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Pension Application of Solomon Wood S18668

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State of Virginia

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery held for Albemarle County 10th October, 1832.

On this 10th day of October, 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Honble. Lucas P. Thompson, Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for said County, now sitting, being a court of record; Solomon Wood, a resident of Albemarle County and State of Virginia, in which county he was born, aged Seventy five years the 2^d day of September last, 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 has a record of his age, in his bible at home – that he served three different tours of duty during the revolutionary war, as a Soldier in the Militia drafted from the County of Albemarle, where he was then residing, that he marched the first tour under Capt. Mark Leake from the place now known by the name of Harts Store – and from thence to Cabin Point in the lower part of Virginia [Surry County], and from thence to Petersburg where he was discharged. that he does not recollect the exact time that he served, but that it was the full Tour of either Two or three months. He recollects that the Lieutenant's name was James Garland. that he was afterwards again drafted & marched under Capt. Nelson Thompson from Charlottesville, and was marched through various counties of lower Virginia. The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colo. Reuben Lindsay – that the tour he thinks was also two or three months, he was discharged at the end of this Service at a place called Malvern hills [15 mi] below Richmond. that he was again drafted and Served a tour under Capt. Benj. Harris [Benjamin Harris, pension application W7664], and marched from the County of Albemarle to the lower part of the State, & was at the Siege of York Town when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – after which he marched to Nolands Ferry on the Potomac as a guard to the prisoners, where he was discharged, he does not recollect the length of time he served in this last tour, but believes that the whole time of service, during the three several tours was about nine months. Since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Albemarle. He received a written discharge when relieved from duty. He refers to William Black and Cornelius McFall [S5753] as to the fact of his service – and, also to Wm. Woods and James Kinsolving as to his veracity, & as to their belief in the tradition of his serving in the Revolutionary Army He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Solomon hisXmark Wood

Thereupon the following interrogatories were propounded to the said Solomon Wood by the Court.

1. Where and in what year were you born?
I was born in Albemarle County Va. in 1757 September 2^d.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
I have a record of my age, and it is in my bible at home.
3. Where were you living when called into Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
When called into Service I lived in Albemarle County Va. and have lived in said County ever since the revolution, where I now reside.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?
And if a substitute, for whom? I was drafted in all three occasions.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service?
James Garland was upon in one occasion my Lieut. & Reuben Lindsay Colo.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and, if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

I received a written discharge from Service, but don't now recollect by whom it was given. I have lost or mislaid it.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution? I refer to William Woods and James Kinsolving, who know me, and can testify to my character as to veracity, – and to William Black and Cornelius McFall as to my services – who are unable to attend court, from age and infirmity – and whose affidavits will be taken and certified to the war department.

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This day [16 Sep 1833] Cornelius McFall of the said County of Albemarle personally appeared before me Henry White a Justice of the peace for the said County, who being duly sworn doth upon his oath say, that he has been acquainted with Mr. Solomon Wood of this County for a great many years. And that he well knows that Solomon Wood served as a Soldier in the revolutionary War. That they were both drafted in the Militia, at the same time, and marched from this County together under Captain Mark Leake; and this deponent thinks that this was about the first Militia that was drafted from this County, of this fact however he is not positive. He thinks they were drafted for, and served three months.

And further this deponent saith not

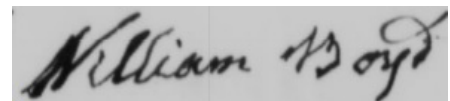
Cornelius hisXmark McFall

[On 18 Sep 1833 Wood made a similar application that adds the following:]

That he was again drafted for the last time in the Summer of 1781 and marched under Capt. Benjamin Harris from the County of Albemarle to neighbourhood of James Town, for he recollects being in a few miles of that place when an engagement took place between the American & British troops in the early part of July [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], and in the same action referred to in the affidavit of William Boyd [S8084], hereunto annexed, and marked No. 1. and prayed to be taken as a part this record. And this applicant further recollects that he remained in the service from that time to the Surrender of Cornwallace at Yorktown, and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Mathews.

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This day William Boyd of the County aforesd. personally appeared before me Henry White a Justice of the peace for said County, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That he has for a long time been acquainted with Mr. Solomon Wood of said County. His first acquaintance he thinks commenced at what is known by the barracks in this County, and their acquaintance has been intimate ever since. He well recollects being in the service, or Revolutionary War with Mr. Wood, and particularly recollects of their being at James Town together, where this deponent was in an engagement with the enemy, and David Wood a near relation of Mr. Sol. Wood was killed in the action. He met with Mr. Solomon Wood soon after the engagement, and informed him that his relation was killed near this deponent This engagement or battle was fought near Jamestown in the latter part [sic] of July 1781, About the time of the Siege of Yorktown this deponent was employed as a messenger conveying letters & news from post to post, so that he can not say positively whether Mr. S. Wood was in the battle of Yorktown or not, although he has no doubt of this fact as he has heard it so often from Mr. Wood himself Signed and Sworn to before me this 16th day of August 1833



Albemarle County, to wit

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace for said county, Solomon Wood, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory,

he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services: but, according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:

For three months, I served as a private, being the first tour for which I was drafted.

For three months, I served as a private, being the second tour for which I was drafted.

For three months, I served as a private, being the third tour for which I was drafted. And for such service

I claim a pension

The said Solomon Wood further deposeseth and saith, that it is not in his power, owing to age & the consequent loss of memory, as above stated, to set forth the periods of the war when he served in more definite terms than are already mentioned in his declaration. whilst he is almost certain & positive that he served not less than the periods above stated.

He recollects now the name of Col. Matthews under whom he served during the war, in addition to Col Lindsay mentioned in his Declaration.

William Black referred to in his declaration, along with Cornelius McFall, as witnesses of his service, has since departed this life. he now refers to wm Boyd, whose affidavit accompanies this.

Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1833 Henry White JP