

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Woodall W3909

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### North Carolina Rockingham County

On this second day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of law Rockingham County North Carolina Samuel Woodall residing in said County of Rockingham State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years on the fifteenth day of March last who being first duly sworn according to law in open Court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and served as a private soldier under the following officers & as herein after stated. That in April 1776 or 77 the precise date he cannot now recollect he was drafted as a militia man in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia for a term of three months & immediately thereafter went into service under Captain Joseph Jameson of said County of Charlotte James Hamlet was first Lieutenant John Purnell Major and the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Tucker. That he was marched to the town of Petersburg State of Virginia and within the suburbs of said Town he with the rest of the troop was stationed at a brick church where they remained encamped about two months, that he understood from his officers that the force was thus disposed of [sic, deployed] in order to guard against the approach of the British who it was apprehended [indecipherable word or words, could be "meditated"] an attack upon the Town and that part of the State. That from this encampment he was marched to a place called the Morben or Moppen Hills [Malvern Hills] where he remained in the service to the end of the three months when he was discharged by order of Captain Hough he received no written evidence thereof. That his Regiment and the officers troops engaged in the service he understood to be under the command of General Lawson of the Virginia militia. That he was not in any battle during the tour but which upon his march from Petersburg to the Morben Hills news arrived in camp of an expected engagement with the enemy at James town on James River – he with the other forces were put upon forced march during all night in order to reach the expected scene of action but did not arrive until the skirmish or battle had taken place. He well recollects seeing many of the wounded that were in charge of our men conveying them to an hospital.

That he returned home & in about two months thereafter he was again drafted for another tour of three months service & marched under the command of Captain William Morton Charlotte County Virginia to a place called Cobben Point [Cabin Point] near James River below the City of Richmond that the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Peyton Skipwith of General Lawson's brigade, at this place he & the troops to which he was attached were stationed and remained for the three months for which he had been drafted when he was discharged verbally by his Captain the said William Morton. During this period of service note enemy made his appearance but the station was kept up at Cabin Point [word written

over and illegible] and many other points on the River with a view of preventing the British forces from passing up the River & over running the Country. He states that during these two tours he was engaged in actual service for the period of six months. In answer to the interrogatories of the Court – he states that he was born in Goochland County, State of Virginia on the 15th day of March 1759 that he has no record of his age but states the same from what he has always understood from his parents & other members of his family. That he resided in Charlotte County Virginia at the time he was called into the service where he lived during the continuance of that war, that he now lives in Rockingham County North Carolina. That he has no written or documentary evidence tending to prove his services nor does he know of any one living that could testify to the same though he thinks that in the State of Virginia there may be persons yet living who know that he was a revolutionary soldier but from his age, poverty & the great distance that he is now removed from the scene of the war in which he took a part, he is wholly unable to procure the same – that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood who can be produced to certify in his behalf he refers to Robert Peay & Robert B. May his neighbors who can testify to his good character and their belief in his having been a soldier in the War of the revolution.

He relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity but the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory whatever.

S/ Saml. Woodall, X his mark

[Robert Peay & Robert B. May gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 14: On June 3, 1845 in Stokes County North Carolina, Joanna Woodall, 80, filed a claim for a pension as the widow of the late Samuel Woodall, a pensioner of the United States; that to the best of her recollection she was married to him in the year 1787; that her husband died March 11, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Joanna Dobbins; she was still living in Stokes County in 1848 when she gave her age as 85; there is no explanation of the discrepancy in her age as stated in the various documents in this file; their first child was named Nathan; there is reference to their having been many children born to the veteran and his wife but Nathan is the only one named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]