

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Wood S40722

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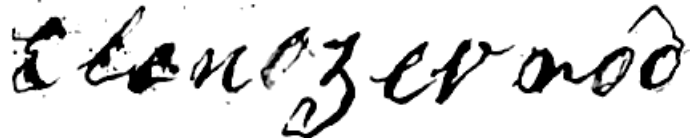
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State of Ohio Butler County: SS

On this 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1819 before me Daniel Milikin an associate judge of the court of Common Pleas, for the County of Butler in the seventh circuit of the court aforesaid in the State of Ohio personally appeared Ebenezer Wood, who being by me duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration, under oath, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war; that he is about fifty-eight or fifty-nine years of age; that sometime in the fall of the year 1779 (he thinks in the latter part of the fall) in the State of New Jersey about twenty miles from the town of Goshen in the State of New York, he enlisted as a private soldier to serve during the war between Great Britain & the United States, in a company of light horse commanded by Captain Rodolph [Michael Rudolph], who was under the command of Major Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], afterwards Colonel Lee; – he does not know to what line or State the Corps of light horse to which he was attached belonged as a part were enlisted in New Jersey, in New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland & North Carolina; he supposes they belonged to the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, he passed the ensuing winter at Burlington in New Jersey; he was one of the lifeguards of General Washington in Connecticut in the ensuing summer; the summer of 1780, he was in the States of New York & New Jersey; he was in an engagement at Somerset in New Jersey; in the spring of 1781, he marched under the command of Colonel Henry Lee to the South; he was under the command of Colonel Henry Lee at Guilford [March 15, 1781] during the battle; he fought at Mud Bank Fort, which was taken by the American troops; from thence he marched to the high Hills of Santee in South Carolina, where he was in another battle, he was at the Siege of a Fort further to the south,¹ the name of which he does not recollect, which was also captured; – he passed from thence into Georgia where he was engaged in several skirmishes in the South, at or about the time that Lord Cornwallis & his Army surrendered [October 19, 1781]. This affiant was at Charles Town [Charleston], in South Carolina when General Cruger surrendered; from James Town, he sailed into the Chesapeake; about 150 soldiers arrived in the same ship; he does not recollect the name of the village at which they landed; – they then marched to the head of Elk Creek, in the state of Maryland, where they were dismissed, he thinks

¹ Forces under the command of Henry Lee were at the taking of Fort Watson [Wright's Bluff] on April 16, 1781, Fort Motte on May 7, 1781, Fort Granby on May 14-15, 1781, and Fort Galphin on May 21, 1781. It is not clear to me which of these actions the veteran is talking about in his application.

that it was about harvest in the year 1782. – This affiant does not recollect whether he received is written discharge at Cape Henry or the head of Elk Creek; he left his written discharge at the war office in New York. – This affiant further states under oath, that he is a resident of the County of Butler in the State of Ohio; that the aforesaid services were performed on the Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War, against the common enemy; that from his reduced circumstances in life, he absolutely stands in need of the assistance of his country, for support; & that he has now no other evidence in his power of his having performed the aforesaid services. Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day & year first above written
S/ Danl. Millikin
S/Ebenezer Wood



The State of Ohio Butler County SS

At a special Court of Common Pleas Holden for Hamilton in the County of Butler and State of Ohio Before Daniel Millikin, Henry Weaver & Robert Taylor Esquires Associate Judges of said court of Common Pleas the same court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record for the said County of Butler expressly created a court of Record by the laws and Ordinances of the said State of Ohio on the 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court Ebenezer Wood aged sixty years resident in Reily Township in the said County of Butler who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, in the Regiment or Legion commanded by Colonel Henry Lee in the company or troop of horse commanded by John Rodolph [John Rudolph] in the line on the Continental establishment his original declaration was made on or about the 16th day of June 1819 his pension certificate is numbered 13491 he was in the Battles of Somerset in New Jersey & of Guilford court house in North Carolina and at the taking of forts Ennoree [Enoree], Congaree & for Golfin.

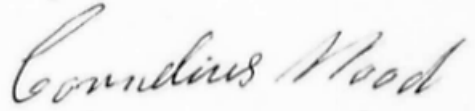
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit, My estate real and personal is as follows I have a title or claim to fifty acres of land in the Township and County in which I reside I have two horses, two cows and two heifers, thirteen head of sheep, three head of hogs, shovel & tongs, a pair of Andirons, four barrels, half a dozen plates, half a dozen knives & forks, half a dozen milk crocks, one churn, two buckets, two axes, one hoe, one oven, one pot, three kettles, one table, four pewter plates and one pewter plater, four earthen pots, one old scythe and a half dozen chairs, and a calf skin, and one third part of a cabin and the third part of a log barn, one set or half a dozen cups and saucers – My occupation is that of a farmer when able to follow it. My family consist of my wife which is aged and infirm and myself neither of whom are very able to labor.

S/ Ebenezer Wood

The State of Ohio City of Cincinnati: SS

Before me Mayor of the City of Cincinnati aforesaid personally came Cornelius Wood of said City who being duly sworn deposed and saith that his father Ebenezer Wood who resides in Reilly Township in the County of Butler & State of Ohio, and who has applied for a pension through Mr. Woods one of our representatives in Congress owns no real of [sic] property of any description whatever. The land on which said Ebenezer Wood lives belongs to me and I have the title for it in my own name and he resides there only by my permission.

S/ Cornelius Wood

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

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing March 16, 1819, for service as a private for 4 years in Lee's Legion on the Continental line.]