

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

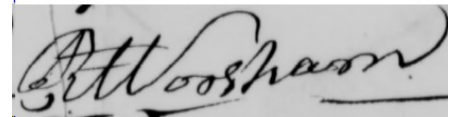
Pension Application of Richard Worsham S38478

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State of Georgia } Before me a Judge of the Superior Court for said County and State personally
Wilkes County } appeared Richard Worsham who being duly sworn upon his oath saith that he
entered the service during the revolutionary war in the year Seventeen hundred
& Seventy five as a private in Captain Ballards [Robert Ballard's] company of Infantry attached to the
first regiment of Infantry from the State of Virginia commanded by Col. Patrick Henry; that in the year
Seventeen hundred & Seventy six he was appointed an Ensign by the county Court of Charlotte County
and joined the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Charles Lewis. the company he belonged to
was commanded it is believed by Capt Misseaux [sic: Joseph Michaux, bounty-land application
VAS882]. That he rose from that to be first Lieutenant, which he held for several years and at the
conclusion of the Revolutionary war at which time he was attached to the first & Tenth regiments which
had been consolidated & were commanded by Col. Russel [sic: William Russell]. This regiment was
taken to the Siege of Charleston [arrived 8 Apr 1780]. That this Deponent was discharged by the order
discharging the army – and that he received his commutation money about the year Seventeen hundred &
Eighty four. And the Deponent further states that he is in reduced circumstances and has been for many
years past.

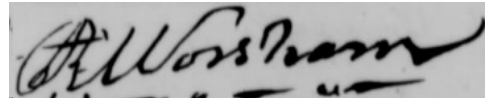
Sworn to before me this 27th March 1818



District of Georgia } on this Twelfth day of may 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of
Wilkes County } the Superior Court for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared
Richard Worsham aged Sixty Two years resident in the Town of Washington, County of Wilkes & state
of Georgia who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath make the following
Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide
for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war”
That he the said Richard was appointed an ensign by the County Court of Charlotte in the State of
Virginia in the Summer of the year Seventeen hundred & seventy six on the Continental establishment
that he raised his quota of men which were reviewed & received & that he was attached to the Company
commanded by Capt Joseph Misseau of the 14th Virginia regiment on Continental establishment
commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis that he joined the army commanded by General Washington at
Morristown New Jersey in the year Seventy seven. That he continued in the said Corps or in the service
of the United States until the end of the war or cessation of hostilities in the year Seventeen hundred &
Eighty Three when he was discharged from service in the State of Virginia at Cumberland Court House
That he was in the following Battles.

That he was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] by a musket Ball thro' his left arm
That he was also in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] That at the Close of the Campaign in the year
1779 he was marched to Charleston South Carolina and was taken a prisoner by the British at the fall of
that place in the year 1780 [12 May]. That he was paroled to Haddles point [sic: Haddrells Point across
the Cooper River from Charleston] where he remained a prisoner for about a year that he was then
exchanged for Lieutenant Palmer or Parmer of the Sixtieth British Regiment That he went to
Philadelphia in the Flag vessel From thence he returned to his native State Virginia with dispatches from
the President of Congress & board of war to the Governor of Virginia [Thomas Jefferson], Lafayette &
[Baron von] Steuben and that he was also at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and that he was at
the time of his discharge & had been from the year Seventy seven a Lieutenant on the Continental
establishment and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country

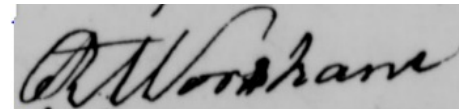
for Support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services



Georgia } Superior Court – September Term 1818
Clark County }

Before me Christopher B Strong one of the Judges of the Superior Court of said State, presiding at said Court, came Maj'r. Richard Worsham, now of Wilkes County in said State, & being first duly sworn saith, That in the month of July or August seventeen hundred & seventy six he entered the fourteenth Virginia Regiment upon the Continental establishment under a commission of Ensign in a company then commanded by Captain Mishew, or Michaux or Misseur (a french name having that sound) That in the course of the same or the next year he was promoted to a Lieutenancy in Captain [John] Winston's company in the same Regiment. That in that capacity he served until taken prisoner at Charlestown in South Carolina. That he was afterwards exchanged for Lieut Palmer of the sixteenth British Regiment. From Charlestown he went under orders to Philadelphia, from whence he went with dispatches to Staunton in Virginia. Having then no command in consequence of the Regiment having never been made up after it's capture, very few of the officers or soldiers being yet exchanged, he joined the army at York, without a command. after the capture of that place he went up to Winchester with the Troops from whence he was ordered upon the recruiting service at Cumberland Ct. House where he continued with Maj'r. afterwards Lieut. Colonel Towls [sic: Oliver Towles] at which place orders were received to desist recruiting & he then received his discharge or furlow from Maj'r. Towls sometime in the summer or autumn of the year seventeen hundred & eighty two. That his commissions & discharge or furlow are now totally lost, this deponent at that time not knowing that there was any necessity to preserve them for an occasion like the present. That during the course of his military service during the Revolutionary war, he was present at the following battles & engagements, in which he took part, to wit, the Battles of Brandywine, Monmouth, Stony point [16 Jul 1779], & many skirmishes, & finally at the siege of Charlestown So. Carolina, where he was taken prisoner. That at the Battle of Brandywine he was wounded through his left arm by a musket ball in consequence of his confinement by which he did not join in the battle at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] when his Regiment was engaged. That he is now advanced in age, having no estate, & in circumstances is reduced as to stand in need of the aid & assistance of his Country.

Sworn to in open Court this 22^d September 1818



State of Georgia } In Superior court of said County July Term 1820
Wilkes County. SS } Present the Honbl Jno M Dooly Judge of said County

On this nineteenth day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court the said court being a court of record for said county, Richard Worsham being now in the sixty fifth year of his age, resident in the Town of Washington in said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he was in the Revolutionary war as follows. He entered into the continental service as an Ensign in the fourteenth Virginia regiment in the company of and Regiment commanded by Captain Joseph Missheax or Missheau (a french name) in the Virginia line on continental establishment. The Regiment was then commanded by Col Charles Lewis of Albemarle County, Virginia. That he hath heretofore applied for Pension under the act of the eighteenth day of March 1818. That his original declaration bears date he believes about the twenty seventh day of March 1818, but being informed it was comited in Clarke's Inferior Court, & other & fuller proofs of service given at September Term 1818 of said court. That the pension allowed him at the war Department, and a certificate issued in his favor No. 7246 bearing date on the fifth dy of March 1819, which is in the words

following

“War Department
Revolutionary claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the united states of the 18th march 1818, Richard Worsham late a Lieutenant in the army of the Revolution is inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Georgia agency, at the rate of Twenty dollars per month to commence on the Twenty seventh day of march one thousand eight hundred & eighteen

Given at the War Office of the United States this fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

J C Calhoun/ Secretary of War

The deponent further saith that altho he entered the service as an Ensign he was promoted to a second & first Lieutenant in which last capacity he was serving at the close of the war, all which will more fully appear from his original declaration & other documents accompanying the same, now in the war Department & to which he begs leave to refer for further information as to his service. and the said Richard further [one or two illegible words] says that “I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that “I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the Unites States in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed (& which contains nothing as I have nothing to be specified therein except my wearing apparel) Schedule

Land. I have none

Dwelling house, none

Personal property, debts or contracts, none

R Worsham

I further swear that I have no occupation at this time, & am too old & poor now to engage in one. That I have children living of the following names, being now all grown, Joseph, Elizabeth Willis (a widow) Sophia intermarried with Osborn Stone, Martha, (intermarried with Dr Jno Pope,) Emily Worsham & Richard Worsham. that none of them live with me, but that I am dependant upon them & indeed have never given them any property, & I now live occasionally with one or another of them. Under these circumstances I submit to the War Department whether I may be considered in such “indigent circumstances” to be entitled to the pension.

(signed) R Worsham

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Richard Worsham enterd the service in the 14th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment in the year 1776 as an ensign and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the said Regiment, and continued in the service during the War of the revolution. And that the said Richard is now a resident and citizen in the County of Wilkes & state of Georgia. Given under my hand this 27th Apl. 1819.

D Meriwether [David Meriwether]

Test/ Osborn Stone

Late Lieut. in the 14th Va. Reg't.

I William Triplett late Lieutenant in the first Regt [Virginia State Line] commanded by Colo Geo. Gibson Virginia Regt on continental establishment. Do hereby certify that the above ceertificate signed by D Merewether is true

given under my hand this 30th April 1819

I William Triplett late a lieutenant in the first State Virginia Regiment, afterwards placed on continental establishment in the war of the Revolution, which was commanded by Colo. Goege Gibson, Do hereby certify that the within certificate signed by D. Meriwether contains the truth.

Washington Wilkes County Georgia
April 30th 1819

A handwritten signature in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature appears to read "John Ball".

I do hereby Certify that I well knew Lieut. Richard Worsham late in the revolutionary war after fighting or bloodshed ceased in South Carrolina and after the Capture of Lord Cornwallace at York Town in Virginia. I also well knew Lieutenant David Meriwether. The services of both of these Gentlemen were truly respectable in the revolutionary War and highly respectable testimony of what they certify. I always understood & believe that Lieutenant Worsham served to the end of the War. Given under my hand this 20th day of October 1819 at Winchester Virginia. E. Langham, Lieut./ 1st Reg't. Arty. R.W.
Virginia/ Frederick County to wit

Colo. Elias Langham this day appeared before the undersigned Justice of the peace in & for the said County and made oath that the foregoing certificate subscribed with his name, and Rank he bore as an officer is true to the best of his recollection & belief John Ball

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate indicates that Richard Worsham died on 17 Feb 1826.