

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harden (Hardin, Harding) Woodroof (Woodruff)<sup>1</sup> W3485 Sally f32VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 10/11/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[fn p 26]

I Harding Woodroof of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that I en[listed] in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its Service until its termination at which period I was a Corporal in Captain John Thomas' Company in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental line, and also declare that I never received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778, and I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1827 on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Harding Woodroof<sup>2</sup>  
8th day of September 1828

[fn 31—another version of what appears to be the same form as above except that the upper portions of the document has been torn and text is missing, but it appears to be given by "Harden Woodroof" and dated 16<sup>th</sup> February 1829. In this form he says he was discharged as a Corporal from the company of Capt. James Burton." This documents bears what appears to be a partial actual signature of the veteran as follows:



. Littleberry Via<sup>3</sup> and John Baskerville<sup>4</sup> gave a supporting affidavit in which they state that "Hardin Woodroof by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is personally known to us to have been a Corporal in the Army of the Revolution...."]

[fn p. 21]

Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
September 16, 1828

Harding Woodroof of \_\_ in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1892-100

<sup>2</sup> It does not appear to me that this document contains the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the balance of the document

<sup>3</sup> FPA R20442

<sup>4</sup> Possibly the same man as [John Baskerville W3753](#)

He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Corporal in Captain J. Thomas' Company, in the 5th regiment of the Virginia line; and that he <sup>has not</sup> received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
22nd September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Harding Woodroof is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Harding Woodroof cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office  
February 17th 1829

the name of Harding Woodroof does not appear on the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia, so far as they had been received.

S/ G. W. Grisham  
Commissioner

War Department: Bounty land office  
1828

The records of this office do not show that \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_ line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

State of Virginia County of Buckingham

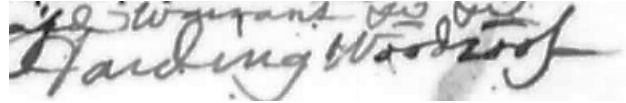
I, Harding Woodroof aged 72 years, do upon oath testify and declare, that I entered the service of the United States on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1779, for the term of during the war and that I served in the company of Captain Burton in the Regiment No. \_\_, Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor of the Virginia Revolutionary Continental line, and was honorably discharged on \_\_\_ in the year 178\_, from the Regiment commanded by said Taylor

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the County Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Harding Woodroof aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint John Nicholas to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand

and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed who I also in power to sell & disposed of my said warrant &c &c.

S/ Harding Woodroof

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harding Woodroof". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[attested July 24, 1832 in Buckingham County Virginia

[fn p. 8: On March 12, 1839 in Buckingham County Virginia, Sally Woodroof, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Harding Woodroof who was a Corporal in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years; that she was married to him in 1786 and that her husband died February 23, 1833 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Attached to her application is the copy of the marriage bond issued to Harden Woodroof and George Carter dated October 11, 1784 to secure the marriage of Harden Woodroof to Sally Gunter. In a supporting affidavit, the witness states that he believes the widow was the daughter of Thomas Gunter.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband service as a Corporal in the Virginia Continental line.]