

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to James Woods VAS5067
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The deposition of Joseph Reyburn of Washington County in the State of Missouri taken before me George Masters a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Washington and State of Missouri this the 26th day of Dec'r. 1831. This deponant the s'd Joseph Reyburn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with James Woods of Botataut [sic: Botetourt] County in the State of Virginia before and during the Revelutionary War, and at that time he the s'd Woods held a Captains Commission which Commission, he is very certain he the said James Woods held more than three years from the commencement of the war, that he recollects that the the s'd Woods was in command at the time the Battle was fought at Guilford in the State of North Carrolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], and that this deponant was at that time an officer in the Company Comanded by said Woods, and that the company was (if not in the action) in the neighbourhood of said action, but that this deponant who then held an Ensigns commission in said Company was unable to march in consequence of a cut he had received on the ankle and that both this deponant as well as Capt James Woods belonged to what was then called the Virginia State line, and this deponant further states that he is of the belief that the s'd Capt Woods continued as Capt untill Aug't 1781 at which time he the said deponant was promoted by the resignation of said Woods. In witness whereof he the said deponant hath hereunto affixt his hand & seal this the day
& date above written



Jan'y 26 1833. Rejected J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

NOTE: Joseph Reyburn may have been the "Joseph Reaburn" said to have been promoted to second Lieutenant on 12 July 1781 in the Botetourt County Militia, not the state troops, according to J. T. McAllister's *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1989).