

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Woodside (Woodside) 7960

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this twenty third day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, William Woodside [sic] a resident of Iredell County a resident of Iredell County and State of North Carolina aged about seventy-seven years; who being sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 (to wit).

That the first Services, he performed, was as a Volunteer, under the command of Captain David Caldwell: for the term of three months, which Service he thinks, was performed in the year 1775. That he first marched to Fayetteville North Carolina from thence to Chatham Court House from thence to the Cherokee nation of Indians, commanded by the same Captain.

That he next served as a Volunteer, on a scouting party after Tories: for nearly three months, under the command of Captain James Pervines [sic, James Purviance?], that the services were mostly in the Counties of Iredell and Rowan, at that part all Rowan.

That he next served under Colonel William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & Captain Richard Graham. That date first marched to Salisbury from thence to Guilford Court house, from thence to Dick's ferry on Dan River, from the which place, they marched to Moons Creek, where they remained some time.; from thence by way of home, to South Carolina near Purrysburg on Savannah River, at which place he was placed under Continental officers (to wit) Colonel Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] Dickson [sic, probably Henry "Hal" Dixon] and Armstrong, Captain Ramsey and after remaining near said Savannah River guarding the same for some time were marched to Augusta Georgia, from thence back to South Carolina, where they were some time guarding the Tories and British until the Battle of Stono on the 20th day of June 1779 in which battle he was engaged after which he was discharged, at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River, which discharge he believes was dated the 5th day of September 1779 -- making a Tour [sic, tour] of sixteen months -- which discharge he has lost,

That he next served about two months after the Tories under the command of Captain Stevenson, were marched to Salisbury, through Guilford County on Deep River. Ranging after, one Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] and his party of Tories -- which Services he thinks were performed in the year 1780 --

That in all his Services, he was a private, Sometimes on foot and sometimes on Horse,

that he was frequently called upon, for short terms of Service after the Tories, the number and length of which Services is not distinctly recollect it -- for all which Services, there were no discharges given (except the one above named) and therefore has no evidence of that kind to produce, that he knows of no evidence either of persons or documents except what is herein contained, to establish his Claim.

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, that he has uniformly been a resident of Iredell County North Carolina for 60 years --
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day & year above written

S/ A. Simonton, Clerk

S/ Wm Woodside

[William Feemster, Thomas Brotherton and Joseph Sharpe gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition,

"The said Thomas Brotherton¹ states that he was in Service with him for something like 16 months as he believes, that he was at the battle with him at Stono Ferry, as by him Stated, and that he believes his Services as stated to be correct & true."

"The Said William Feemster,² states that he saw the said William Woodsides while in the service in South Carolina, and believes his Statement to be true."

"Joseph Sharpe³ says that he saw William Woodside in the Service of the Country in the expedition to the Cherokee nation."]

State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally came William Woodside before me the subscribing Justice of the peace and being first duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he is not able to state precisely the length of his Service but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below.

His first tour was under Captain David Caldwell he was a volunteer in 1775 or 1776 he now believes 1776, he was in this service on foot 3 months

His 2nd tour he was a volunteer in the foot under Captain Purviance 2 months

His 3rd tour under Captain Graham & Colonel Davidson and transferred to Captain Ramsay & Colonel Thaxton of the regular Army at Purrysburg and continued to serve till discharged at Bacon's Bridge in the fall of 1779 after the battle of Stono in which he was 16 months

That in 1780 he volunteered in the militia under Captain Stevenson and Colonel Cleveland sometimes, this service was for 3 months but by the agreement 2 months in the horse was to be equal to a 3 months tour he served in the horse and served 2 months
year 1.11.0

That he was several times called for a few days into the service to guard the Catawba and these services amounting altogether to more than one month
2.0.0

¹ FPA S6696 (last name also spelled Brothertin).

² [William Feimster W1745](#)

³ [Joseph Sharpe S7482](#)

and for such service I claim a pension

He was born in Ireland, County Derry in the year 1756 7th March

He has a record of his age in a Bible in his possession

He was living in whole war then Rowan but is now Iredell County at the time he was called into the Service, he lived upwards of one year after the war and Tennessee & returned from there to Iredell and lives there yet.

He was always a volunteer.

He knew William Davidson, General Lincoln, Colonel Thaxton, Colonel Lytle all of the United States Army.

He had a discharge for his 16 months service from Colonel Thaxton but lent it to a neighbor who never returned it.

He refers to William Feemster, Thomas Brotherton and Joseph Sharpe

Sworn & subscribed before me this 21st day of May 1833

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ Wm Woodside

The deponent William Woodside in addition to the facts stated in the foregoing original and amended declaration being duly sworn upon his oath States that the tour of duty designated as his third tour was performed as follows In the month of May 1778 he entered as a volunteer in the Militia under Captain Richard Graham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davidson. There rendezvous was at Salisbury in Rowan County. He volunteered for 9 months. The company in which the applicant was, marched from Salisbury, to Guilford Court house, thence to Dick's ferry on the Dan River and thence to Moons Creek where he lay with his company until the month of September. There he was with the rest of the Company offered a furlough to return home and many of the company went home on furlough, but the applicant continued in the service. An offer was afterwards made that the company which remained might return home and as many of them as would agree to meet in rendezvous in the State of South Carolina, to them [?] the Tories [?] occupied in returning home Should be accounted as in actual Service. Deponent with others accepted this offer and returned home. He stayed at home about one month and then marched to South Carolina and joined the Army at Purrysburg upon joining the Army there he was placed under Captain Matthew Ramsey, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thaxton in the same Regiment was Colonel Lytle Major Armstrong & Major Dickson. He was placed in the Army and served therein 9 months after he joined the Army in South Carolina, Marched to Savannah River and after the Battle at Brier Creek (in which the applicant was not) he was marched to the big Chalk Bluff on Savannah River, and thence to Augusta in Georgia from thence crossing below Augusta, was marched about until the battle of Stono ferry in which the applicant was. After the battle he was marched and counter marched in that State until the month of September 1779 when he was discharged at Bacon's Bridge.

This deponent further swears that Thomas Brotherton served the whole of the tour from the first entering it under Captain Graham until they were both finally discharged together.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of July 1833 before

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ Wm Woodside

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears by a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Woodside a private of said line was allowed the sum of 40 pounds 6 shillings and 6 pence for services performed therein.

Given under my hand this 29th of August 1833
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$76.66 Brown commencing March 4th, 1831, for 23 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[Note: this file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Warrant Card for one Robert Woodsides, a private in the New Jersey line who was awarded Warrant Number 8877 for 100 acres issued February 25, 1793.]