

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Obadiah Wood S32613

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State of Tennessee } SS On this 29th day of August 1832
Anderson County } Personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of
the Circuit Judges of law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee and for the Second
Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting in and for said County, Obadiah Wood a resident
of the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee aged seventy three 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 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the
United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He lived in Wake County North Carolina at which place he was drafted for three months
the first of August 1780 under Capt. Lewis Bletcher [sic: Lewis Bledsoe] in Col John Humphress
[Humphrey's?] Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at Rawleigh [sic: Raleigh] Marched to
Hilsborough [sic: Hillsborough] thence to Rugeleys Mill [12 mi N of Camden SC] lay there two
or three days we then marched to [toward] Camdan he was in the battle about seven miles from
Camdan at what was caled Gates' defeat in August 1780 [Battle of Camden, where Gen. Horatio
Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] Col Humphress left us there we were transferred[?] to Col
Ambrose Ramsey Genl Gates was commander in chief Genl [Richard] Caswell John P Williams
[Col. John Pugh Williams] - Perkins - Marion Sumpter were all in that battle as he believes [sic:
see note below] we then marched back to Wake County he was taken sick while on the way and
was unable to perform duty was sick about three weeks then joined the army again at Rawligh
Marched to Hilsborough lay within about two miles of that place on Eno River till our time was
out he was then and there honourably discharged his discharge was signed by said Col
Ambrose Ramsey but is lost or mislaid he served at this time three months

Again while liveing in said Wake County N.C. in the month of August 1781 he was a substitute in
the place of Sampson Holland drafted for a tour of three months under Capt Martin Lane in Col
Farmer[?] Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at Rawligh marched to the high Rock ford on haw
River crossed there thence to Linches Creek [now Lynches River in SC] lay there about two days
thence into the neighbourhood of the Eutaw Springs. he was in that battle in Sept [8th] 1781
Genl [Nathanael] Greene was Commander in Chief there we conquered the brittish he[?] kiled a
number and took between three and four hundred prisoners he helped to guard the prisoners
to a place caled the Waxaw [sic: Waxhaws settlement in SC] he think Capt Lass[?] took the
command of the prisoners at that place and our company marched to the high hills of Santee
lay there till our time was out was then honourably discharged the discharge signed by Capt
Martin Lane which discharge is lost or mislaid he served at this time three months he may be
mistaken as to the dates but is certain that he was in the battles above stated and served in the
whole six months he has no documentary evidence that he can find and he knows of no person
whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service There is no clergyman
liveing in his amediate neighbourhood nor no one that he can procure who can testify to the
report of his service

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NOTES:

Before the Battle of Camden Gen. Gates sent Gen. Francis Marion to the east and Gen.
Thomas Sumter to the west.

On 27 Sep 1837 Wood applied to have his pension transferred to Marion County AR,
where he had recently moved "To be near his children, three of whom reside in Marion county, &
another who resides in a neighbouring county in the State of Missouri." Other documents give
the names of three of his children as William, George, and James. On 17 Aug 1856 James Wood
of Benton County OR stated that his father died on 10 Aug 1845, leaving no widow. James Wood
was the only surviving child.