

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Wooldridge S7965

VA

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Virginia

At a court held for Buckingham county the fourteenth day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty three –

On this day personally appeared in open court, Joseph Wooldridge a resident of this county aged seventy one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with Nathaniel Braden an Ensign in the county of Powhatan Virginia for three years, he marched from thence to Williamsburg and there put under Capt William Smith, thence to the Eastern Shores of Virginia, thence to little York and there, and at Williamsburg alternately served till the spring 1778, then marched to the North, and joined General Washington's army under Colo. Gregory Smith of the second Virginia Regiment in Gen'l. Mughlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] brigade, thence marched to New Windsor town on the North river, thence in 1779 was taken as a guard, to guard Gen'l. Retassels [sic: Friedrich von Riedesel; see endnote] baggage (a Hessian General) to Albemarle Barracks in Virginia. after arriving there, Capt Brown gave him a furlough to join the company to the North, when he arrived at Fredricksburg [Fredericksburg MD] on his way, he was taken by Colo. Richard Parker [BLWt525-500] to go to the South, marching thence Southward and continuing in the service to the South until the Spring 1780 at which time his enlistment having expired he was discharged at Augusta in the state of Georgia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Jos. Wooldridge

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Wooldridge, Jos.]

Joseph Wooldridge a Soldier in the Second State Regiment having served the time for which he was Inlisted is hereby Discharged. Given under my hand [illegible] January 80

Rich'd Parker Colo. Com

Virginia

Powhatan Octo. 18 1783

I hereby certify that Jos. Wooldridge was Enlisted the first of February 1777 for the term of [illegible] years by Nathaniel [several undeciphered words]

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(a Copy)

Ens[ign] 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't.

NOTE: Baron von Riedesel was captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777. By a "convention" arranged between British Gen. Burgoyne and Gen. Horatio Gates, the Hessians were to be returned to Europe. Congress balked at this generous arrangement, however, and held the "Convention Army" at Cambridge MA for a year, then sent them to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779. Gen. Riedesel's wife, Fredericka von Ridesel wrote an account of their captivity (Letters and memoirs relating to the war of American independence, and the capture of the German troops at Saratoga.).