

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Woodall S32081

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County} SS

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January eighteen hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court now sitting, Joseph Woodall, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter stated. He was born in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1763 according to the information he has always received from his parents, there being no record of his age that he knows of, but he lived in Wake County North Carolina from the time he was eight years old until he entered the service & some time after the war ended. He was a very poor boy & at the age of fifteen he volunteered his services to perform a tour of three months in the militia of the State. He thinks he entered the ranks some time in September 1779 under the command of one Capt. Blakey—his battalion was commanded by Major Callier [sic, Collier?] & the Regiment by Colonel William Moore. Marched from home to Salisbury where he was stationed for the whole time of his enlistment, to wit, three months, guarding a parcel of Tories said to be 300 in number that had been taken at Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780] on the Catawba [River]. He recollects no very striking circumstances which occurred here beyond the fatiguing routine of guard duty, except that the Captain of the Tories, said to be an Englishman & whose name is now forgotten, made his escape one night from a rock jail in which he was confined. He got a discharge from this tour made out by one of his officers, but he has long since lost it. He was drafted the next time for another three months tour of service which he performed under Captain Hillsman [Janus Hillsman]—he was this time under the command of two Majors before the tour ended, one by the name of Graves & the other by the name of Criddle [Thomas Criddle] & his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Caswell. Our first service on this trip was performed at Wake Court house where we were stationed about six weeks guarding the general assembly of the State. From here we marched to Dupling [sic, Duplin] County intending to fall in with the main body of troops at Wilmington. But before we got told there had been a fight in which our side were considerably worsted – we were stationed at Gotian Swamp [sic, Goshen Swamp]<sup>1</sup> till the main forces all met there to rendezvous 2 or 3 weeks. The British run us from here over the Neuse River, near a half mile from which on the north side we encamped & remained until our time was up & we were discharged. He thinks this tour was commenced in the month of June of the year 1780. The reason we retreated before the British as above

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1 Goshen Swamp is a blackwater creek swamp located in Duplin County, North Carolina, near the towns of Faison and Calypso. It is a tributary of the Northeast Cape Fear River

mentioned was that we were badly provided with guns & worse off for ammunition. He got a discharge from this service he thinks in September but does not recollect the precise date & the discharge is lost. He never was in any battle at all & never got acquainted with any of the regular officers nor served under any of them. In fact he never saw but one corps of Regulars while he was out, & if he ever heard what their style was or the name of the commanding officers he does not now recollect them. He thinks all the documentary evidence he ever had to support this claim has been long since lost, for he never supposed it would be of any value. He met with a man by the name of Dodd 7 or 8 years ago who had served with him, but where he now is & whether he is in life deponent cannot tell. He thinks any of his neighbors who have been acquainted with him for any length of time will testify cheerfully as to his being a man of truth & the only minister of the gospel in the neighborhood is not sufficiently acquainted with him, he expects, to enable him to testify. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the Union.

S/ Joseph Woodall, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid in open Court.

S/ John Landrum, Clk

We, William Galloway and George Lester residing in the County & State aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Woodall who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be of the age therein mentioned, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, & that we concur in that opinion.

S/ William Galloway

S/ Geo. Lester

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Landrum, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]