

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wood (alias, Woods) S7971

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State of North Carolina, Anson County} October Session 1832

On this 10th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Wood, alias William Woods, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 84 years eight Soldier of the Revolution 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 7th, 1832. The love of Country and alarm of War induced me to turn out in the aid of the Common Cause –I entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated. And first I enlisted in the County of Orange State of North Carolina in December 1775 for 12 months under Captain Alfred Moore in the first Regiment of Continentals commanded by Col. Thomas Clark General James Moore's Brigade, was marched to Cross Creek Cumberland County North Carolina from thence to Fort Johnson [sic, Fort Johnston?] [several words obliterated] County North Carolina – where the second Regiment under the command of Colonel Long [Nicholas Long] joined [several words obliterated] remained for some time – until we were ordered to march up the Country to Cross Creek against the Tories –where we were stationed for some time in Rockfish near Cross Creek, where we threw up some breast work – from thence to Negro Head Point-- and from thence to Moore's Creek bridge where we Joined General Caswell [Richard Caswell] and had a battle with the Tories under the command of Tory leaders Donald McDonald & Hector O'Neil and where McLeod [Captain Donald McLeod] was killed and the Tories defeated¹ – in this battle I served as a Sergeant Major. After the battle I was marched back to Fort Johnson where I continued until the term of 12 months for which I enlisted expired. Served out my 12 months and was discharged in December 1776 by Colonel Clark.

I volunteered in Orange County North Carolina in August 1778 for four months in what was called the Cherokee expedition under Capt. Mannawether [sic, Meriwether?] in Colonel Ramsey's [Ambrose Ramsey's] Regiment was marched and joined the General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at Greenlee's in Burke County North Carolina, was then transferred under Captain Peter O'Neal and marched into the Cherokee nation. The Indians had cut down their corn, burnt their wigwams and fled their Country – we left the nation marched back to Salisbury North Carolina – served four months and was discharged in December 1778.

I again volunteered in February 1779 in Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina for nine months in [what] was called the North Carolina New Levies under Captain William Lytle – Archibald Lytle's Regiment, was marched to South Carolina joined General Ashe [John Ashe] at Dorchester from thence to Purysburg from thence to the two sisters ferry on the Savannah River

¹ Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776,
https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

where I continued until after the battle at Briar Creek² General Ashe's defeat in March 1779 – from thence was marched back to Hillsboro North Carolina under Col. Hugh Kennon [sic, Hugh Kenan] Served four months and was discharged in November or December 1779.

I again volunteered at Hillsborough in September 1780 for three months under Captain William Douglass of the Light horse Company was marched to Mask's ferry on the Pedee River headquarters where we joined General H. W. Harrington [Henry William Harrington], was marched to Cole's Mills, Richmond County [entire line of text obliterated] and was discharged in December 1780 – having served this term three months.

I again volunteered in Hillsborough Orange County North Carolina in February 1781 under Captain William Lytle Colonel Archibald Lytle's Regiment was marched and Joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at High Rock Ford on Haw River thence to Guilford Court house where we met the British Army under Lord Cornwallis with whom we had the battle³ well known by the name of the battle of Guilford Court house in March 1781 – after this Battle we were marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River. I was discharged in Chatham County North Carolina in May 1781 having served three months, having served in all the five Tours thirty-one months, to wit: twelve months in the Regular service and nineteen months in the Militia – I have lost all my discharges and declare that I have no documentary evidence of my Services. And I know of no person by whose testimony I can prove my services except Absalom Candle⁴ by whom I prove that he saw me when in the service for the twelve months in the Continental service.

1st Question of the Court⁵:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 15th day of July 1751 in the County of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have in my Bible at home, which was transcribed from the record made in my father's Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Hillsborough Orange County North Carolina when called into service where I continued to live until March 1783 when I moved to Anson County North Carolina where I have continued to live ever since & where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

² Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781
https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁴ Sic, [Absalom Caudil \(Candle, Caudle\) W10589](#)

⁵ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I enlisted in the first instance & was after volunteer and every other instance.
5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I served with the regular Continental Troops Commanded by Col. Thomas Clark and General James Moore of the 1st Regiment and the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Long also General Caswell of the Militia, Colonel Ramsey & Generals Harrington & Rutherford of the militia, Colonel Archibald Lytle and General Ashe of the militia and General Greene's Army.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

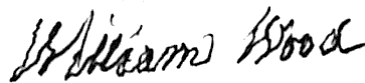
Answer: I received my discharge in the Continental service from Captain Moore & Col. Clark I cannot recollect who I received my discharges in the Militia service though I have lost all my discharges.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: The Reverend John Culpepper and Major William Hammond are well acquainted with me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above.

S William Wood

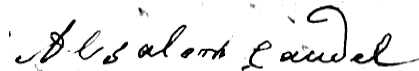


[John Culpepper, a clergyman, and William Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Anson County } October Sessions 1832

On this 18th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Absalom Caudle [sic] a man of Reputable Standing who after being duly sworn according to law do on his oath make the following statement: I recollect that I saw William Wood in the regular service as a Continental soldier in Colonel Clark's Regiment at Rockfish and at Cross Creek in Cumberland County North Carolina which was in the year 1776. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year above.

S/ Absalom Caudel



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia for 2 years.]