

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Woodson S31495

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State of Kentucky, County of Barren Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Barren County, now sitting, Samuel Woodson a resident of said County of Barren in the State of Kentucky aged 71 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 7th of June 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That he first entered the service, being drafted for two months, under Captain Richard Bibb, General Nelson commanded the body of troops to which he belonged but he does not recollect who was the Colonel of the Regiment. He entered the service at Williamsburg, Virginia, marched from thence to Little York, & served a tour of two months, and was discharged at Little York. He next served a tour of two months under Captain Gideon Hatcher – he marched through Henrico, James City, Charles City & Isle of Wight to Petersburg, and was there discharged – George Roberts was Lieutenant of his company – Colonel John Pleasants commanded the Regiment – General Weedon [George Weedon] commanded the body of troops, and under him Colonel John Starke & Colonel Nathaniel Morris also had commands. During this tour the troops marched to attack the British ships then lying in James River about fifteen miles below Richmond, but, being armed with muskets only, & the British pointing and firing their cannon, the troops were ordered to secure themselves by lying down, and they retreated after night: that he served a third tour of two months under Captain William Miller. Colonel John Nicholas took command, and the Majors serving under him were Major Charles McGill and Major ___ D Cloomand (a Frenchman) [Christian Charles de Klauman] – the Colonel & Majors were, as said Woodson believes, regular officers, but he cannot be positive. During this tour the said Woodson marched from Goochland County to Richmond – the British had evacuated that City and were followed by the troops to Westover (Col. Bird's place) on James River, where the British embarked in their shipping – the said Woodson was afterwards discharged at Cabin Point: that he served a fourth tour of two months under Captain Stokely Towles. He does not recollect the Colonel of the Regiment – Major ___ Boyce was one of the majors, and Major Armistead the Adjutant. He marched from Richmond to Norfolk & thence to Petersburg, where he was discharged, the troops having there deposited their arms in the magazine, that he served a fifth tour of two months under Captain Gideon Hatcher – marched from Richmond to Cabin Point where he was discharged: that he was drafted for a sixth tour of two months, and being sick, his father hired a substitute by the name of William Poor, who served the tour under Captain Frederick Woodson who (as the said Samuel believes) was a regular officer. Said Samuel believes that the Captain of the militia company was Thomas

Royster, and that he did not go on the expedition because he was sick – of this last fact, however, he cannot be positive. The said William Poor served at the siege of York and was, as the said Samuel understood, discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis. – The said Samuel Woodson resided during all the time aforesaid, except when in service in Goochland County on James River about eighteen miles below Richmond Virginia. He cannot recollect the names of his officers except as aforesaid; nor can he recollect the particular periods when he entered and quit the service except as already specified. He further states that he has lost his discharges, & has no documentary evidence of his service now in his possession; and he further states that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service: that Richard Bibb Senior, the Captain under whom he first served, lives in Logan County Kentucky, about sixty miles from his, the said Samuel's place of residence; that he the said Samuel went to see the said Richard Bibb, but he being between 80 & 90 years old, although he remembered commanding a militia company in the revolutionary war could not recollect the name of the said Samuel Woodson, or that he was one of his Company.

The said Samuel Woodson 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

said,
Samuel Woodson

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in Goochland County Virginia on the 24th day of July 1761.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have none. My father in Virginia had one in his family Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: were you drafted, were you a volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom??

Ansr. In Goochland County. I was drafted

4th where have you been living since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ansr. I'm moved from Virginia to Kentucky & had been living in this County for 30 years.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.*

*[written in the margin]

Ansr. Colonel Jack Pleasants, Colonel Morris, Major McGill, Major D. Cloormond (a Frenchman), General Nelson, General Weedon, General Muhlenberg. I can't recollect the regiments, the general circumstances are the same as stated in the Declaration. *[There are other statements in this marginal note, but they are so jumbled as to be difficult to decipher and appear to me to be just a regurgitation of his services as set forth in his declaration, as best I can tell.]*

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Ansr. No. The militia had no discharges in those days. S

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. William Logan, Franklin Gorin, Frederick Moss, Sr., Jesse Card, Lawrence Gullick &

many others.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]