

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Wood R11791

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On this 22nd day of April 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Buncombe now sitting – John Wood a resident of Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy four years who being first 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. But for the want of education and from old age the declarant cannot come to precise dates. But he deposeth and saith that in the month of May 1781 he entered the service in Capt. Walker Company of Horse Men in Prince Edward County Virginia as a substitute for Benj. Overton and marched immediately to Old Scotch Town [present Scotchtown in Hanover County], where the very next morning Tarlton troops [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] came on the declarants party and they had to shift about and keep out of his reach (not being able to give him battle,) mostly in the counties of Buckingham Hanover and Cumberland and when getting down near Richmond Va. Col. White with his troop of Horse fell in with Walker and all hit at Tarlton immediately and at the end of the Town had a sevier[?] brush with the enemy where the declarant was wounded himself: Tarlton, being compeled to leave Richmond and the declarants term of two months being expired he returned home, and in August he again entered in Capt Allens Company of Infantry and marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and found Genl. [Robert] Lawson. this declarant got a furlow to return home to get some clothes and while at home he met with his old friend James Brook [James Brooks, pension application R1258] in another company commanded by Capt. Cunningham. he then fell into this company and marched back to Williamsburgh where he again found his own company and after his tour which was two months had expired he enlisted for during the War in what they called the Virginia State Legion under Capt. Peter Randolph & Maj. Jones who was the recruiting officers and order to meet at Appomattox River in Virginia where there was General Everett Meed [sic: Everard Meade] and their age hight and complection taken an account of: And was under the command of Meed when Cornwallis surrendered at little york [19 Oct 1781] and at the expiration of two months was discharged by Order of Genl. Meed, making in all fourteen months in actual service as a private.

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.

Sworn and subscribed in Open court the day and year aforesaid. John hisXmark Wood

State of North Carolina }

Buncombe County }

The declaration of John Wood taken on oath before me John Thrash a Justice of the peace for said county who sayeth that: he substituted as a soldier in the milliatia service in the war of the revolution in his fathers stead John Wood Snr under Capt. Thomas More [sic: Thomas Moore] and under Colonel Beverly Randle [sic: Beverley Randolph W4774] and was then a citizen of Amelia County, Virginia and served a tower of two months.

the second tower he substituted in the place of Benjamin Oten under Capt Walker under Col. Call for a short space of time and there was under Col. [Alexander] Dick and ended the tower under Col. White and Maj Simps and was wounded in the city of Richmond Virginia and served a two months tower in the light horse services he further states he was Drafted on the 5th day of May 1775[?] he believes, under Capt. Charles Allen of Prince Edward County Virginia with a Corpse of two hundred men under Col. Randle Majors [John] Holcombe and Watkins and Benone Overstreet [Benoni Overstreet] and served a two months tower making in all six months as a millitia man then he states he listed before he went home

in the Virginia State legion under General Everett Mead and was furloughed to go home under half pay or four dollars per month and staid at home about two months and then rendesvoused at goods Bridge [sic: Goode's Bridge on Appomattox River at present Goode's Crossing] and was there about one week and then went home subject to the call of the Commanding general but was finally dismissed without being called any more into service

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th day of Feb. 1845

John Thrash JP

John hisXmark Wood

John R. Glaving

State of North Carolina }

County of Buncombe } SS

On this the 1st day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county Jeremiah Rich, the Administrator on the Claim for a pension of John Wood deceased, and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th day of June 1832, (for the heirs of said, John Wood.

That the following is a true copy of the declaration made out and sworn to by said John Wood in his lifetime, viz: That he was a private in Captain Thomas More's company and in the Regiment under Col Beverly Randle, and that he substituted for his father John Wood Sen, and was then a citizen of Amelia County & State of Virginia, and entered for a two months tower which term he served out in full. The second tower he substituted in the place of one Benjamin Oten under Captain Walker and Captain Hall for a short space of time, and was then under Col. Dick and ended the tower under Col White, and Maj. Semps, and was wounded in the City of Richmond Virginia, and served out a tower of two months in the light horse service.

He further states he was drafted on the 6th day of May AD 177 , [last digit left blank] he believes under Capt Charles Allen of Prince Edward Co Va with a Corps of two hundred men under Col Randle, Majors Holcomb and Watkins and Benin Overstreet, and served a two months touer making in all full six months as a Malitiaman. Then he states that he enlisted before he went home, in the Virginia State legion under Gen Everett Mead and was furloughed to go home under half pay or four dollars per month and staid at home about two months – then rendezvoused at Good's Bridge and was there about one week, and then went home subject to the call of the commanding General, but was finally dismissed without being called any more into service." That this declaration was sworn to by John Wood before John Thrash J.P. on the 24th day of February 1845 and duly signed by said John Wood, who was then a citizen of Buncombe County North Carolina. Declarant further states that said John Wood left no widow at his death, she having died before him, and that said John Wood left at his death the following children who are now scattered to a great distance and were living the last heard from them, viz John Wood, Tobig McKinish & Jane Moss and that he Jeremiah Rich the Administrator in this case was requested and authorized by them to take proper steps to procure the Pension money due said heirs. Declarant further states, that he knows nothing of John Wood's discharge pass ports or any other kind of papers relating to his Pension claim and that if he had any at his death he has never heard of them, and that he was well acquainted with said John Wood He further states that John Wood Jr who is the only son of John Wood (the soldier mentioned in this case) being near this place is the heir who employed him (the Administrator) to prosecute this claim, he himself being a man quite deficient in intelect and scarcly competent to transact his own business. He further states that John Wood died on or about the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty five. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Jeremiah Rich Adms

J. B. Sawyer JP