

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Wooldridge W22686

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State of Kentucky County of Todd: SS

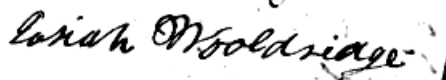
On this 7th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Todd Circuit Court now sitting Josiah Wooldridge a resident of said County of Todd and State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he entered the service under Colonel Faulkner as commander of the Regiment to which he belonged and that Captain Walters was his Captain, that he entered the service about the time Charleston was taken by the British and remained in the service that time about six months. We marched from Chesterfield Courthouse via Hillsboro in North Carolina. My company went from there and joined Gates' Army but I was left in the care of some sick soldiers, from there we went to Guilford Courthouse & were discharged, he states that he was again in the Service and was at the Siege of York at the taking of Cornwallis, he was part of the time under Goode & Captain Thomas Wooldridge he states that he entered the Service as a militia man in the state of Virginia Chesterfield County & was drafted each time he further states that he was in the service the last mentioned time six months or thereabouts and that he is now blind and infirm and his recollection not very distinct and that he cannot recollect with distinctness the names of the regular officers with whom he served, he further states that he has no documentary evidence of the statements aforesaid or any of them, and he knows of no person by whom he can prove them except the O Daniel Trabue<sup>1</sup> of the County of Adair and State of Kentucky whose affidavit is herewith enclosed, he states that he resided in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia until about 1787 when he removed to what is now the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky, where he remained until sometime in the year 1814, when he removed to what is now the County of Todd and State aforesaid where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes all 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 in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah Wooldridge



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<sup>1</sup> [Daniel Trabue S14727](#)

[Archibald Bristow, a clergyman, and Stephen Trabue gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

*Stephen Trabue*  
*Arch. Bristow*

[f p. 34]

I Daniel Trabue of Adair County Kentucky on oath do state that I am well acquainted with Josiah Wooldridge now of Logan County Kentucky we were a was born and raised neighbors in old Virginia in Chesterfield County and I have known him ever since, he was a man of strict integrity and truth – and there is not very much difference in our age. I am 73 years old next March I suppose he is about 76 or 7 we are now living in Kentucky we moved from Virginia to Kentucky to Fayette County now Woodford County I moved there in 1785 & he about 1787 or [paper compromised, text missing]... Said Wooldridge moved to Logan County where he now lives I was at his home recently he is old and infirm & blind

I do further state that I was [paper compromised, text missing, gaps in text are hereafter indicated by "..."] Army some time and started ... erfield Va in the year 1780 ... later part of said year or beginning ... The British came to Richmond the ... Government—15 miles from where I then ... all the Militia in our County was called out to go to meet them for battle I was... in to go immediately and very early the next morning I started and meeting with my company continued our line of March & falling in with many Companies went on to Manchester opposite Richmond where we was in sight of our enemy the British Army we was commanded by Colonel Robert Haskins & Colonel Davis & C\_\_ I don't recollect who commanded the British Army at that time but I think it was General Philips [William Phillips] I remember Phillips & Arnold [Benedict Arnold] both pestered us that winter and spring very much we had several battles & skirmishes with them and when Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] & Talton [Banastre Tarleton] came to our section of country we retreated to the North until we met Wayne & Fayette [Lafayette] at the Rackoon ford [Raccoon ford was in Culpeper County on the Rapidan River] on ... River and after a sufficient Army was collected & joined Fayette they Advanced on Cornwallis and he retreated and finally went to Little York & fortified and was captured... was in the USA at that time from in the winter until sometime after he was taken part ... Was a Sutler authorized by Fayette ... state that I often saw the said Josiah ... Camp doing duty in the USA from the winter and ... Summer and at the taking of Cornwallis ... I think I cannot be mistaken when I say he served that year more than 6 months in the United States Army in the Revolutionary war. I do further state that the Distance from where I live to where the said Wooldridge lives is more than 100 miles and my age & bad health won't admit of my going to where he lives to be a witness for him. Given under my hand this 22nd day of September 1832

S/ Daniel Trabue

*Daniel Trabue*

[in the attestation of his affidavit, the affiant is referred to as "Col. Daniel Trabue."]

Josiah Wooldridge personally appeared before the Justices of the Worshipful Todd County Court

on this 13th day of May 1833 and in open court made the following amended declaration with a view to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 for the benefit of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. This declarant states that he was born in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia on the 15th day of November 1755. That his father kept a register of the births of his children in a large Bible – and that when this declarant moved from the State of Virginia to the State of Kentucky he copied the register of his age into a large Bible of his own which he now has in his possession, he states that he is blind and cannot see but is informed and does verily believe that he is represented in the said register as having been born on the day above mentioned, and that said register contains the truth, This declarant states that he entered the service as a private, and was drafted and rendezvoused at Chesterfield Court house from which we marched as before stated to Hillsboro in North Carolina. The declarant states that he cannot now recollect the date he entered the service, but does well remember that it was a very short time before the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], and he also remembers that the company to which he belonged was in that battle and that he would have been there himself but for his having been detailed to take care of some sick soldiers as stated in his previous declaration. This declarant states, after his discharge as before stated he entered the service again as a private in a very short time, say in one month, at most, and that from that time until after the siege of York he never was out of the service at any time more than twenty days – he remembers that in addition to the officers named in his former declaration he served a tour under Captain Markham, but does not recollect when. This declarant states that he was in many skirmishes with the British & Tories & during his continuance in the service but he cannot now say exactly where they took place, he states [word written over and indecipherable], that he was in the service in all at least twelve months, and he is confident that he was longer but as he is determined not to go over the mark he is disposed to put it down to that term, this declarant, again states that by reason of his loss of memory he cannot state precisely how long he served but that he is confident he served not less than the period above mentioned.

Sworn to in open court, the day and year aforesaid, he again relinquishes all claim to any pension except the present, and that his name is not upon any pension roll of this or any other State.

S/ Josiah Wooldridge, X his mark

[John S Wilson, a clergyman, and Stephen Trabue gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 20: On December 29, 1843 in Montgomery County Illinois, Martha T Wooldridge, 80 next May, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Josiah Wooldridge, a revolutionary war soldier and pensioner who served in the revolutionary war under Colonel Robert Goode; that she married him February 24, 1784 in Chesterfield County Virginia; that her husband died in Todd County Kentucky November 15, 1837; she thinks he has a record of her marriage in a Bible in the possession of her son David Wooldridge of St. Clair County Illinois. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 23: In Franklin County Kentucky in November 1844, Mrs. Susan Mazar [her signature reads "Susanna Mazar" or "Susanna Major"—see below] gave testimony that she was at the marriage of her sister Martha Trabue to Josiah Wooldridge; that they were married by Parson Clay of the state of Virginia in the County of Chesterfield in the month of February 1785; that she, the affiant, will be 72 years of age on the 24th day of this month having been born on November 24, 1772

*Susannah Major* ]

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife Martha Trabue had the following children:

Samuel born May 7, 1786, married Rebecca

Mary born January 20, 1788, married Joseph White

Martha born March 20, 1789, married Major Cheatam

Daniel born November 7, 1790, married to Lucy

Seth born March 26, 1792

Levi born October 8, , torn and illegible

Claiborne born September 10, 1796

Chastain born June 3, 1797

Edward born December 16 1798

Josiah born December 12, 1800

In 1833, Major Cheatam was living in Todd County Kentucky, he was born May 30, 1787 place and names of parents not stated; in 1845, one Demetrius Cheatam was living in Madison County Illinois age and relationship to family not stated; the following additional family information is shown:

Marian Wooldridge born November 12, 1830

John Thomas Wooldridge born January 8, 1831

Martha Francis Wooldridge born June 5, 1832

In 1844, Susannah Major was living with Olive Major in Franklin County Kentucky near Frankfurt she is identified as the sister of the widow of the veteran. Her relationship to Olive Major is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing Nov. 15, 1837.]