

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wooldridge W6582 Fleming (Flemming) f41VA
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State of Virginia Appomattox County: to wit

On this 28th day of July 1845 personally appeared before me Nathan H Hancock one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the County Court for the County aforesaid (it being a Court of record) John Wooldridge a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 84 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 the 7th 1832

First Tower [Tour]

That he was drafted in the militia service of the United States from Appomattox County (then Bedford) in State of Virginia to the very best of his recollection about the month of ___ in the year 1778 that he was at that time a resident of the aforesaid County and state that he belonged to the __ Regiment of the Virginia Militia and served as a private Soldier three months on this tower under the command of Captain Robert Adams under whom he marched from said County to Staunton in the mountains of Virginia at the Lead mines where I was stationed and continued during said term of three months Colonel Charles Lynch was the Colonel under whom I served. After having served the above named Tower of three months I received a regular discharge which has been lost or mislaid.

Second Tower

I was drafted on my second Tower of three months as a private Soldier in the Militia Service and marched from Appomattox County then Bedford in the State of Virginia under the command of Captain Thomas McReynolds in the __ Regiment commanded by Colonel Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether], Dulumes or Deduman, a Frenchman [Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane], was the Major and General Muhlenberg was a General under whom I served. I was marched from the aforesaid County Appomattox (then Bedford) to Babbs old field in the County of Nansemond Virginia where I was stationed six weeks from thence I was marched to Portsmouth Virginia where I was again stationed and continued the balance of said term of three months, after which time I received a regular discharge in this case which has been also lost or mislaid.

My reason for not applying for a pension before the present date is that I knew of no testimony by which my service could be established for my first Tower until recently I heard of Mr. John Pribble¹ of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia he and myself being brother soldiers in the War of the Revolution his certificate accompanies this Declaration which I have taken at my earliest convenience as also the certificate of Mr. Thomas P. Franklin² of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia another brother soldier that he was born in the County of

¹ [John Pribble S5951](#)

² FPA S8517

Appomattox and State of Virginia on or about the year ___he has no record of his age that when called into service he was a resident of the said County of Appomattox (then Bedford). He is now very old and infirm and incapable of supporting himself by manual labor and also unable to attend the County Court of Appomattox in order to make the full born declaration. That there is no Minister of the Gospel known to him in his immediate neighborhood with whom he has been acquainted a sufficient length of time to justify his applying to him for a certificate. That he has no documentary evidence in his possession. That he was not employed in any civil pursuit but that he was in the actual military service of his Country.

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. And that he marched home the last tower on the first day of January 1781.

S/ John Wooldridge, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 28th day of July 1845

S/ Nathan H Hancock, JP

[William Paulett and Overton Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 23]

State of Virginia Campbell County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Wooldridge of Appomattox County in the Revolutionary War him and myself were drafted from said County then Bedford in the militia service in the year 1781 and marched from said County on the first of January in the same year under Captain Thomas McReynolds in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Meriwether – DeClumer or Declomon a Frenchman was the Major & General Muhlenberg was the General under whom we served we were drafted for the term of 3 months and marched from the aforesaid County Appomattox (then Bedford) to Babbs old field a place in Nansemond County Virginia where we were stationed about 6 weeks from thence we marched to Portsmouth Virginia where we were again stationed and continued during said term of 3 months all of which time order term said John Wooldridge faithfully served and was honorably discharged. I am now in my 82nd year of age. Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1845.

S/ Thomas P Franklin, X his mark

[f p. 29: Thomas A. Le Grand, an ordained Minister of the Baptist Church in the County of Appomattox gave a standard supporting affidavit dated August 7, 1845.]

[f p. 37]

State of Virginia Campbell County to wit

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John Wooldridge of Appomattox County and State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War and that I served one tour of three months in the year 1778 under the command of Captain Robert Adams of this County (then Bedford) under whom we marched from said County to Staunton in the mountains where we were stationed and continued during said term of three months Colonel Charles Lynch commanding under whom we served he served faithfully the term for which he was drafted and was honorably discharged. I am now in my 85th year of age.

Given under my hand this 18th day of July 1845

S/ John Pribble, X his mark

[f p. 11: On September 14, 1849 in Appomattox County Virginia, Flemming Wooldridge, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Wooldridge, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in September 1783 and that her husband died January 3rd, 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 14: Marriage bond issued to John Wooldridge & Thomas Franklin dated September 22, 1783 to secure the marriage of John Wooldridge and Fleming Creasey; certified as a true copy by the Campbell County Virginia clerk of court.]

[f p. 41: On Judy Harvey of Appomattox County Virginia gave testimony that she is the daughter of Fleming Wooldridge, the widow of John Wooldridge who was a soldier in the revolution and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$20 per annum; that her parents were married on the 23rd day of September 1783 as she has been informed; that her father and departed this life in Appomattox County Virginia on the 3rd day of January 1846 leaving Fleming Wooldridge his widow until her death in said County of Appomattox on April 7th, 1851; that her mother left her as her only surviving child.

Judy Harvey
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the Virginia militia.]