

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Woosley S42080

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1824

On the 21st day of September 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record in and for the County of Davidson, William Woosley aged sixty-seven years, and a resident of the aforesaid County of Davidson, 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820, that he the said William Woosley enlisted for the term of three years on the 7th day of February in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Foster, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ennis [probably Lieutenant Colonel James Innis], in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 8th of February 1780 when he was discharged from the said Service in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia from a company at that time commanded by Lieutenant Crane of the Artillery, attached to the Corps commanded by Colonel Russell, that he was in the battles of Brandywine and York and that he has no other evidence of his said service except by his own oath. –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 18th 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 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 whatever, that except my wearing apparel, I am not worth one cent – And this declarant doth on his oath further declare that he was brought up to the laboring business, but from infirmity is unable to pursue his occupation – That he has two children living both of which is extremely poor, who live to themselves and have families. That he lives with one of them, his son who gives him his daily bread, that the name of his son is William, aged about thirty-nine years, and that the name of his other child is Elizabeth White aged about thirty-three years.

Sworn to and declared on the 21st of September 1824 before the Justices in Open Court
S/ William Woosley

State of North Carolina Davidson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December term 1825 Being a Court of record &c

In addition to a Declaration heretofore made by William Woosley of the County of Davidson and State aforesaid, in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of

Davidson at September Sessions 1824 in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States, the said William Woosley hereby declares upon oath that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State, except of the Continental establishment of the State of Virginia, And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that in fact and truth already in the year 1819 he went to the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions of Rowan County of which the County of Davidson then was a part and made a declaration which was sent on by the Honorable Charles Fisher then a member of Congress, who when he returned from Congress brought the paper back for amendment, that he went to Salisbury the Court House of Rowan again in 1821 and made the amendments suggested by Mr. Fisher, that the clerk promised him to forward on the papers to the proper Department at Washington City, That he went home, satisfied that his business would be attended to & that he would soon be gratified with a pension. Living ~~in~~ thirty miles of Salisbury, being very poor & greatly infirm, he found himself disabled to inquire himself, at Salisbury for an answer in Person, but frequently inquired through other persons and generally received for answer that no return had been received yet – believing that his application was delayed at Washington City in the Ordinary Course of business, he remained satisfied that an answer would still be received, until perhaps in March 1824 when he caused a letter to be addressed to the war Department on the subject of his Claim, and received for answer, signed J L Edwards that no paper in support of his claim for a pension was on file, from which he is satisfied that his paper prepared in Salisbury must either have miscarried or by some omission was not sent on, he is with all ignorant and has little or no knowledge of proceedings of this kind, that on the receipt of the above letter he shortly thereafter made the declaration now on file at the proper office, he further maketh oath that on the 18th March 1818 he was worth nothing, being in the same situation he was in mentioned in the declaration on file, and that he continues on the same situation and that of course no changes in his property has taken place since that time, and that he continues to be supported by the charity of his son who is himself very poor with a family of five children. That age and infirmity disable him to do anything for his own support.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 22nd day of December 1825

S/ David Mock, Clerk

S William Woosley

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 22nd, 1825 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for a term of 3 years.]