

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Simeon Woodrow (Woodroe) W3910 Elizabeth Woodrow PA
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State of Virginia } Ss.

Count of Brooke } On this 15th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me John McMillan a Justice of the peace, and of the court of record, in and for the county aforesaid, Simeon Woodroe, a resident in the same county and state, aged seventy seven years past, who from age and extreme infirmity, I do certify, is unable to attend at the court of said county; and who after being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, and answers to the several interrogatories, prescribed by the War Department, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

In the month of July 1776 Declarant enlisted as a volunteer in that part of the Army called "the flying camp" for the term of two months, in the company commanded by Captain Kirk, in Col. Gomery's regiment. Declarant entered the service in West Nottingham, in the county of Chester and state of Pennsylvania, and was marched through Wilmington to Philadelphia, thence to Trenton in the State of New Jersey, and thence to Spangtown [sic: Spanktown, now Rahway NJ], where his term of enlistment expired, but received no discharge, having served, on this enlistment, two months.

Immediately after the service of two months Declarant reenlisted for the term of four months, in the same corps, with Captain Armstrong and Lieutenants White and Huss, in Col. Gormey's regiment; and was thence marched to Fort Lee, and remained at that fort until after the battle at Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776], but the declarant, with others, were ordered to remain at Fort Lee. After the battle at Fort Washington, we retreated, first to Newark, thence to Trenton & crossed the Delaware [sic: Delaware River] & remained there until after the battle on the 26th day of December 1776, were thence marched to Philadelphia, where declarant was discharged by Col Gomery having served the full term of four months, on this last mentioned enlistment.

On the first day of January in the year 1778 declarant was drafted as a Militia man to serve a tour of two months duty, from the county of Chester in State of Pennsylvania, in Captain Evans' company, Mr. Thompson was the Lieutenant, in Col. Bells regiment and Gen'l. Lacy's [sic: John Lacey's] Brigade of Pennsylvania Militia. We were first marched to Smithfield and thence to Shamony, about twenty miles north of Philadelphia, and remained at the latter place until the expiration of the time for which declarant was drafted when declarant was discharged by [blank] about 1 Feby 1778. Whilst at Samony an explosion of powder took place, by the carelessness of some of the men.

The declarant therefore claims a pension for having served eight months in the revolutionary war, as a private, namely six months as a Volunteer enlisted soldier in he flying camp and two months as a drafted Militia man.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.

The following interrogatories were then put, and answers given to each, as herein after stated:

Question. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in west Notingham Chester County Pennsylvania in the year 1756

Question. 2^d Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. my age is recorded in a Book now in my possession

Question. 3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer When called in service I lived in chester County as above stated after the close of the Revolutionary war I moved to Maryland thence to this co. where I now live

Question 4th How were you called into service &c?

Answer. I voluntarily enlisted, at two different times, for six months, and was drafted as a Militia man, and serve two months.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. The general circumstances of my service is stated in the above declaration and the names of all the Continental Officers I can at present recollect. On our retreat from Fort Lee into the Jerseys, at Newark, Gen'l. Washington and his army arrived, on his retreat.

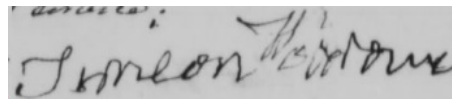
Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Answer. I was discharged by the Officers named in the above declaration which I forwarded to Congress when I petitioned for a pension, which was not obtained and the discharge is now lost to me.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I am known to almost every person in my neighbourhood, and particularly mention The Rev'd. John Hales and Thomas Bambrick Esquire.

Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.



[On 20 May 1833 Simeon Woodrow was issued a certificate for a pension of \$26.66 per year for eight months service.]

[The following note is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton in the file of David Work (pension application S7961) as part of Singleton's investigation of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]
David Work – died September 2 1834.

Simeon Woodrow – is dead.

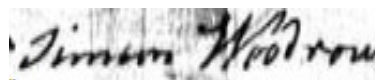
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NOTES:

On 22 Feb 1840 Elizabeth Woodrow applied for a pension stating that she married Simeon Woodrow in Chester County on 15 Dec 1785, and he died on 30 Oct 1833. On 11 May 1843 Elizabeth Woodrow was said to be 79.

The file includes a document dated 25 Sep 1797 and signed by Simeon Woodrow as shown and by Elizabeth Woodrow with her mark, which reads in part as follows:

“That whereas John Wright late of Washington county and State of Pennsylvania Deceased did die Intestate posed of a part of a Tract of Land lying and being in part in Alleghany and part in Washington countys And known by the Name of Bradley Tract and whereas the aforesaid John Wright at his Death left Three brothers and two sisters James Allexander and Robert and Elizabeth Woodrow and Jean Wetherspoons sisters Whereby the aforesaid Simeon Woodrow became Intitled to one fifth part or moiety of said land....” [the rest is a deed of sale of his part of the land to John Witherspoon].



A letter in the file dated 17 March 1840 refers to Elizabeth Woodrow's “widowed daughter in the State of Ohio.”