

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Wood R11809
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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this the seventh day of September 1846 personally appeared William Wood in open Court before the Court of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee now sitting; the said William Wood a resident of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee aged 83 years and six months 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 & other acts that the facts as his case may meet.

That he was drafted into the Service of the United States of America in the month of August 1780, in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia; and the Company of Captain James Grissum alias Griscomb, under his said Captain he marched from his said County of Amherst and State of Virginia to the County of Union or Spartanburg South Carolina where he with the said Captain & Company joined the Army under the Command of General Morgan and was put in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Gains in the line of the State of Virginia – that he continued in the said Service in said Corps and was in the battle of the Cowpens fought on the 17th day of January 1781 by Morgan and Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] & continued in the same until the expiration of the six months for which he was drafted, when he immediately enlisted in the same Company and under the same Captain for and during the Continuance of the War.

Declarant the said William Wood further states that he continued to Serve in the said Corps and was in the battle of Guilford fought on the 15th day of March 1781, that he continued in the said Service as aforesaid, and marched through Carolina into Virginia to Yorktown and was in the Siege of York town and at the Surrender of Cornwallis to Washington on the 19th day of October 1781 – that he remained at Yorktown to Guard the Prisoners until discharged in the Spring of 1782; the exact date of which discharge and by whom Signed, he does not now recollect; having lost it by in the accidental burning of his house and furniture about 50 years since in the State of South Carolina, that he is altogether illiterate and never could read writing in Consequence of which he was the more liable to forget during the lapse of so long a time of the date of his said discharge, he thinks he was discharged in the month of April 1782 as he knows the Spring had come in and the weather was getting quite warm at the time of his discharge. Declarant further states that he has not applied until now for a Pension, for the reason that he supposed he could not make out his case having lost his Certificate of discharge as before shown and having emigrated to Tennessee where he could find nor hear of anyone by whom he could prove the fact of his Service in the Revolutionary Army, -- that he emigrated to the County of Smith and State of Tennessee 40 years ago where he continued to live until the Spring of this year (1846); he moved to this County of Sumner and State aforesaid, his present residence and in July last heard of one John Hill who had Served in the time in the Army of the Revolution and by whom he

knew he could prove the fact of his Service, -- that he is personally known to many of the Most respectable Citizens of the County of Smith and who will if necessary testify to his Character, viz Colonel William Martin one of the old officers during the Creek and other Indian Wars, Major David Burford, David Hogg & Coleman Cornwell Esq., Colonel A. Overton of Carthage & Judge Abram Caruthers & others.

That his name is not found on the Pension list or roll in any State in these United States and has never been on any pension list whatever – that he hereby relinquishes all & every Claim to whatever to any pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Ct. September 7, 1846.

S/ Wm S. Munday, Clerk
of Sumner County Court

S/ William Wood, X his mark

[Flemming Thurman, Thomas White and John Chambers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
State of Tennessee, Sumner County

John Hill¹ aged 87 years was this day September 7th, 1846 called into open Court to wit the County Court of Sumner County now sitting and by the Chairman of said Court to wit Elijah Baldwin [?] after having Sworn him the said Hill on the Evangelist of Almighty God, to speak the truth and whole truth touching his knowledge of the Service of William Wood the Same who has subscribed the foregoing declaration and application for a Pension, on his oath deposes as follows, that he is personally and well acquainted with William Wood the same whose name is appended to the foregoing declaration, that he knew him in the Army and saw him at Guilford after the battle he was wounded in the shoulder – that they Continued together through the march though [word obliterated] in the same Companies, that they were discharged at Yor [balance of line obliterated] town, -- that he never saw him until July last they [balance of line obliterated] ...cidentally met at Latham's horse [?] mill & this deponent Sumner Cou..[balance of line obliterated] and is positive that he is the same man & this deponent [balance of line obliterated] his own knowledge knows that the said William Wood Served in the Army of the Revolution as stated in his before mentioned declaration which I have had read.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court seventh of September 1846.

S/ Wm. S. Munday, Clerk

S/ John Hill, X his mark

The Court by its Chairman then in open Court propounded to said William Wood who assigned [sic] the foregoing declaration for following Questions

Question 1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Amherst & State of Virginia in the year 1762.

Question 2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans: I have none.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: Soon after I was discharged I went to South Carolina where I resided a number of years, the number I do not now know, I then moved to Smith County, Tennessee where I lived until 1846, I moved to Sumner County & State of Tennessee where I now live.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans: I was drafted for six months, at the end of which time, I enlisted for the balance of the war.

Question 5th 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.

¹ MIGHT be the same man as [John Hill S2615](#)

Ans: I knew General Greene, Morgan, Colonel Clarke, Colonel Mumsford, Colonel William Gains [could be Goins], I marched after being drafted from my County of Amherst & joined the Army in the edge of South Carolina, was at the Cowpens, then marched up to Guilford was in the battle of Guilford & from thence through Carolina to Yorktown.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans; I did & it was burned up in my house in South Carolina about 50 years ago.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: William Martin, David Burford, Jonathan Wiseman, Daniel Smith, the last two Preachers in the Baptist Church in which I am in regular standing, Also Risely Defracis [?], Fleming Thurmond & Thomas White.

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County: November Term 1847

This day appeared in open Court William Woods [sic] a citizen of said County and State and makes oath according to Law to the following Supplemental Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Provisions of an act passed June 7th 1832. He states that he first enlisted in the Revolutionary war either in Chatham or Guilford County North Carolina the name of his Captain was Grissum or Grizzard the name of his Colonel was William Gains. He was in the Battles of the Cowpens, Guilford and Yorktown. He thinks he served at least two years during the Revolution in Virginia and North Carolina he moved from North Carolina to Virginia and from Virginia to South Carolina and from the last state to Tennessee.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court. November 1st, 1847

S/ Wm. S. Munday, Clerk

S/ Wm Woods, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this 17th day of January 1848 personally appeared before Joseph Smith a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Wood a Citizen of the State of Tennessee and County of Sumner aged between eighty-six and seven years 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 the Seventh 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year about 1779 or 80, in Chatham County North Carolina under Captain not recollected – and served in the Militia Regiment of the North Carolina line, under the following named officers General Green [sic, Nathaniel Greene?] and Colonel Garnes [or Garris]. This affiant further states that he enlisted in Chatham County North Carolina at the County Site [sic, seat?] under Captain not recollected having no acquaintance with him previous to his enlistment – also the Captain was promoted soon after he joined the Army and he served four three months tours or more in that State – he was living with one of his Uncles in North Carolina, his Father having died. And only out of service two or three months before he returned to Amherst County Virginia, where he was born and raised. On returning to Virginia he then enlisted in Amherst County under Captain Grisham and the following officers, Battles, and time of Service in former declaration I made which you now have in your possession --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 – or only on that of the Agency of the State of ___

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written.

S/ Joseph Smith, JP

S/ Williams [sic] Wood, X his mark