To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Solomon Wolford [sic]

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner enlisted as a Soldier during the late War, first in the Company of Capt. William McKee in the Spring of 1775 and continued in his Company at Point Pleasant [October 10, 1774]1 on the Ohio for upwards of one year, when he again enlisted with Capt. Andrew Wallis [Andrew Wallace] of the 12th Virginia Regiment and continued in his Company till a short time after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] when he was discharged at Winchester; and sometime after your Petitioner unfortunately lost his house by fire, whereby his discharge and other papers were consumed which circumstance together with his Indigent and uninformed situation in life, have hitherto prevented him from applying for the usual Compensation granted for Similar Services, supposing from the loss of his papers together with the death of his Capt. and the other Officers of his Company that he could not establish the Justice of his Claim. But being informed that Congress had opened a door for such unfortunate cases, made application to our Representative in Congress, who informed him that it was too late, that such demands supported by the usual clear evidence had been rejected, in consequence your Petitioner is left wholly remediless without the Interference of your Hon. body. Your Petitioner therefore prays that his case will not be thought unworthy [of] the consideration of your Hon. house, and that upon his proving by General Wood that the Services were actually rendered, and by the Auditor's Office that he has not received any Depreciation of his Pay that you will not think him unworthy to receive a like bounty which has been granted to his fellow sufferers in the Depreciation of five years and half pay of a faithful and painful although willing service. And he as in Duty bound will pray, &c

I have examined the Books in this Office and [one or more illegibly faint words] the said Solomon Wolford has ever received the Depreciation of his pay as a Soldier in the Continental line

Auditor's Office 18th of November '96

[illegibly faint signature]

1 The battle of Point Pleasant is not considered as having occurred during the course of the American revolutionary war.
Solomon Woolford's Petition
November 18, 96
Claims
Rejected
Report

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To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia
The Petition of Solomon Woolford
Respectfully Sheweth
That your petitioner Enlisted as a soldier During the late war, in the Company of Capt. William McKee in spring 1775, and continued in his Company at Point Pleasant on the Ohio for upwards of one year when he again enlisted with Capt. Andrew Wallis of the 12th Virginia Regiment and continued in his Company until a Short time after the Battle of Guilford when your petitioner was Discharged at Winchester, and so it was that sometime after he unfortunately lost his house by fire and of course his Discharge and other Papers were consumed, which circumstance, together with his Indigent and uninformed Situation in life, Did for a long time prevent him from applying for the usual Compensation granted for Similar Service. Supposing from the loss of his papers, with the Death of his Captain & subalterns, that he could not vouch for the Justice of his Claim, at last being informed that Congress had Opened a Door for such unfortunate cases, made Application to our Representative who told him he was too late that such Demands supported by the most Clear Evidence had been rejected in consequence your petitioner is left entirely remediless without the Interference of your Hon. body. Your petitioner therefore prays his Case may be taken under your Consideration and on his proving by Gov. Wood that the service was rendered and by your Auditor, that he has not Received pay to whom he begs to Refer. That you grant him that Important Justice that his fellow Sufferers have already received 2 wit the Depreciation of 5 ½ years pay, of a faithful and painful, although willing Service.
And your Petitioner as in Duty &c

I have examined the Books in this Office and cannot find that the within named Solomon Wolford [sic] has ever received the Depreciation of his pay as a Soldier in the Continental Line
S/ S. Shepard
Auditor's Office
11th of December 97

[Reverse]

Woolford's Petition
December 11th 1797
To Claims
Reasonable
(Reporting)
Power of attorney dated February 24, 1797 given by Solomon Woolford of Greenbriar County Virginia to John Hutchison to act in his behalf to draw the warrant for land due him as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line as proven by the affidavit of Gov. Wood signed Solomon Woolford

The within named Solomon Woolford served in the Regiment commanded by me – he was enlisted for three years, and I am Confident served that time. 13th of March 1797

S/ James Wood

[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia: indicate that the heirs of Solomon Woolford applied for sums due him in 1840 but there are no documents posted online regarding this claim. The summary of the documents posted online indicates that the application was made by John Woolford, an heir, and supported by an affidavit of Daniel Woolford but their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]