

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Woodard W2506

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Green County now sitting, George Woodard a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 71 years June last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832. he states that he entered the service of the United States in Bedford County Virginia and he thinks in the year 1776. that he enlisted under captain John Robison for 3 months; that he was employed by Capt. John Robison in driving pack horses laden with provision for the army, that after he served about 2 months Captain Robison sent him Back to the neighborhood from which he started with some horses whose loads had been consumed by the army, and that he was discharged by parol from further service by capt. John Robison the s'd George Woodard further states that he again entered the service in Bedford County Virginia and he thinks in the year 1777, that he entered the service as a substitute for William Woodard who had been drafted for 3 months and that as a substitute he entered into the service under the command of Capt. Nathaniel Tate, and that he does not recollect the higher officers then in command; that he marched under Capt. Tate from Bedford County Virginia to Saulsberry [sic: Salisbury] in North Carolina, and that there he the s'd George Woodard was taken sick and put into the hospital and that he remained in the hospital until his term of 3 months expired, and that he was then discharged but that s'd discharge is now lost. The sd George Woodard further states that he again entered the service in Bedford County Virginia and he thinks in the year 1778 [sic: 1780] that he was drafted for 3 months and entered into service under Capt. Clemens [possibly Clement or Clements] and Maj [John] Ward that he marched under s'd commanders from Bedford County Virginia on as far as Deep River in North Carlina, and that he and the troops with whom he marched were destined to reinforce General [Horatio] Gates, but when they arrived at deep River the news of General Gates' defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] arrived, in consequence of which they were marched to hillsborough in North Carolina and was there stationed near two months; that provisions became so scarce and and the suffering of the men for the want of provision so great, that he with the rest of the soldiers stationed at Hillsborough after remaining there near 2 months as aforesaid, grounded their arms and returned home, contrary to orders, in consequence of which they were returned for 8 months, and that he the s'd George Woodard entered into service under Capt. John Graves [of Culpeper County VA Militia] under General Green [sic: Nathaniel Greene], and that he served out the 8 months and was in the battle of NinetySix [sic: Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], that he was discharged by capt graves but that old discharge is lost, he states that he has no documentary evidence of his service. he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

George hisXmark Woodard

NOTE: On 4 Sep 1848 Charlotte Woodard, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married George Woodard in Botetourt County VA on 16 May 1794, and in about 1800 they moved to Green County KY, where he died on 19 May 1847. With her application is a copy of the record of marriage of George Woodard and Charlotte Mourn by Rev. Henry Van Over. On 16 May 1855 she applied for bounty land, witnessed by Matilda Phillips and Miss America T. Woodard.