Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jordon (Jourdan) Woodward (Woodard) S7972 f19NC Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 7/5/17

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State of North Carolina, Anson County: October Sessions 1832

On this 10th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Jourdan Woodard [sic], a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years a Soldier of the Revolution who having been 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.

I entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

I was drafted in the County of Wilkes State of North Carolina in August 1780 – for three months under Captain Joseph Johnson – in the Regiment Commanded by Colonels Hart and Collier [John Collier] – in General Butler's [John Butler's] Brigade and was marched to join General Gates [Horatio Gates] and on our way at Cole's Mills – Richmond County North Carolina we received the news of General Gates defeat at Camden South Carolina [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. We then retreated to Hillsboro North Carolina from thence to Salisbury. Served three months and was discharged by Captain Joseph Johnson in November 1780 – at Pittsboro Chatham County North Carolina.

I was again drafted in the County of Wake State of North Carolina in June 1781 under Captain Blake [Benjamin Blake] General Butler's Brigade – for three months – during the greater part of this Tour I was on the Guard – who defended the Legislative Assembly – who had been forced to leave Hillsborough in Orange County North Carolina and retired to the House of a Mr. Lane in the County of Wake – where they met & held their deliberations. Served three months and was discharged in September or October 1781 by Captain Hillsman [Janus Hillsman] having served during the two tours six months in all. I have lost all my discharges and have no other documentary evidence – nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to Testify to my Services.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity – except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State whatsoever.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jordon Woodward

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the State of North Carolina on the 13th day of February 1760 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: There was a family Record of my age kept by my father but, I know not where it is now --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in the County of Wake North Carolina when called into service both times – I continued to live in the County of Wake after the Revolutionary War until the year 1802 when I removed to the County of Anson State of North Carolina – where have continued to live ever since and where I now live --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was drafted at both times

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I was with no regular Troops, the Militia officers & regiments or particularly set forth in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received a discharge for my first Term of Service from Captain Joseph Johnson and is lost – I received a discharge for my second Tour of Service from Captain Hillsman – which is also lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: The Rev. John Culpepper and William A. Morris Esq. all well acquainted with me.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jordon Woodward

[John Culpepper, a clergyman resident of Montgomery County North Carolina, and William A. Morris, of Anson County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]