

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Wood: S32615

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State of Indiana } sct
Harrison county }

On this tenth day of November 1834 personally appeared in open court before the court of Probate now sitting William Woods a resident of Franklin township county of Harrison state of Indiana, 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 7th June 1832: that he enlisted in the service of the United States, as a private soldier, in the month of April 1776, at Staunton Augusta county Virginia, in a company belonging to the State troops of Virginia, commanded by captain John White, that immediately after the necessary number of men were obtained to complete the company, they left Staunton and marched to Hillsborough in the State of South Carolina [sic: North Carolina] at which place they arrived late in the fall of 1776 and lay there until the March following, when they left Hillsborough & marched to the White Plains and lay there until sometime in the summer, 1777, they then marched to a place called Cabin Point [in Surry County VA], on the James river where they lay about a month, then left Cabin Point and went up the river to Westham where they lay some length of time and then returned to Cabin Point late in the fall or in the beginning of winter and remained there until the applicant was discharged from the service in the month of October 1777. This applicant further states that he does not know that the company to which he belonged was ever regularly attached to any regiment, he thinks it was not, but was well acquainted, while in the service, with colonel White and major Jones but cannot now recollect the number of the regiment to which they belonged. he recollects very well of hearing colonel Matthew frequently spoken of as an acting officer at that time. he was never in any battle during his period of service. This applicant states also, that he was born in Augusta county Va on the first day of July 1761 as appears by the record of ages kept by his father which record is now in the possession of one of his nieces living in said county, and that he resided in said county when he entered the services and after the expiration thereof he returned again to the said county of Augusta, Va. and resided there until the year 1816 when he moved to Harrison county state of Indiana where he now resides. He states also that at the expiration of his term of service he received a written discharge signed by captain White which he retained for many years after the close of the war, but that it is now lost or destroyed, and that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services, nor does he now know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove the same. 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 the agency of any state.

William hisXmark Woods

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On this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, personally appeared in open court before the court of Probate now sitting, William Wood, a resident of Franklin township Harrison county state of Indiana, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration as additional to the declaration made by him in this court on the tenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, herewith produced and marked, A, [above] in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7th June 1832; that he enlisted as a private soldier and continued to serve as such during his whole period of service which was eighteen months, the names of the field officers under whom his company served were General Steuben and Col Matthews, but cannot call to mind the number of the regiment to which his company was attached, if it were attached regularly to any; he states also that he is the identical William Wood named in certificate given by James E. Heath auditor at Richmond, Va dated 11 February 1836

herewith produced and marked, B, and this certificate is the only evidence which he now knows of by which he can prove his service. William hisXmark Woods

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 3d day of July 1786, in the name of William Wood as a Soldier of Infantry for £56.17.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to David Gray and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 11th day of February 1836. Jas E. Heath Auditor

NOTE: It appears likely that Wood's marches occurred during two or more tours rather than only one. Troops were indeed active around White Plains NY in the fall of 1776, but the march from Cabin Point to Westham probably occurred in 1781.