

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Wood S32611

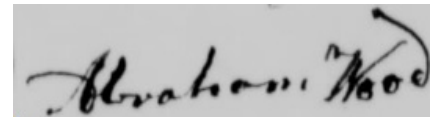
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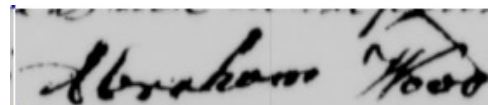
On this Twenty eighth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record to wit The Circuit court in and for the said county of Edgar Abraham Wood a resident of said county and State aged 79 years the 7 day of February last: Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he was draughted into the service of the militia in the State of North Carolina Rowan county in Captain John Johnsons company, Major Berrymans battalian Colonel Matthew Lockes Regiment commanded by general [Griffith] Rutherford & marched with 3,000 militia in the month of [blank] 177 against the Cherokee Indians under the officers aforesaid marching to the valley towns on Tennessee River and served the term of three months in said Campaign against said Cherokee Indians but received no written discharge. He states that at the time when Bryant [sic: Samuel Bryan] the tory Colonel came into Rowan county in the State of North Carolina he entered the State service of North Carolina as a minute man under Lieutenant James Chapman in Colonel Matthew Locke's Regiment and continued in service one month during which time he was in some skirmishing with the tories and in the battle which said Colonel Locke had with the tories under Bryant at the junction of Rock [possibly Rock Creek in Wilkes County] and Yadkin rivers. That he continued in said minute service in the North Carolina militia for nearly three years, in which time of service he was frequently engaged in skirmishes with the tory bands and in defending the country from tory depredations. He states that so continual and incessant were the calls by the officers of said minute men that he was almost wholly prevented from raising any crop for three successive seasons. He states that so urgent was the call for men in the army that he and 19 more hired a man and put him into the service on the continental Establishment for and during the war. He states that in all his services as minute man aforesaid he never marched without the limits of the State of North Carolina that he served as minute man as aforesaid for nearly three years but rec'd no written discharge, for said service. That he never served under any regular offi[cer] He also states that he was born in Frederick county in the State of Maryland the 7th day of February 1753 this he gives from a copy of the register of his age taken in the state of Maryland in Frederick county aforesaid. that except the Cherokee expedition he was never marched out of the state of North Carolina in the said terms of service that after the close of the war he returned to Frederick county in the State of Maryland and resided there about 10 years then moved to Woodford county in the state of Kentucky and about 6 years ago moved from said county of Woodford State of Kentucky into Edgar county and State of Illinois where he has resided ever since

He states that Matthew Rogers sen'r. labourer and John Holston clergyman in the Baptist church are known to him in his Neighbourhood can testify to his verocity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revoulution. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify of his service 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Wood". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Illinois }

Edgar County } Ss On this fourth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court being a court of record to wit The County Commissioners court for the county of Edgar & State aforesaid Abraham Wood a resident of said county & State aged 80 years the 7th day of February 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 provision of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. He states that he was born in Frederick county in the state of Maryland on the 7th February 1753. this his age he gives from a copy of the register in the said last mentioned county & State In which said County & state he was married on the 20th October 1774 and in 1775 moved to the state of North Carolina & settled in the forks of Yadkin river in Rowan county in said State. That in the month of July 1777 he was drafted for three months as a private militia man in the state service of North Carolina and put in Captain John Johnsons company in Major — Berringers battalian in Colonel Matthew Locks Regiment in Gen'l. — Rutherfords Brigade and was immediately marched against the Cherokee Indians under the officers aforesaid and in said corps called into service by competent authority he served his full term of 3 months as a private as aforesaid in the field and was not during said term engaged in any civil pursuit said service being rendered in the State of North Carolina & part in South Carolina for which said service he received no written discharge He states that at the time that Bryant the Tory Colonel came into Rowan County in the said State of North Carolina he as a volunteer entered the State service as a private minute man in said county & state under Lietenant James Chapman in Colonel Matthew Lock's Regiment and immediately pursued Bryant & his tories down to the mouth of Rocky river [on Pee Dee River] at Colsels (or Colson's) and there a battle ensued [Skirmish at Colson's Mill, 21 Jul 1780] in which many of the tories were slain & wounded and the balance fled from us and 5 days after had a skirmish with some other tories at Mass' [sic: Mask's] ferry of Peedee and in our ranging & scouring the State & parts aforesaid captured several tories and having continued in said service one month & a few days in the field and was not engaged in any civil pursuit during said term in said corps called into service by competent authority He states that he continued as a private minute man in the service as last above stated for upwards of two years and was frequently & occasionally during the balance of said term of upwards of two years after the one months service last stated called into service by the competent authority and joined said corps as aforesaid being sometimes called into service by Capt John Johnson afs'd & James Chapman aforesaid & sometimes by John Rutledge Ensign and under said calls was frequently engaged in skirmishes with the tories, but the precise time & length of each call as last aforesaid stated he doth not now recollect, but is positive that the whole of his services rendered as a minute man afs'd after the said one months tour [illegible word] as aforesaid amounted to two months & more but cannot now tell how much more and that during the said last service of two months & more being called out by compent authority he did serve as a private & minute as aforesaid said term of 2 months & more & during such term of service was not engaged in any civil pursuit That except in the Cherokee expedition he never was while in the service without the limits of the state of North Carolina. That after the close of the war he moved back to the county of Frederick in the state of Maryland and after about 10 years moved to Woodford county in the state of Kentucky, and six years after moved to Edgar county in the state of Illinois where he now resides He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He states that Will J Mayo Clergyman & Willis Doghertee [Willis Daugherty] labourer of Edgar county & State of Illinois are persons to whom he is known in his neighbourhood who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier in the revolution He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

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