

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Wade N. Woodson S30807

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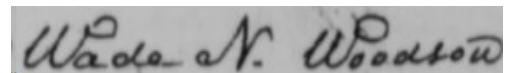
On this [blank] day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Knox County now sitting, Wade N. Woodson a resident of Cumberland River in the County of Knox, aged seventy years on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January last, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the folloing declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1833. That from the year 1780 to the close of the year 1781 I performed four Tours in the militia as a soldier, all from Goochland County, Virginia: two on my own account, and two as a substitute for Robert Lewis of the same County. I served two Tours under the command of Captain Elisha Leak, one under Capt. Jephtha Toler, and one under Capt. [Samuel] Richardson. I cannot at this time give a correct detail of the different route pursued, nor of the different places which I passed, nor how long we staid at the different places: nor can I with certainty mention the order in which the several Tours were performed. The first Tour I performed I understood was for forty days, the other three (all in the year 1781) I believe was for two months each. In one of the Tours I marched from Goochland Courthouse, and about sixteen miles below was joined by two or three more companies from the same County, I think Capt. Wm. Miller [William A. Miller] was one of the Captains, and Nathaniel G. Morris [Nathaniel Garsden Morris] Adjutant – We crossed James River, went through Petersburg & Blanford [sic: Blandford] and continued on to a place on James River called the Hundred [probably Bermuda Hundred], where we recrossed the River opposite the seat of [blank space] Carter [Shirley Plantation], where we staid some short time, was then moved on to Ryland Randolphs [Turkey Hill Plantation] where we staid some time, we staid in several other places that I have forgotten, and were not far from Mackey’s Mill – After some time we crossed the River again at, or near Sandy Point, after remaining here a short time we marched to Cabin Point [in Surry County], where we were joined by the the militia from several other Counties. Here we staid longer I think than at any of the places before named, though I cannot at this time say with certainty, how long we staid at any of the places. Here I was discharged. In this Tour Joseph Payne, Lewis Bradshaw, Minor McBride, Doct. James Bryden all from Goochland County, served with me, and were discharged at the same time– The only Field Officer I recollect at this place was a Major Daclumer a French man [sic: Charles De Klauman, a Dane] who acted as Adjutant.

In another Tour we marched from Goochland County, went through Richmond, Henrico, Charles City, and James City Counties; – Just before we passed through Charles City County, the British Cavalry had made an attack upon some of the militia of that County during a muster day, as I understood, I do not think it was at the Courthouse, though in this I am not certain. [see endnote] It was at a House on the route we marched, which stood near the road, and near a small mill-pond – I understood their was a skirmish in the house – One of the militia killed, & another drowned in the mill-pond in endeavoring to make his escape from the Enemy. I saw the Hat of the man said to be killed, which was very much hacked with the sword of the Enemy – the House was evacuated when we passed, and the floor and stair-case very bloody. During this Tour, which [page torn] near the Morbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond], their was a call for volunteers to form a light infantry Company, to watch the movements of the Enemy, when vessels were said to be lying in the River between that place and little York – I was one that volunteered with a number of others out of the same Regiment, under the command of a Capt. Richardson [possibly Samuel Richardson] from Louisa County. This was a tiresome undertaking as a great part of our services were performed in the night, I think Howel Lewis and Joseph Payne were with me in this Tour. Whether I continued in this Company the whole Tour, or again returned to the regiment, I cannot at this time remember, but I know that I did not leave the Army, until I was legally discharged.

In another Tour I was under the command of Capt Toler – I do not believe we went far below Richmond – The Enemy was near. And while stationed a few miles below Richmond, a part of our Cavalry had taken 8 prisoners, as well as I recollect, who passed by us very quickly – I remember Capt Miles Selden was with them, who called to us and told us the Enemy was not far off, and on the advance. I then expected an engagement, as the Marquis LaFayette [Marquis de Lafayette] with his army, with the main body of our militia, were stationed between where we were and Richmond [in late July 1781]. However, the Enemy did not appear. About this time LaFayette gave Orders that all the Boats, Canoes and other vessels as high up James River as the Point of Fork [at the junction with Rivanna River] should be collected and brought down to Tuckahoe the seat of Colo. Thomas M. Randolph about twelve miles above Richmond. I was selected to perform this service, which I accomplished as well as in my power, with Reuben Smith – who was sent with me.

The last Tour I performed was at Little-York. I was again under the command of Capt. Elisha Leak. I was at the Surrender of Earl Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and the British Army under his command. I was one of the guard who went with the British prisoners to their place of destination, which was a few miles above Winchester — We marched through Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, and crossed the Rappahannock at Falmouth about one mile above Fredericksburg, the British Army as well as the guards wading the River at that place, and paraded through Fauquier & through Winchester to some old Barracks where the prisoners were conducted. Here we staid about 10 or 12 days and were discharged. After all business between General Washington and the Captured Army was finished I think General Robert] Lawson took charge of the prisoners and conducted them to their destined place. I know he was one of the Field Officers & I think had the supreme command. In this Tour Larner Bradshaw [pension application S35200] & Joseph Payne were with me and so was David Hughes, & Jesse Tucker (both from Powhatan) and all returned home together.

I was born in Goochland County, or at my grandfather Wade Netherlands in Powhatan, about two miles from my Father, on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1763. I have a record of my age in my family Bible at home. I resided generally at my Fathers Tucker Woodson (who lived in Goochland County and owned the Ferry across James River about one mile from Goochland Courthouse) from my birth till after the revolutionary war. And afterwards in several counties in Virginia previous to my removal to Kentucky in 1805. when I settled in Knox County, where I have lived ever since. I am known to James Renfro The Rev'd. Richardson Hamden, James Chick, Franklin Ballinger and many other Citizens of this County, who, for many years past have heard me make the same statements to them, as those contained in the body of this declaration; all of whom, I believe were they present, would bear evidence to my character for veracity. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



The aforesaid Wade N. Woodson states that he was drafted in both the tours he served on his own acc[ount] that Robert Lewis was also a drafts man

That he has no remembrance of having rec'd a written discharge – the usual way of dismissing was by causing the troops to face about, ground arms, or some other similar way – he does not remember that any of of his fellow soldiers rec'd written discharges

that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or agency – and that he relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except this present

NOTES: The raid by British cavalry in Charles City County was probably the one carried out by Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe at Charles City Courthouse on 8 Jan 1781. See the pension application of Jones Gill S10185.