

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Woodson S6437

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Virginia County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the peace of said County court, now sitting, Joseph Woodson a resident of said County of Prince Edward and State of Virginia, aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that is to say in the year 177– he then residing in the County of Amelia, was drafted as one of the Militia and served under Capt. Benjamin Ward as a soldier for two months. he marched from said County to the town of Petersburg where he was stationed, and finally discharged at that place. he is not able now to say who was in Command of the troops at that place. there was he believes no regulars. That in the spring of 1780 the enemy was lying off our coast and Coming up our waters approaching Petersburg and Richmond when there was a call for 300 millitia from Amelia county, and he as one of them served as a soldier for two months under Capt Watson [probably William Watson]. the troops were Commanded by Colo. Wm. Giles [William Giles]. they marched from Amelia and crossed the Appomattox river some distance below Petersburg and went on to Chickahomany [sic: Chickahominy River] where they were discharged. That in the latter part of the year 1780 or early in the year he enlisted in a company of cavalry in said County of Amelia, then Commanded by Capt. Edmund Walker and marched to Cartersville, Point of fork [at present Columbia], and on to Albemarle Courthouse for the purpose of receiving arms. the British about this time under Tarlton [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, Jul 1781] and Cornwallis were marching up James river and through the Country near or about it that he returned with Capt. Walkers company to Amelia county where he was discharged, not having been attached to any regular troops during the tour. That in the spring of the year 1781 he enlisted as a soldier to serve during the War in the state Legion under Capt. Peter Randolph the field officers were Maj'rs Diggs [Cole Digges VAS3373] & [John] Nicholas and the Colo was Evered Meade [sic: Everard Meade BLWt2063-300]. he marched to Genito bridge on the Appomattox river where he was stationed for a short time, then to Richmond to receive arms. they were then stationed near Goodes bridge on the Appomattox river [at Chesterfield and Amelia counties], but not being able to procure arms they did not join the troops there in service about Jamestown and York. that after the surrender at York [19 Oct 1781] the troops to which he belonged were permitted to go home having been in service about nine months, but were told to hold themselves in readiness and be liable to be called out again if necessary. he was not however called on afterwards. he has not any written discharges nor does he believe he ever had any and he knows of no one living who can prove his terms of service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

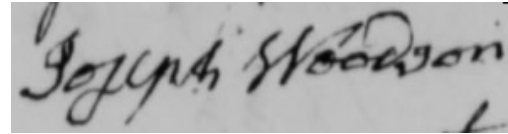
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joseph Woodson

[Certified by William Worsham (S6436) and William T. Walker (W6403).]

State of Virginia County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 15th day of April in the year 1833, Joseph Woodson a resident of said County personally appeared before me Charles Woodson Justice of the peace of said County, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration for a pension, which was made before the county court of said County on the 17th day of September 1832, Saith, He was born in the County of Henrico in said State on the 17th day of September 1751. He has no record of his age, but his age was in an old bible formerly belonging to his father. He served, as set forth in his original declaration, in the grade of a private or soldier in the Revolution, not less that the periods herein stated, Viz:

1 Tour under Capt. Ward . . . 2 months
2 do Capt. Watson . 2 do
3 do Capt. Walker . 10 days
4 do Capt. Randolph 9 months
13 mo ½

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Woodson".

He is known in his present neighbourhood and in his county by Wm Worsham, Wm T. Walker, the Rev Abner Walkins, and the Rev'd Wm Johnson, whose certificate is annexed whom he believes can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] Wm. Johnson

Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid/ Charles Woodson Justice of the peace