

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Woodrum<sup>1</sup> S35745

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State of Kentucky Adair County Sct.

On this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord 1826 personally appeared in the Circuit Court for the County and Circuit of Adair while it was in session being a Court of record Stephen Woodrum resident in said County aged about Sixty Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Woodrum enlisted for and during the war of the American Revolution on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1779 in Prince Edward County in State of Virginia in the company of cavalry commanded by Captain Watts [John Watts] in the Regiment commanded by Col. White [Anthony Walton White] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve until the close of the war when he received furlough at Nelsons ferry in South Carolina by general proclamation & was never again called into service. He states that he is by occupation a farmer but that he is now so aged and infirm that he cannot support himself by it and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country. He has a wife who is not able court him & no other family and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, chattels or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. He also states that he was in the battles of Kings mountain [October 7, 1780], Cowpens [January 17, 1781], James town, Siege of York [October 19, 1781] and many skirmishes.

The following is the schedule of my property & contains the whole of it Cattle \$30  
Horses \$35 Beds & Cloathing \$15 total amount \$80.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt12670-100—Pvt. issued Feb. 10 1800 to Robert Means assignee no papers. The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

S/ Stephen Woodrum, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court on the 14th day September 1826

[attested by William Caldwell, Clerk of court]

[Note: p 8 another copy of the veteran's application]

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Stephen Woodrum of Adair County & State of Kentucky who caused his declaration for a pension to be filed in the office of the Secretary of War, a few weeks since makes Oath that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 no change in his property has taken place except as follows.

One Mare sold to George Hughes at the price of \$25 sold on the \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ in the year 1823 as well as he now recollects Also 3 cows & calves, 2 of them to Peter Estis in part payment of a Mare bought of said Estis which is described in the Schedule of his property contained in his aforesaid filed declaration the of the cow & calf was sold to William Diddle at the sum of \$7.50 said cows & calves were sold to said Estis in spring of 1825; the other, to Diddle in the preceding year. No other changes have taken place in his property since said 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 except as to a horse which died –

Sworn to & subscribed before me the affiant Stephen Woodrum this 24 day of March 1827

S/ Richard Cravens, JP AC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 4th, 1827 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Stephen Woodrum S35745

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 29 July 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Cirtify that Stephen Woodrum enlisted with me the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of 1780 [sic] and served untill the end of war. Given under my hand the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Feby 1797.

John Watts [BLWt2431-300] late Capt

1<sup>st</sup> Reg't L Dragoons

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Watts". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.