

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wood S3613

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State of Tennessee County of Jackson: SS

On this thirteenth day of February 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before John McCarver, John Graham and Tandy K. Witcher Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jackson aforesaid now sitting, being a court of record, John Wood a resident of Jackson County and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in Lincoln County State of North Carolina, but resided in Rutherford County same state, about the 1st of May 1776 as a volunteer for three months under Captain Richard Singleton Lieutenant John Ritchey Ensign John Faltenberry and was stationed at with forty-nine other soldiers under said officers at Whitesides on the then frontiers of North Carolina in or near Lincoln County where he remained ranging through the country guarding the frontiers against the Cherokees and Tories, in which time one Indian was killed and two wounded. He was discharge about the 1st of August 1776 by said Captain Singleton which discharge is lost. He served out his full term of three months. He was not attached to any Regiment during said term nor were there any regular officers with the troops where he served.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Washington County State of North Carolina (now Tennessee) where he then resided, about the last of February or 1st of March 1777 as a volunteer for twelve months, under Captain Joseph Wilson Lieutenant John Ritchey Ensign Adam Wilson Colonel commandant Carter, Lieutenant Colonel John Sevier, Major Walton and Major Wammack [sic, Womack?] and was stationed in Wilson's Fort in said County where he remained guarding the Fort under said officers and occasionally scouting through the country adjacent to said Fort. He remained at the Fort under said officers until about the last of February or 1st of March 1778 when his term of service having expired he was discharged by Captain Wilson which discharge is lost. There was no other Regiment but the one to which applicant belonged. Applicant served out his full term of twelve months. During said

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term Colonel Carter died and Colonel Sevier took command of the Regiment. No regular officers with the troops where applicant served.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in said County of Washington when he still resided about the 1st of March 1778 as a volunteer for six months under Captain Joseph Wilson Lieutenant John Ritchey, Ensign Adam Wilson Colonel John Sevier Major Walton and Major Wammack to guard Wilson's Fort in said County of Washington, and was engaged as before in ranging and scouting through the country adjacent to the Fort. He remained at the said Fort under said officers until his term of service expired when about the 1st of September 1778 he was discharged by said Captain Wilson. He served out his full term of 6 months which discharge is lost.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Rutherford County North Carolina but he lived in Washington County of that State about the 1st of April 1779 as a volunteer for 3 months under Captain Fauney [sic, Forney?] Lieutenant and Ensign not recollected and was stationed at Potts Fort, he remained there under said Captain guarding the Fort in scouting through the country against the Tories and Indians until about the 1st of July 1779 when he was discharged by said Captain Fauney. He served out his full term of 3 months which discharge is lost.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Union District South Carolina where he then resided in July 1779 date not remembered as a volunteer for no certain period under Captain Parsons, Lieutenant & Ensign not recollected, to range and scalped the country against the Indians and Tories. He marched under said officers across Tyger River at Adams mill then crossed Enoree [River] at Hendricks mill then marched towards Ninety Six then turned and crossed Enoree at Blackstocks then crossed Tyger River at Nicholas' mill returned home on the North fork of Tyger River – then cross Pacolet River at Golemans Ford North Carolina then marched between Green River and Pacolet River and crossed Pacolet River then returned through the head of Fair Forest [sic, Fairforest] home when he was discharged by Captain Parsons sometime in July 1780. He served during this last term of twelve months. He received no written discharge.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Washington County North Carolina where he then resided in December 1780 – the day not recollected as a volunteer for three months under Captain Thomas Wood, Colonel John Sevier, Major Walton and Major Jonathan Tipton marched under said officers across French Broad River into the Cherokee nation and surprised a party of Indians at a small Indian town near the White settlements (the name of the town he does not recollect) between daylight and sunrise. The Indians fled and were pursued by the troops with whom applicant served. The pursuit continued till near 12 o'clock M. and the firing kept up by both parties between 20 and 30 Indians were killed and 15 women & children taken prisoners. The prisoners were left under a guard at said town and applicant marched under said officers through three or four other Indian towns which were evacuated by the Indians which towns were burnt by the troops during which time Lieutenant Bond was killed and Captain Davis very badly wounded by the Indians, Davis died of his wounds on his return about 15 miles from home. Applicant with the troops returned to the first town of the guard was left with the prisoners then returned home with the prisoners. Applicant was dismissed by Captain Wood by order of Colonel Sevier in March 1781. Received no written discharge. Applicant served during the last term three months received no written discharge. During the several terms which applicant served as aforesaid there were no Continental regiments or companies nor Regular officers with the troops where he served. During all the above terms of service applicant was in

the horse service being a mounted rifleman.

Applicant was born in Newberry District South Carolina 16 August 1755, his age was recorded in his father's Bible which Bible is worn out. The record of his age was copied by Thomas Wood who died in the Western District of this State where the copy is applicant does not know. Since the revolutionary war applicant has lived in Greenville District South Carolina Greene County Kentucky, in that part of Barren County Kentucky now Monroe County, in the Counties of Henry, Carroll, Davidson Tennessee and he now resides in Jackson County Tennessee. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The names of some of the persons to whom applicant is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution are Christopher Clemmons, Alexander Keith, Daniel Keith & John Wilson.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ John Wood, X his mark

[Samuel Griffith, a clergyman, and John Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee County of Jackson: SS

On this 12 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John Graham, John McCarver, and Thomas Butler Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Jackson now sitting John Wood a resident of Jackson County and State of Tennessee aged seventy-eight years on the 16th of this month who being 1st 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 7, 1833 [sic, June 7th, 1832]

That during the several terms or tours that he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War as stated in his original declaration made in February Term 1833 of said court, he was in the militia of the States in which he entered the service, as a private, as therein stated, but was not in the regular or Continental service.

S/ John Wood, X his mark

State of Tennessee County of Jackson: SS

On this 12 day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Jackson now sitting (present Tandy K. Witcher, John Graham and Absalom Johnson Esquires) Justices of said court, John Wood a resident of Jackson County and State of Tennessee aged seventy-eight years on the 16th day of August last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to his declaration made at February term 1833 of said Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1833 [sic].

That he is the same John Wood that signed & swore to the foregoing declaration made at February Term 1833 of said court and the amended declaration at August Term 1833 of said court. Applicant states that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Colonel Carter in 1777 for twelve months and was discharged as stated in his original declaration made at February Term 1833 of said court, that he was at Fort Wilson as therein stated ready to do and perform whatever services he should be ordered to perform by his officers, from the great length of time which has elapsed and on account of old age and consequent loss of memory

applicant cannot state precisely to a day the time he was in actual service under said Colonel Carter during said term of service, but according to the best of his recollection he was in actual service during said term as a private not less than ten months. Whilst in the Fort applicant was mustered every day except when prevented by very bad weather or sickness. Applicant further states that during the term or tour that he was in service of the United States under Captain Parsons in 1779 he was in actual service at least nine months but cannot state precisely the time for the reasons above mentioned. Applicant hereby reaffirms the statements made in his original declaration except as herein amended.

S/ John Wood, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]