Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wooten S11892 & R11861 Susanna fn44GA Transcribed by Will Graves 5/16/10

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[fn p. 106¹]

State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this 19th day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of said County now sitting Thomas Wooten a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged ninety & one years who being 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: not long after the commencement of the Revolution the date not recollected he resided in the County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia and enlisted in Captain Leonard Marbury's² Company of Cavalry or horse for the term eighteen months which term of service he performed -- part of the time under the immediate command of Captain Marbury and a part under the command of Captain McIntosh who also commanded a company of Horse Samuel Stirk was first Lieutenant and John Torance [probably, John Torrence] second Lieutenant the service was performed in the lower part of the State of Georgia at Satilla and Saint Mary's [rivers] and on the Georgia frontiers between the State of Georgia & Florida against the Seminole Indians and one Daniel McGwirt [sic, Daniel McGirt] a Scotch Tories who had command of a company of Tories and Indians & Scotch. He further states that they had frequent engagements with said that McGirt this service he performed as a private having enlisted as above stated in the said company of Cavalry called into service by authority of the United States or the State or colony of Georgia he further states that when he had performed said service he received a written discharge from Captain Marbury which discharge is lost. He further states that he was frequently engaged after this as a volunteer and scouting parties on the frontiers against the Indians & Tories -- but was in no other regular campaign until in the month of February prior to the Siege of Augusta when he volunteered for a six months tour of duty in the company of Captain William Walker and was under the command of General Elijah Clarke he served at this time a tour of six months as a private and was at the siege of Augusta. He further states that during the above stated tours of duty performed in the service of the United States to wit the first tour of eighteen months and a tour of six months he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He further states that he was born in South Carolina on Pedee River and according

¹ The page numbers assigned by footnote.com are nonsensical

² Leonard Marbury W27446

to the statement of his mother to him with regard to his birthday he was born on the 10th of March in the year 1743. Has no record of his age being entirely illiterate. He states that he was living in Wilkes County State of Georgia when called into service he has lived in Georgia ever since except about five years when he lived in Alabama from whence he removed to the State of Georgia where he has lived ever since he now lives in DeKalb County in said State. He further states that the first time he was called into service he enlisted for the term of eighteen months as above stated -- the next term he volunteered. He was acquainted with General Clarke and Lee who commanded the dragoons at the Siege of Augusta his service was performed in the State of Georgia. He states that he never received any but one written discharge which was signed by Captain Marbury and has been lost. He states that he is acquainted with Luke Robinson, John Landers, John P. Carr, Thomas Richardson & Elijah New, who reside in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He further states that he does not know of any person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his Services. 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.

This declarant further states that he has been unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman there being no clergyman at Court with whom he is acquainted. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ Hiram Warner, Judge Superior Court S/ Thomas Wooten, X his mark

[Reuben Bishop and James Bonds gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia

These are to certify that Thomas Wooten was an inhabitant of this State prior to the Reduction thereof by the British Army, and was a Refugee from the same, during which time he cheerfully did his duty as a soldier and a friend of this and the United States.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of February 1784.

S/ Elijah Clarke, Colonel

By his order, Lieutenant Freeman

[fn p. 402]

State of Georgia

This is to certify that Lieutenant Thomas Wooten hath steadfastly done his duty from the time of passing an Act at Augusta [paper torn, word or more missing] on the 20th of August 1781, until the total Expulsion of the British from this State; and that said Lieutenant Thomas Wooten cannot, to my knowledge or belief, the convicted of plundering or distressing the Country; and is therefore under the said Act, entitled to a bounty of two hundred fifty acres of good Land, free from taxes for 10 years.

Given under my hand at Savannah on the 2nd day of February 1784

S/ Elijah Clarke, Colonel

By his order H. Freedman

[fn p. 74: On November 23, 1846 in DeKalb County Georgia, Susannah Wooten, 103 years old last past filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Wooten, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married Thomas Wooten on or about the year

1787 day & month not recollected in Franklin County Georgia; that they were married by one Esquire Chandler; that her husband died February 28 1839; that she remains his widow

[fn p. 36: on January 25, 1853, in DeKalb County Georgia, J M Robinson and William H. Braswell gave testimony that they knew Thomas Wooten, a revolutionary soldier; that he died sometime in 1839 survived by a widow named Susannah Wooten and 2 children by the name Joseph Wooten and Nancy Bishop; that Susannah Wooten the widow died on August 17 1850 survived by said 2 children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 46 months service in the revolution and ended on February 28, 1839.]