

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Wood R11793

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State of Virginia            } To Wit  
County of Isle of Wight } }

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the Court of Isle of Wight county now sitting Johnathan Wood, Free negroe, a resident of the county of Isle of Wight and state of Virginia aged Eighty 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States a drafted Militiaman in the year 1776 and served six tours, six weeks each. To wit, Two tours under the command of Capt James Johnson, one under Capt. Saunders, one under Capt William Gay, one under David Herrin and one other, but cannot recollect the commander neither can he recollect the particular periods, But was in the time of his service at Burwell Bay, Smithfield, Portsmouth, Jericho, Shoulders hill [the last two in present Suffolk City], and left the service after the siege at York [19 Oct 1781]. That he has no documentary evidence, that Capt James Johnson whose evidence he can procure will certify to his service.

The following questions were asked him by the Court.

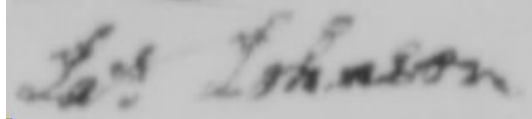
- 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born  
I was born in Maryland in the year 1750.
2. Have you any record of your age  
I have none
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live  
I was living in Surry county when I was called into service and have lived in Isle of Wight county ever since.
- 4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute  
I was drafted
- 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service  
I do not recollect any other than I have mentioned except Col. Josiah Parker and Searsbook Wills.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service  
No other than I was told by the commanding officer, that I was discharged
- 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Robert Gibbs James Johnson [pension application S15904]

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 any state.                      Jonathan hisXmark Wood

I James Johnson of the county of Isle of Wight and state of Virginia, being eighty seven years old, having been a Capt. of Militia in the Revolutionary War and now a pensioner under the act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 do hereby certify that Johnathan Wood Fn. served under me two tours of duty of six weeks each, that the said Wood was a good and faithful soldier, that he was at Shoulders hill and Jericho in the county of Nansemond Virginia and also probably at other places in the neighbouring counties, where the Militia was in the habit of being stationed under Col. Josiah Parker and Searsbook Wills. I have been well acquainted with the said Wood up to the present time and believe that his declaration respecting his

revolutionary services are entitled to belief and confidence.  
[James Johnson] Senn



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On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January eighteen hundred and thirty five personally appeared before us Jordan Parr & John P Thomas justices of the peace for the county of Isleofwight and state of Virginia Johnathan Wood Fn of the county and state aforesaid and on his oath made this additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> eighteen hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United states in the year 1776 and was regularly drafted as a Militiaman and served six tours six weeks each being drafted on each occasion, that he performed these tours regularly when required according to his turns and he therefore thinks he must have served a tour in each of the years to Wit 1776 – 77 – 78 – 79 – 80 & 81 he may however have served two tours in the same year as the service was somewhat irregular according as necessity required, when any danger was apprehended from the British; he bore arms as a common soldier a part of the time and at other times acted as a servant for the Officers at Burwell Bay & Smithfield Isleofwight Cty. Va. at Portsmouth Norfolk Cty. Va. Jericho & Shoulders hill N.C. [possibly abbreviation for old Nansemond County] Va. he was called out on several other occasions and served a few days at each time

Jonathan hisXmark Wood

[The justices of the peace attested that Jonathan Wood was too infirm to attend court.]

Smithfield/ Isle of Wight County/ Virginia

Sir, A poor widow in the County has called to see me in reference to her claim under Jonathan Wood, who was a soldier I suppose in the War of the Revolution, and whose claim was filed some years ago and has been suspended in the pension office, and now remains on the rejected or suspended list. An agent wholly unknown to her has written in November last, that the claim was good, and if attended to could be obtained. she is uninformed as to the character of the gentleman who proposes to present it, & moreover does not see the necessity of giving a large share of a claim upon the U. States for its services to an agent. she relies confidently upon the department as just and liberal, and desires me to write & ascertain why the claim has been suspended – The objections to its allowance so that if more can properly be done to speed its recovery, she shall be able to effect it. If I can know the objections, it is possible she may be removed. I have no interest in a pecuniary way in the matter and wish to render her a service. Jonathan Wood is dead, and I suppose died since the papers were filed. I suppose his widow or children are entitled. If not inconsistent with the duties of the department, I will be glad to know the various provisions of the law under which such claims are allowed, so that I may render her some service. I cannot think it is the duty or inclination of your department to withhold from widows and heirs such information as will compel them to resort to agents who are unknown or to them or one in whose hands the matter may not be safe. I [several illegible words] to hear from you.

Very truly yours &c.

Arch'd. Atkinson

May 6, 1853

NOTE: Jonathan Wood's application was rejected with the "explanation" that he "Did not serve six months." His widow was entitled to a pension only if he had been.