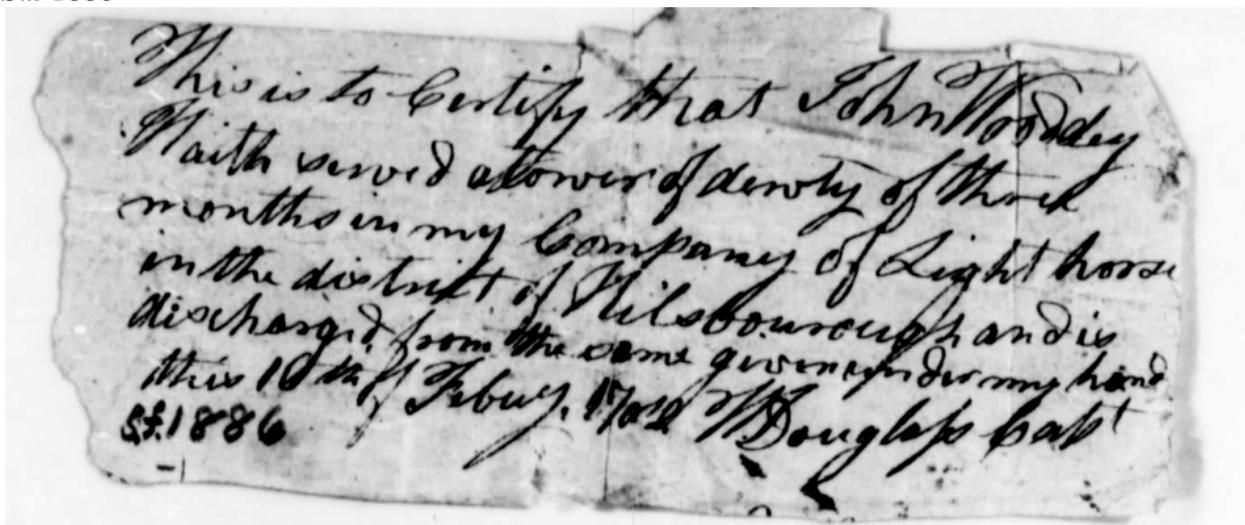
S/ John Woodday, X his mark

October 25, 1832

S/ [illegible signature]

[Robert Breazeale & Henry Breazeale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]