

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Woodson S39137

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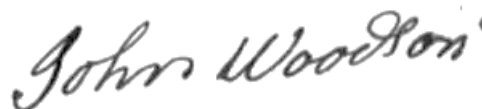
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State of Tennessee Smith County Court November Term 1819

This day came John Woodson into open court at the courthouse in the town of Carthage and made oath that Anderson Woodson enlisted on the 2nd day of February 1776 in the service of the United States under Obediah Woodson Lieutenant in Captain John Martin's company in the 4th Virginia Regiment for two years and that about the 1st of July 1776 he the said John Woodson took the place of the aforesaid Anderson Woodson and served from that time in said Regiment until the 2nd day of February 1778 at which time he was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge and that he the said John Woodson was in the battles at Trenton, at perscattaway [Piscataway May 10, 1777], at Brandy Wine [Brandywine] and after that volunteered and was in the battle at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781], that he sold his [word written over and illegible, but probably "claim"] on the United States before he drew his money and let his discharge go at that time, that he the said John Woodson is now sixty-three or four years old – also that he has no land and that he does not own personal property worth \$100 that he is not able to labor for the support of himself and family and needs the support or aid of government. Sworn and subscribed to this \_\_ day of November 1819

S/ John Woodson



[John Adcock, William H. Morris, and Jesse Elston gave testimony that they believed the veteran served as he states in his application.]

State of Tennessee Smith County Court: always Term 1820

On this 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, John Woodson, aged 63 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, he entered the service in 1776 in the 4th Virginia Regiment and served about eighteen months and was discharged at Valley Forge – And 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, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – has 21 head of hogs, one horse, and he owes fox [?], one sheep, one oven, one pot and skillet, is a farmer by occupation, has a wife 58 years old and one son living with him 16 years old – that he is unable to work for a support more than one half of his time.

S/ John Woodson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 8, 1819 for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]