

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wood (Woods) R11792

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1832

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting for said County John Wood, a resident of Hawkins County aged about sixty-nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the spring of 1780 or 1781 which of the two he does not now recollect however it was the spring previous to the siege of Ninety Six which he believes was in the latter of the spring or summer. That he was a citizen of Surry County North Carolina when he enlisted and enlisted in said County for the term of twelve months under Captain Armstrong and was marched to Salisbury North Carolina where his said Captain William Armstrong was taken sick and he was placed under Captain Pervance [sic, Purviance?] & Majr. McCree [sic, Griffith John McRee or McRae?] and was marched from thence to Ninety Six after having remained at Salisbury some weeks. He states that at Ninety Six he joined the Army under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and remained there some weeks previous to the siege of that place when the British were reinforced by the Army under the command of Lord Raddon [sic, Rawdon], the American Army under General Green then retreated back to the Eutaw Springs as he understood which fact he does not know of his own knowledge inasmuch as he was sent to guard some British prisoners to Salisbury which prisoners were with General Greene at Ninety Six when he joined the Army at that place. He states that after having taken the prisoners to Salisbury 150 in number he was marched and joined General Green's Army at the Eutaw Springs where he remained sometime when he was sent to attend on Captain Armstrong the Captain under whom he enlisted & who had not yet recovered his health. He the said Captain was yet in Salisbury where he was first taken sick this applicant states that he remained with him in Salisbury some time & was then taken in a wagon to where the said Captain had a brother living in Surry County North Carolina where this applicant remained with him until the term of his Enlistment had expired some months. He thinks not less than three months when he was discharged by the said

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Captain Armstrong in Surry County North Carolina after having served at least fifteen months, he states that he sold his discharge some years after the said war to Jacob McCraw of Salisbury County North Carolina for some small amount McCraw believing that on my discharge he could get two hundred acres of land from the United States as that was a part of the bounty promised when this applicant Enlisted. He states that he moved from Surry County North Carolina to Hawkins County Tennessee near forty years since and has been living in said County ever since. He states he does not recollect the number of the Regiment he states that General Pickens commanded the Cavalry under General Green.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and he 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

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D Clk

S/ John Wood, X his mark

[fn p. 196: John Wheeler and Thomas Hale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: SS

On this 5th day of March 1844 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful County Court Mr. John Woods a resident in the County aforesaid aged eighty-two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution in April 1781 in the Continental line in the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina for the term of twelve months under the following named officers Captain William Armstrong and Colonel McCrea. Marched from Surry County to Saulsburg [sic, Salisbury] from there to Ninety Six and was at the siege and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. Marched back to Salisbury to guard the prisoners taken at Augusta and then discharged after serving out his time of twelve months. He further declares that he received his discharge from Captain William Armstrong and lost it. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ John Woods, X his mark

[James Charles and Lazarus Spears gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared in open court James Charles a resident citizen of Hawkins County and after being duly sworn states that he was well acquainted with William Armstrong the Captain under whom the said John Woods enlisted as stated in the foregoing declaration – that said Captain Armstrong told him in his lifetime that said John Woods waited on him when he was wounded and was an honest faithful soldier. Sworn to in open court the 5th of March 1844

S/ James Charles

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Raleigh North Carolina Office of Secretary of State may 6, 1844

Sir

Your favor of the 2nd instant was received this morning. I have carefully examined the muster rolls in this Office, and find there were three John Woods in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war for twelve months in 1781. One under Captain Sharpe whose time was out 25th April 1782. He appears to have served out his time. One under Captain Rhodes whose time was out 1st April 1782. The other under Captain McRee deserted 13th of July 1781,

all of the 10th Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Shepard. Captain Griffith J. McRee was of the 6th Regiment in the early part of the war and was promoted to May 6th September 1781. There was a Captain Wm Armstrong who belonged to the 1st Regiment. He may have enlisted John Wood who was placed after enlistment in the 10th Regiment, as all the 9, 12 & 18 months men, drafts etc. were placed in the 10th Regiment.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant  
S/ Wm Hill

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Commissioner of Pensions  
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