

Woodcock transcription

The following items are transcriptions of copies of the
pension records of
Jonathan Woodcock
B. 21 Jul 1729
D. 24 Oct 1819

The transcriber was not always able to decipher the writing and
has indicated questionable areas with either “?” or “xxx”.
Signatures are indicated with //s// prior to the name.

Cover of File reads:

Mass,	Woodcock, Jonathan	W19652
	Caroline	

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Massachusetts

Jonathan Woodcock
of Attleborough in the State of Massachusetts
who was a private in the regiment commanded by
Colonel Read of the Massachusetts
line, for the term of one year.

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Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on
the 11th of April 1818.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 7th of June 1819
and sent to James Ware Esq
Wrentham Massachusetts

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Arrears to 4 th of Mar 1819 10 ⁹⁶ xxx	\$86.36
Semi-anl. all'ce ending 4 th Sept 1819:	\$48.00
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	\$134.36
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Revolutionary Claim
Act 18th March, 1818

I, Jonathan Woodcock a citizen of the United States resident in Attleborough in the County of Bristol & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on oath declare, that I served on Capt. Caleb Richardson Company at Roxbury in Col. Walker Regt eight months at the expiration of that time I enlisted into Capt Moses Knapps Company in Col. Jos. Read Regt of Mass. line for one year. I served in said company and Regt. in N York, N. Jersey & Pennsylvania till the expiration of said time and was discharged at N. Jersey but rec'd no certificate thereof I then engaged/ ?? wages ?? /sic weeks longer in Capt Ponds Company in the same Regiment at the expiration of which I received a discharge not in writing.

I further state that on account of ?? misfortunes I am now in reduced circumstances xxxxx assistance of my County for support

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk April 11 1813

Before me one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the So. Circuit personally appears Jonathan Woodcock resident in P. Circuit who being cautioned on his oath made the foregoing declaration by him signed in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled. "An Oath to provide for certain freeman engaged in the land & naval service of the M. ?? in the Revolutionary War.

And I the said judge to certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Jonathan Woodcock did serve in the revolutionary for time of nine months or more against the common enemy. And I now under said transmits(?) the proceedings and testimony taken & heard before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to directions of said Act of Congress

James Ware Judge of the Circuit Court of Comm Pleas from So Circuit

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Massachusetts
Caroline Woodcock
widow of Jonathan Woodcock
who was a Private
in the Mass Line
for 1 year 9 mo. & 15 days

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Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
71 dollars & 67
Cents per annum to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1843.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 27th day of July, 1843
and sent to

A. Bassett
Taunton
Mass

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[Act of March 3, 1843.]
Recorded in Book A
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Bristol

On this fourth day of September A1838 formally appears before Oliver Prescott Esquire Judge of the Courts of probate for the said County of Bristol at ?? court this day ??? within and for said County Caroline Woodcock, a resident in Attleborough with said County of Bristol aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law ?? her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of July A 1838 ?? an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows – that she is the widow of Jonathan Woodcock late of said Attleborough deceased who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution. That he was placed on the purse on list roll of the Massachusetts Agency at the rate of eight dollars ? month under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818. That the said Jonathan Woodcock was in the Service at a number of different times to the amount as she has often heard him in his lifetime say and as she verily believes in the whole at least the years. Viz He first enlisted and served as a private at Roxbury and after other places near Boston from July 1775 to April 1776 eight months as appears by a journal which he kept of ?? events as they occurred from time to time for the whole of said period that at the close of the said time in April he enlisted for one year to go to the assistance to the State of New York that he arrived on the 5th day of April from Providence with others as appears by his journal through(?) Johnson ?? Plainfield and other Towns to Norwich in Connecticut State and from there?? they sailed by water to New York and arrived there the 17th of the same month that frame ?? went to the ?? army and Served when ever he was ordered that ?? was in the battles at Trenton and Jamestown and she believes in the battle at Brandywine but is not certain that at the end of the term for which he enlisted he received a written discharge which She has often seen in his lifetime but has not seen at? since his death. She thinks it was Sent on to the war office at Washington when he made application for his pension In 1818. That after he returned from the west in 1777 he was out in Several campaigns In and about the State of Rhode island in Tibertown Fall River and on the Island but She has no means of knowing the precise times as the officers he served under excepting She well remembers that in one of those campaigns She has often heard him say he was in Col. John Daggets Regiment & was the Col's waiter(?) there was a great number of our townsmen there with him but they are all dead and She knows of no man now living that was out in the Service with him in any of the campaigns unless(?) it be Capt Nathaniel Robinson who if living is very aged & has long since

removed to a great distance in to the State of Vermont that She has no means of proving who his officers were and although She has often heard him tell in conversation with his neighbors who was with him in the Service not feeling at the time that it would be of any importance. She did not charge? her mind with it since she cannot now recall it excepting one of them. She often heard him tell of Serving under Capt Pratt, who He often spoke of as a very good officer She thinks he was under him at the west in his years Service ~

She further declares that She was married to the said Jonathan Woodcock on the Sixth day of November A 1780 And that her husband the said Jonathan Woodcock died on the twenty fourth day of October A 1819 That She was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 Viz at the time above Stated.

//s//Carolyn Woodcock

Sworn to & subscribed on this day and year above written Before me

//s//Oliver Prescott

Attleboro Aug p9, 1838

Sir

Mr. Jonathan Woodcock and Mrs. Caroline Freeman both of Attleborough after lawful publication were joined together in marriage Nov sixth one thousand seven hundred & eighty by Mr. Elisha Carpenter Elder of the South Baptist Church in said town.

I Moses Wilmarth certify that the above is a true copy of the record with the exception of the date which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures as follows.

Mr. Jonathan Woodcock and Mrs. Caroline Freeman both of Attleboro after the lawful publication were joined together in marriage Nov. 6 – 1780 by Elisha Carpenter Elder of the south Baptist Church in said town.

I Moses Wilmarth above named depose and say that I hold the office of Clerk of the Town of Attleboro County of Bristol State of Massachusetts & that the above is a true extract from the Record of said Town with the exception above named as certified by me.

//s//Moses Wilmarth Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Bristol

August 31st 1838

Sworn and Subscribed by the Said Moses Wilarth before me.

//s//Noah Laflin(?) Justice of the Peace