

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Woodside (Woodside) <sup>1</sup> W6585      Jane Woodside      f75NC  
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[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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Cabarrus }

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared before me Peter Rumple, an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Cabarrus, State of North Carolina, Jane Woodside [sic] a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Woodside who was a private soldier in the war of the revolution: that he joined the Army as a volunteer, shortly after the commencement of the war, under the command of Captain Joseph Dickson [sic, Joseph Dickey] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Rowan Militia, commanded by Colonel Griffith Rutherford, and served a tour of three months, during which time he was on an expedition to Fayetteville: That he served a second tour of three months under the command of Captain Simmons [Richard Simmons], in the year 1777 [last digit written over, could be '8' or '9'], (infantry) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Rowan militia, commanded by Colonel Griffith Rutherford: that he served a third tour of three months in the year 1777, under the command of Captain John Dickey, Colonel Locke [Frances Locke] commanding and while under said command was in the battle at Ramsour's Mill,<sup>2</sup> in the County of Lincoln, State of North Carolina: That her said husband then volunteered in a Cavalry Company (1778), under what subordinate officers this declarant has now forgotten, but was part of the time as this declarant believes in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk, and served in South Carolina until the winter of the year 1780, attached to General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade: that in the month of January or February 1781, her said husband was honorably discharged, having been in actual service as an infantry soldier nine months and as a dragoon more than two years.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Woodside in the month of October A.D. 1781: that her name previous to her marriage was Jane Cochran, and that her husband the aforesaid John Woodside died in the month of April 1793, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

S/ Jane Woodside, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written: and I hereby certify that the declarant Jane Woodside is so infirm in body that she is cannot be taken to a court of record to make this declaration: I further certify that the interlineation of the age of declarant and the date 1780 in the foregoing declaration was made before signing.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt18205-160-55

<sup>2</sup> The Battle of Ramsour's Mill occurred on June 20, 1780.

S/ Peter Rumble, JP

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State of North Carolina Rowan County }

It is hereby certified that the Bearer John Woodside and his Wife has lived in the bounds of this Congregation since their Childhood and behaved themselves Honestly and Industriously and have had their Children Baptized as orderly Members of the Church and now at their separation are free from any Scandal known to us.

Certified at Coddle Creek this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1789 by

S/ John Braly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Braly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Braly".

[p 6: On February 24, 1852 in Iredell County North Carolina, Frances Cochran, 82, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with John Woodside and his wife Jane Cochran; that she, affiant, was at their wedding which took place near the close of the war at the house of Robert Cochran in Rowan County; that they were married by one McCall a Presbyterian minister. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

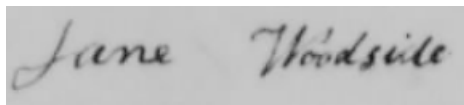
A on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August A.D1852, personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said County, Jane Woodside, who being first duly sworn according to law, on her oath makes the following statement: That she is now 53 years of age: that she is the daughter of Archibald Woodside<sup>3</sup> late of Rowan County, State of North Carolina, who was a soldier of the Revolution, and a pensioner of the United States until the period of his death, which took place July 13<sup>th</sup> – 1844; that she recollects to have heard her father speak frequently of the services of John Woodside, his brother, of Rowan County, in the war of the revolution stating that John Woodside served the greater part of the time during the war, serving much longer than he, Archibald Woodside did: that he served in the earlier part of the war as an infantry soldier under the command of Captain John Dickey, Captain Dickens [could be Dickson] & Captain Huggins (Militia): that he afterwards joined a Company of dragoons under the command of one Locke and continued in service in that capacity until the close of the campaign under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina: That she recollects hearing the said Archibald Woodside say, that after the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], he, Archibald, left the Army and came home, and being asked by the affiant if his brother John returned with him, he answered, no, that he Archibald and one Joseph Kerr of Rowan returned together, that they were wagoners during that campaign, & sold out and returned from that point, but that John Woodside, belonged to a company of dragoons and could not leave, but continued in service until the close of the campaign: That she recollects asking the said Archibald Woodside how it happened that his brother John served longer than he did, to which he replied, that he, Archibald, had a family during the war, and John had not: That she recollects hearing the said Archibald Woodside say, that John Woodside was a blacksmith by trade, and made the sword which he wore whilst he served in the Cavalry. This affiant further states that she lived in

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3 [Archibald Woodside S7967](#)

the family of her father the said Archibald Woodside until the time of his death, and that he spoke very frequently of the incidents of the Revolutionary War in which he was an actor.

S/ Jane Woodside



Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written, and I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jane Woodside, and that she is a credible person.

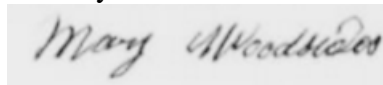
S/ Hugh Parks, JP

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

On this the 19 day of April A.D. 1852 personally came Mary Woodsides before the subscriber, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, who being duly sworn according to law, states that she is fifty-eight years of age, that she is the niece of John Woodside, that she has often heard her father, who was the brother of said John Woodsides, say that the said John Woodside was drowned by the washing away of a small mill in South Carolina about the time this affiant was born: that the above has been the received tradition of the manner in which John Woodside died as far back as she can recollect, & that he had many near relatives in the neighborhood where she was raised & where John Woodside once lived.

S/ Mary Woodsides



Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written: and I hereby certify that Mary Woodsides is a respectable citizen of said County.

S/ Hugh Parks, JP

[p 16: On April 25 1855, Jane Woodside, 94, made application in Cabarrus County for bounty land. In her application she largely repeats her prior application for a widow's pension except she says in this application that her marriage to John Woodside occurred in October 1782 and that her name prior to her marriage was Jane Cochran; that her husband died in April 1793 and she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 25: The NC Comptroller gave an affidavit showing payments made to John Woodsides for Military services in the Revolutionary War. The affidavit also contains the following statement: "John Woodsides also appears as a drummer, in Captain Joseph Dickson's Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Rowan Militia, commanded by Colonel Griffith Rutherford, Expedition to Moore's Creek January & February 1776, and as having then served 34 days at 3/ £5.S2 specie (Old series No. 2., page 30)"]

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County }

On this the 24 day of February 1852, personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said County, John Cochran, who first being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following statement: that he is now eighty-eight years of age, that in the time of the revolutionary war he was well acquainted with John Woodside then a resident of the County of Cabarrus State aforesaid, & that his acquaintance with him continued until a short time preceding his death; that the said Woodside was a soldier in the war of the revolution, the greater part of the time during the war serving as a dragoon or light horseman:

that he served a portion of the time under Captain Simmons: that he was in the battle of Ramsour's Mill, at that time under the command of Captain John Dickey, as an infantry soldier: that he was a three months tour to Fayetteville as a footman under the command of Colonel Joseph Dickson, that he was in service as a light horseman in the State of South Carolina during the time the British Army was in that State, but under whose command this affiant has now forgot: that this affiant lived in less than a mile of said Woodside's residence in the time of the war, and knows that he was absent from home in the service more than two years during the war, serving as a horseman all the time except the two tours as footman above stated. Affiant further states that he is well acquainted with Jane Woodside of Cabarrus County, State of North Carolina, that she is the widow of the said John Woodside: that affiant was present at the wedding of said John & Jane, which took place in the home of Robert Cochran in the County of Rowan & the marriage rites were solemnized by one McCall, a Presbyterian minister, in the month of October 1781.

S/ John Cochran

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Cochran". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County, John Cochran, being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following statement: that in addition to the facts heretofore sworn to by him in relation to the services of John Woodside in the Revolutionary war, he now recollects further; that he saw John Woodside in service as a light horseman under the command of Captain Dickson: that he has heard his father Robert Cochran who was a soldier of the revolution speak of the services of John Woodside & say that he Cochran was in Ensign in a company of infantry commanded by Captain Dickson and that said Woodside was a private in said company and that they served a tour to Fayetteville beyond that point (called Cross Creek at that time): that he knows that John Woodside served a tour of 10 months in a company of Cavalry in South Carolina, but under what officer he does not now recollect: that John Woodside being a blacksmith by trade made the sword which he wore whilst attached to the cavalry, and that this affiant made the scabbard for the said sword: that said Woodside served as a light horseman under the command of Captain Robeson in scouting parties during the time the British Army was in this region of Country and the Spring of the year 1781: that he recollects hearing soldiers of the revolution speak of John Woodside serving in South Carolina and of his being at Camden, whilst in service, he recollects to persons who related the above facts to wit, Gideon Thomson and David Kearney, both of whom are now deceased: the affiant further states that John Woodside was universally reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution during the war, and enjoyed that reputation up to the period of his death – he further states that the comrades of said Woodside in the war are now all deceased so far as he has any knowledge of the fact – that those who lived in this region of Country are dead.

S/ John Cochran

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50.01 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a private and drummer in the North Carolina militia.]