

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Woodroof (Woodruff) W2397

Esther

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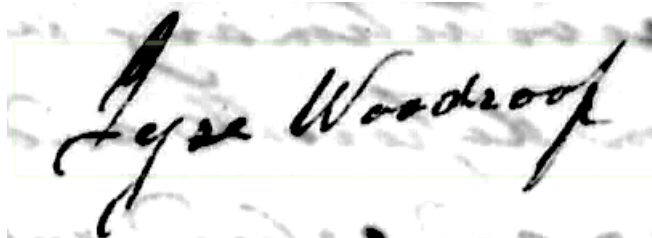
### District of West Tennessee

Jesse Woodroof a citizen of the County of Lincoln and the State [of] Tennessee born and raised in the State of Virginia Spotsylvania County aged sixty-two years came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted as a soldier and entered into the service of the United States on the 6th day of March 1776<sup>1</sup> under the command of Captain Samuel Hawse in the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, General Weedon's Brigade General Green's division, that he was in the Battle of Brandywine on the 11th day of September 1777 and that he was in the battle of Germantown on the 4th of October of the same year and was discharged from service in March 1778 by Colonel Stewart [Walter Stewart] commanding the 13th Pennsylvania Regiment, that he was discharged at the Valley Forge Camp in the State of Pennsylvania and that he was in the service of his country the greatest part of his time until the end of the war, but did not join the regular service after his two years were expired, that he is in the low reduced circumstances insomuch as that he stands in need of the assistance of his Government, That he has lost or mislaid his discharge and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said service. That he never has had any pension from the United States or from any state Government.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th June 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Jesse Woodroof



[fn p. 10]

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Court of pleas & quarter Sessions July Term 1820

On this 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record created by statute & of unlimited civil jurisdiction on the law side of said County for the said County Jesse Woodroof, 64 years of age on the 20th day of May next resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath declare that he served in the

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<sup>1</sup> In another affidavit, the veteran states that he entered the service in Caroline County Virginia [See fn p. 53]

revolutionary war as follows, to wit, that he enlisted on the 6th day of March 1776 in Captain Samuel Hawse company for 2 years of the 2nd Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood of General Weedon's Brigade and General Green's Division & that he was discharged in March 1778 at the Valley Forge encampment in the State of Pennsylvania, he was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown, and I do solemnly swear that I have been placed on the pension list roll of West Tennessee agency by a pension certificate dated the 14th day of December 1819 and that I have made my original declaration on the 10th day of June 1818 and that I have not any particular trade or profession & my family consists of my wife aged 57 years very weakly & one son named William aged 30 years who has for 4 years been afflicted with some pulmonary disease & unable to make his living , one daughter named Nancy 23 years old, one named Martha 21 years old & one named Eliza 15 years old all the said Daughters are able to provide for themselves but nothing more and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Jesse Woodroof

A Schedule of the property of Jesse Woodroof, viz.

one old mare & colt, one yearling colt, one small [indecipherable word , looks like "hesshotten] mare, 4 cows & calves, 2 sows & pigs, 11 shoats, one cupboard, one beaurean [bureau?], one table, 2 trunks, 6 chairs, one pewter dish, 2 basons, 6 pewter plates, 6 delph plates, 6 knives & forks, one ax, 2 hoes, one kettle, one pot, one oven, one pair andirons, half dozen cups & saucers, one coffee pot, 6 tablespoons, two pair drawing chains, a school of the 11 scholars for one quarter at \$2 per scholar to be paid in produce and money of equal proportion.

The above is a true statement of the amount of my property this the 25th day of July 1820

S/ Jesse Woodroof

[fn p. 12]

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Court of pleas & quarter sessions October Sessions 1823

On the 24th day of October 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record created by statute and of unlimited civil Jurisdiction on the law side of said court for said County Jesse Woodroof aged sixty-seven years in May next resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (to wit) that he enlisted in March 1776 for two years under Captain Samuel Hawes, 2nd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, under Brigadier General Weedon part of General Green's division and was discharged at the Valley Forge Camp in March 1778 his discharge was signed by Colonel Stewart, and when discharged belonged to Captain Sandford's Company; and was during his continuance in service of the United States in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown, and other skirmishes and I do solemnly swear that I have been placed on the pension list roll of West Tennessee agency by certificate being number \_\_\_ dated 14th of December 1819 Pension to commence on the 10th day of June 1818 and that he afterwards received a notification from the war Department dated 3rd November 1820 that he

was struck from the Pension Roll. He also swears that since he made his last application dated 25th day of July 1820, he has been visited by a Rheumatic affliction of one shoulder and arm so severely that he has thereby lost the use of it almost entirely which at times is extremely painful in the application the above alluded to he then stated that he was able to teach a school by which in some degree he was able to support himself and family, since which time he has had the misfortune to almost lose his eyesight entirely which renders him unable to teaching school as before together with the other common attendants on old age. My family consists of my wife, now upwards of sixty years old very infirm, so much so that she is not able to support her, he has also two daughters living with him both of whom are weakly and not more than able to support themselves, he has also been compelled to contract several small debts for the real necessities of life and which must be paid. He also swears that since the application before referred to he has had the misfortune to lose a horse beast by the same being stolen from him, or that strayed away and to have another to die, and that he last fall had a debt to pay which he owed and was compelled to sell 6 head of cattle and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/Jesse Woodroof

Sworn to in open Court the 24th day of October 1823

S/ Brice M. Garner, Clk.

1 old Bay mare upwards of 20 years old  
3 head of cattle, 1 cow & 2 yearlings  
15 head of hogs shoats pigs &c  
one Bed & furniture  
1 kittle, 1 pot & 1 Dutch oven, 1 small cupboard  
1 bureau the & one old trunk, 1 ax, 2 old weeding hoes  
1 plow much worn and very small, one pewter dish  
2 small pewter basons, 6 pewter plates, 1 set of cups & saucers  
common Delf 1 set of knives & forks  
1 table

The above is a true schedule of all my property except my wearing close & where he close of my wife

S/ Jesse Woodroof

The property contained in the above schedule was valued by the Court to be worth \$30

[fn p. 8: On December 19, 1840 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Esther Woodroof, 75, originally from the State of Virginia County of Washington filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Woodroof a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the State of Virginia, Washington County March 21, 1783 and that her husband died in Lincoln County Tennessee October 13, 1826. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 9: On December 19, 1840 in Lincoln County Tennessee, William B. Woodroof, 49, gave testimony in support of his mother's pension application stating that his father Jesse Woodroof was a revolutionary pensioner; he encloses a leaf from the family register containing a record of the marriage of his father to his mother and the births of their children in the handwriting of his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William B. Woodroof". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'W'. The signature ends with a small flourish and a closing bracket on the right side.

[facts in file: Veteran married March 21, 1783 in Washington County Virginia, Esther Buchanan. She was born June one, 1765 and was the daughter of Robert you can and his wife Mary. The veteran and his wife had the following children:

Mary or Sary born June 5, 1784

Susana born October 3, 1786

William B. aged 30 years and 1820

Nancy aged 23 in 1820

Martha age 21 and 1820

Eliza aged 15 1820]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 10, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]