

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Woodward¹ (Woodard) W5169

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State of Ohio Montgomery County: SS

On this 12th day of September personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County now sitting Samuel Woodward a resident of the said County of Montgomery in the State of Ohio aged 72 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. He was born in Bedford County Virginia & resided there at the time of first entering into service, which he did by volunteering, in October 1779 for four months. He was then in the 20th year of his age. Captain John Robinson commanded the company to which he was attached; they were immediately engaged in the duty of carrying flour on pack horses from Bedford to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River. In this way he served until discharged at the expiration of his time. Having returned home, in the latter part of the summer or fall of 1780 he was called out to march to Ninety Six in South Carolina, but hired, at his own expense a substitute to perform the three months service required of him, who went in his stead. Before these three months expired he was again called to proceed the North Carolina, & volunteered to enlist (preferring that kind of engagement to being drafted) for that service. Two regiments were raised of which his was one, & they marched & joined the Army in Guilford County North Carolina. His Captain on this occasion was Bowen Price [Brown Price?], & the name of the one Lieutenant he recollects was Joel Leftridge [Urial or Joel Leftwich?]. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Charles Linch [Charles Lynch], Major John Calloway [John Callaway?]. There was a Corps of cavalry belonging to this Regiment under the command of Colonel Washington [William Washington]. The other Regiment from Virginia was commanded by Colonel Campbell [Richard or William Campbell]. After joining General Green's Army [Nathanael Greene's Army] at Guilford, his Regiment was detached the very next morning the marched in different directions through that County, in which duty they were actively engaged until the 15th of March 1781, when the battle of Guilford occurred, in which they fought through the hottest of the battle, & were the last to leave the field, after maintaining their ground three hours & three quarters. In this engagement the applicant was with his company & Regiment to the last. Retreating twelve miles to the place of rendezvous, the old iron works; the Army remained there about three days. From thence they marched to Ramsour's mill [sic, Ramsey's Mill] on Deep River, to seek the enemy, his Regiment needing the van – where the British retired to their shipping. After a few days his Regiment was discharged, making his service from the

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time of enlistment ten weeks. Continuing at home till November following he was called out for another term of six months, & proceeded to the place of rendezvous, Prince Edward Court House, under the order of Lieutenant Nathaniel Price [sic, Nathaniel Rice], & there remained until on account of the death of his father he fell under the necessity of returning home.

Accordingly he obtained, with much difficulty & expense, a substitute, & received the usual conditional discharge on the 21st January 1782. That discharge he has preserved, & presents with this application to the War Department. He believes the whole of his Services as above stated, during the Revolution, amounted to 15 months or upwards. He has no documentary evidence excepting the discharge before mentioned, & knows of no living witness to his services whose testimony he can now obtain.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ C. R. Greene, Clk

S/ Samuel Woodard

Samuel Woodard

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Samuel Woodard a six months Soldier from Bedford County, this day delivered me a Substitute by the name of Jacob Woodard, therefore the said Samuel Woodard is hereby discharged from that service. Given at Prince Edward Courthouse January 21st 1781

NB this Jacob Woodard should desert before the 6 months is out, Samuel Woodard is to be immediately called into service again

Nathl Rice Lieut
Com^{dr} Post

Samuel Woodard a six months Soldier from Bedford County, this day delivered me a Substitute by the name of Jacob Woodard, therefore the said Sam^l Woodard is hereby discharged from that service, given at Prince Edward Courthouse Jan^y 21. 1781.

NB if Jacob Woodard should desert before the six months is out, Sam^l Woodard is to be immediately called into service again.

*Nathl Rice Lieut
Com^{dr} Post*

[The Reverend Jacob Laros and Fletcher Emley gave the standard supporting affidavit.

*Jacob Laros
Fletcher Emley*

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[f p. 15]

State of Ohio Montgomery County: SS

Personally appeared in open court before the honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County, at their term of May 1833, Samuel Woodward, the above named applicant for a pension from the United States, whose papers annexed were heretofore certified by the said court, & being now again first duly sworn he deposeth & saith, That he was born on the 12th day of February 1760 in Bedford County Virginia. That he has no record of his age, the old family record having been lost. As to the precise length of his several periods of his service he can make no more specific statement, then in his former deposition – his first service as a volunteer in the fall of 1779 was four months in duration; his second term in the spring of 1781 lasted ten weeks; & his actual service in the winter of 1781 & 82 was from the early part of November till the 21st of January, making he believes eleven weeks. The whole amount of his services including the furnishing & pay of a substitute three months and 1780 & three months & one week from the 21st January 1781 or 82, was then as he believes for fifteen months.

S/ Samuel Woodard

[f p 17: On March 21, 1855 in Shelby County of Ohio, Sarah Woodward 65 filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Samuel Woodward that she married him in Warren County Ohio August 19, 1819; that they were married by William Dixon a Methodist preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Robert; that her husband died at Platteville, Shelby County, Ohio on the 25th day of September 1852.]

[fact in file: the widow was born April 1790, place not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months and 27 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 27, 1868.]