

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Wood S40723

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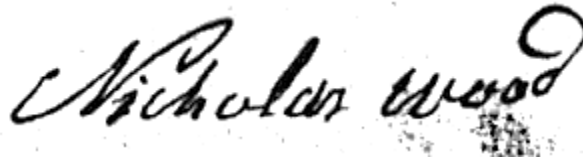
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The State of Ohio Adams County SS

On this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County aforesaid personally appeared Nicholas Wood aged 59 years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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: "that he the said Nicholas Wood enlisted for the term of during the War in the last week of February or the first week in March in the year 1780 in the Company commanded by Captain Allen McClain [Allen McLane]<sup>1</sup> of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]<sup>2</sup> in the line of the State of Virginia (as he believes but enlisted in the State of Delaware) on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps & in the service of the United States until about the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1781 when Captain McClain informed him that he was at liberty to go home and he did go home that he was in the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania when Captain McClain gave him liberty to go home, that he was not in any principle Battle but was in some little skirmishes about the lines. That he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except that he could prove his service by going to the State of Kentucky where he believes there is a man living who served with him in the same Corps and another living between this & Cincinnati

S/ Nicholas Wood

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<sup>1</sup> [Allen McLane BLWt1474-300](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Henry Lee BLWt1299-500](#)

Shedule of Nicholas Wood's property taxed

3 Cows . . . . .	24.00
1 yearling calf . . . . .	2.00
2 calves - supposed to be old . . . . .	35.00
1 yearling calf . . . . .	5.00
16 Sheep & lambs . . . . .	18.00
1 bow & seven shafts . . . . .	5.00
1 Loom & Tacklin . . . . .	8.00
15 Harrow teeth . . . . .	3.00
3 Ploughs & 5 Oxen . . . . .	8.50
1 ax 1.25 - 1 Mattok 1.00 . . . . .	2.25
3 old hoes . . . . .	" 75
1 Eight Gallon Kettle . . . . .	1.75
iron, blue Pot & Tea Kettle . . . . .	5.50
16 <sup>lb</sup> fire Iron . . . . .	2.00
1 Stone & Pot Druml . . . . .	1.50
1 old Wedge & 1 flat iron . . . . .	" 75
2 Buckets . . . . .	" 75
4 old Wash tubs . . . . .	" 75
11 old Chains . . . . .	2.00
1 old Chest . . . . .	" 50
1 Table & Stand . . . . .	1.00
1 old Churn . . . . .	" 25
Dinner Ware . . . . .	4.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Spinning Wheels . . . . .	7.25
1 hand saw & Auger & 1 drawing knife . . . . .	2.75
10 old tinware forks . . . . .	1.25
1 Hackle . . . . .	2.50
1 old log chain . . . . .	" 50
	<u>\$147.12<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Am't. bro. forward . . . . .	\$147.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 old Saddles . . . . .	11.50
1 Looking Glass . . . . .	1.00
1 old Copper Pot . . . . .	25
3 Buckets . . . . .	1.75
	<u>\$161.62<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Am't. that I am in debt . . . . . 75.00

Balance \$86.62 $\frac{1}{2}$

Nicholas Wood

In pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

S/ Nicholas Wood

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1821

S/ Joseph Darlington, Clerk A. C. [Adams County]

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The State of Ohio Adams County SS

Before me Job Dinning one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid this day came Nicholas Wood an inhabitant of this County who made his declaration on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1820 and forwarded the same to the Department of War which is numbered 16,695 and being first duly sworn did declare on his solemn Oath that he at this time had not any children but such as were of full age and at liberty to transact business for themselves except one daughter named Susanna of the age of 17 years on the first day of January last, she is healthy and able to support herself but will be in about six months at liberty according to the laws of the land to do for herself. That he has a wife of the age of about fifty seven years in October. She is and has been for about fourteen years very infirm and unable to do any kind of work of any consequence except when she is able to set up she can knit a little and such light work, but has for a long time been much afflicted with distressing pains which have heretofore baffled all medical attempts to remove them. That since he forwarded his schedule to the Department of Washington he has lost (by death) one of his Mares mentioned in his said schedule. That he is now very infirm and unable to support himself or family by labor therefore absolutely needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Nicholas Wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of August 1821

S/ Job Dinning

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Original Claim District of Ohio Brown County SS

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record by possessing the power of fine & imprisonment for the County of Brown and State of Ohio, Nicholas Wood a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 63 years & 4 months who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the acts of Congress passed March 1<sup>st</sup> 1818 [sic, March 18, 1818] and May 1<sup>st</sup> 1820..

That he the said Nicholas Wood (as well as he recollects) enlisted for during the war in the month of February 1780 in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain Allen McLain [Allen McLane] but in the division of the recruits he fell in the company commanded by Captain Michael Rodolph [Michael Rudolph]<sup>3</sup> in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December ensuing when he was ordered by Colonel Henry Lee back to Captain McLain at Philadelphia where he remained until sometime in the spring following when he was permitted to

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<sup>3</sup> [Michael Rudolph \[Rudolph\] BLWt945-300](#)

return home (as he supposes in consequence of Captain McLain having resigned his commission and therefore he received no legal discharge.

And In pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

I do further state that previous to the year 1823 I made application for a pension which was not granted in consequence of my property amounting to more than was considered to be within the intention of the acts of Congress aforesaid a statement of the manner in which my property has been disposed of since my first application is also here to annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of property owned by applicant at present

One Two year old colt \$20 one cow \$8 – one sow & 3 shoats \$3	\$31.00
10 head sheep \$12.50 – one plow worn 3 – one ten gallon kettle \$2	17.50
two Bake ovens \$3 – one stew pot \$2 – one old tin kettle worn out one table \$1	6.00
one pair andirons \$2 one hoe \$.50 one mattock \$1 and one iron wedge \$.50	4.00
one shovel \$1 pot trumbles \$2.25 one chest \$1-one knife bone \$1	5.25
one spinning wheel \$2.50 one large wheel \$2 one flat iron \$.50	5.00
one hackle \$2 one looking glass \$1 two buckets & one pale \$1.12 ½	4.12 ½
two old saddles \$10 dresser furniture \$2.50 two small clevises \$1	13.50
two augers \$.50 one hand saw \$1 ten old chairs \$3	4.50
one Bible Hym book & two Testaments \$2 – one drawing knife \$.50	<u>2.50</u>
Amounting in the whole to \$93.37 ½	\$93.37 ½

Schedule of property disposed of since first application

one Bay mare died with a disease called the bots worth	\$30.00
one gray mare got her leg broke & Stifled & died worth	50.00
two cows killed for use of family	14.00
Seven hogs & one set of harrow teeth Sold for to pay for moving my family from where I then lived to where I now live	14.00
three head of sheep I exchanged for hogs for the use of my family	3.75
four head sheep died Since	5.00
one Sorrell mare sold to pay a debt	<u>45.00</u>
Some other articles not now particularly remembered consumed for support of family	<u>\$161.75</u>

Schedule of debts owing by me & debts coming to me

The amount owing by me is about \$82	\$82.00
The amount due to me is about \$47	<u>47.00</u>
Leaving a balance owing by me of about	\$35.00

My family consist of my wife Rebecca aged about 59 years my son Nicholas aged about 24 years Stilla aged about 22 years and Susanna aged about 21 years my wife & myself are both very infirm not able to do more than one fifth of common labor and are entirely dependent on our above named children for support who we cannot expect will remain with us long.

S/ Nicholas Wood

Sworn to & subscribed in open court April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1825  
S/ William Shepherd, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 5, 1825, for service for one year as a private in Lee's Legion.]

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Addendum to Nicholas Wood S40723

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 27 July 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Ohio, County of Brown SS. I Nicholas Wood now a resident of Clement County in said State aged sixty seven years past do upon oath testify and declare that sometime in the month of Februry in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty I enlisted in the State of Deleware for the term of “during the war, and served in the Regiment No. under the Command of Colonel Henry Lee of the Virginia line and that I continued in the service aforesaid about one year when when I was sent by Colonel Henry Lee to Philidelphia under the command of Captain Allen McClain at which last mentioned place I continued until the close of the war or being upon a furlow was at that time in the state of Delaware but not being with the main Army I never received a regular discharge other than the verbal discharge of Capt McClain. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatever. Therefore know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Wood aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint William Russell of West Union in the State of Ohio to be my true and lawful attorney [the rest legal boilerplate].

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

I Richard Rilea [W2167] aged 69 years past do upon oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Nicholas Woods who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence, and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be, and further, I know that he did perform the military service therein stated having been a soldier in the same Regiment with him.

[28 July 1829]

Richard hisXmark Rilea

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