

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sampson Wood S42079

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State of North Carolina Guilford County: At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, opened and held for the County of Guilford, the same being a Court of Record; Personally appeared in Open Court Sampson Wood, a resident of said County, aged about Seventy-one years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on the 24th day of February A.D. 1822 – On his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Sampson Wood, enlisted on the 25th day of May 1781 in the town of Hillsboro Orange County, North Carolina; for the term of twelve months, was immediately sent to Oxford Granville County, & after being joined by troops from the lower part of the State, & other quarters, returned to Hillsboro, and shortly marched to the high hills of the Santee in the State of South Carolina, in the sixth Regiment of North Carolina line, commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd, and in Captain Donoho's Company [Thomas Donoho], where he joined General Green's Army, & that he continued in Camp Army the high hills of Santee, for some time from which he marched back to Camden, & from thence he marched to the Eutaw Springs, & was there engaged in Battle with the British that he (said Wood) was again marched back to the high hills of Santee, And thence through [?] different parts of the Southern Section of South Carolina, until he was finally marched to Bakers Bridge [sic, Bacon's Bridge?] about twenty-five miles from Charleston, at which place, on the 25th day of May 1782 – he received a discharge which he has long lost. He (said Wood) further states that previous to the time of his entering in Captain Donoho's Company, he served three months, in the North Carolina Militia, but spent the most of the time in Camp, in Salisbury Rowan County, of this State, – That he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the rolls of any State except North Carolina, that he has not before applied for a Pension because he was unwilling to live on the bounty of his Country as long as he was able by his own labor, to earn a Subsistence, but by age & bodily infirmity he is now rendered unable to labor, he is therefore induced to make this his first application, for support, to the Government of his Country, & which support he now greatly needs, and without which or some other source, that he now knows of, he must suffer; – That from the death of some and moving of others Competent persons, he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his identity.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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: that is to say, one bed, one axe, one hoe, & one skillet, & that my Property was Substantially the same on the 18th day of March 1818 except one old mare that has since died, & that no changes by gift, Sale or transfer has taken place in his effects from that time that he then was and still is extremely poor – he further states that he is a farmer by occupation, that from old age & decrepitude, he is unable to labor to make a Subsistence, that he was married and had 10 children (viz.) William, Willis, John, Ned, Alfred, Nancy, Alexander, Henderson, McKay [?McKee], & Sally, shortly after which his wife died leaving his child of three days old, that all his Children are dead or have left him that 4 are gone to the State of Tennessee and are very poor from report, and that one daughter moved to Orange County of this State, has children and is so extremely poor that it is with much difficulty they can provide a maintenance and that he (said Wood) can by begging and by doing some little work to obtain some clothing and Subsistence.

Sworn to and declared the 24th day of February A.D. 1832

S/ J. A. Smith

S/ Sampson Wood, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of said State in the revolutionary war, that Sampson Wood a private Soldier in Captain Donoho's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 25th day of May 1781, for the term of 12 months and left the service on the 25th day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this first day of December 1831

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 16, 1822, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]