

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Worsham S41380

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State of Virginia Chesterfield county to wit,

On this 15th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court before the county court of Chesterfield (which is a court of record, the act of Virginia Assembly establishing the county courts expressly declaring that they shall be courts of record) Joshua Worsham aged eighty four 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 March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Joshua Worsham enlisted for the term of two years on the [blank] day of April in the year 1775 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Evered Meade [sic: Everard Meade BLWt2063-300] in the Regiment commanded by Colo [Alexander] Spotswood in the line of the state of Virginia, on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill 1777, when he was discharged from said service in Trenton in the State of New Jersey. That he the said Joshua Worsham again enlisted for the term of three years on the 25th day of March 1778 in the State of New Jersey in the company commanded by Captain Nice [possibly John Nice], in the regiment of Colo Water Stewart [sic: Walter Stewart] in the line of the State of Penvsylvania on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill 1781 when he was discharged from the said service in Trenton in the State of New Jersey. that he the said Joshua Worsham substituted himself for the term of eighteen months on the [blank] day of February in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia in the regiment commanded by Colo. [Thomas] Posey in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps untill 1782 when he was discharged from the said service at Cumberland Court house in the State of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said services except the annexed affidavits of Hamlin Cole [pension application S39342] and James Moody Sr

And in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear 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 and naval service of the United 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 of any kind whatsoever.

I the said Joshua Worsham was by occupation a bricklayer but am now infirm, and my eyesight is too defective on account of advanced age to perform labour of almost any kind. I have no family whatever, and am indebted to sundry persons in the sum of about Thirty dollars.

Joshua hisXmark Worsham

Chesterfield county to wit,

15th August 1820 This day James Moody Sr. appeared in open court and made oath that Joshua Worsham was a soldier in the regular service during the greater part of the Revolutionary War, that he served with the said Joshua Worsham at the siege of York. James Moody

State of Virginia, Chesterfield county to wit.

On this tenth day of December 1821 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield (which is a court of record) the act of the Virginia assembly establishing the county courts expressly declaring that they shall be courts of record) Joshua Worsham aged Eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth in addition to is declaration heretofore made before the

said county court, on the 15th day of August 1820 solemnly swear that he the said Joshua Worsham was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818,... [the rest identical to the previous declaration except for the following addition to the end of the first paragraph:] nor has he any income, or any property of any kind whereof to make a schedule.

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

I do certify that Joshua Worsham served as a private in the Continental line during the war & is entitled to the bounty in land given to the soldiers in the line

From under my hand this 6 day of Dec'r 1798

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Meade", written in black ink on a white background.