

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Woods SC2204
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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives

The humble petition of William Woods Sheweth to your Honorable body, that he is one of those who fought in the revolutionary war for that Independence which the people of this Country now enjoy. That whilst his country had need of his Services, like Logan, he did not remain at home "idle in his Cabin." but went wherever his Country call, & his General dared to lead, Now that in the sunshine of peace & Independence, the legislature is rewarding in some degree those few that yet survive, your petitioner hopes to be taken into the number. His services have been great, & he is [undeciphered word]² beneficial to his Country – He served as a Volunteer at Camden under Captain Dixon a three months tour – Afterwards he enlisted for three years under Colonel Sumter [Thomas Sumter]³ & was under him at the battle fought at Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779]⁴ & was wounded at this battle in his side, one of his ribs was broken by the ball & although wounded still continued to fight during the whole of the battle, Your Petitioner also was at the Siege of Savannah⁵ under Colonel Henderson [William Henderson], Your Petitioner also states that he was at the Capture of Charleston⁶ was taken when it was taken, & with it he himself was taken prisoner, & kept in confinement six weeks & some days during the Siege your Petitioner was wounded in the haunch. He was one of those that was in the guard house at the time when an 18 inch shell was thrown into the Guard house & bursted which caused great consternation among the whole who were in it & well recollects of only one death

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² *Ben Seary*

³ Thomas Sumter was not at the battle of Stono Ferry. He had resigned his commission as a Continental officer prior to that engagement. It is most likely that the veteran was at that battle under the command of Colonel William Henderson in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina Continentals.

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

⁵ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

⁶ Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780.
<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

& that was a woman occasioned by the bursting of the shell, – Your petitioner was at Various other engagements in the state & fought in different other states – In all of which engagements he endeavored to do as much good for his Country as he could. He [undeciphered word]⁷ when he could, & when he could not, he became prisoner himself, when he was a prisoner at Charleston he made his escape, & immediately joined General Sumter again. Your petitioner fought hard for liberty, but is yet a slave, a Slave to poverty were he wealthy he would not now have called on you for any assistance, His old age prevents him from Labour, He has a wife who is old & frail. Your petitioner is now nearly seventy years of age. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body grant to him a pension.

November 18, 1824

S/ Wm Woods



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State of South Carolina Lancaster District}

William Woods States on oath that the facts stated in his petition are true, – & states that there is no person near to him that knows anything about his getting wounded but the scars speak for themselves.

Sworn to before me

November 26 1824

S/ Tho. D. Barr, JP

S/ Wm Woods

State of South Carolina Lancaster District}

James Hood⁸ states on oath that he knew William Woods in the revolutionary war, that he was in the regular service under General Sumter, Commander-in-chief was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Seen him at Purrisburg – Knew him in the Rounds with Sumter, at Lancaster, & in other places in this State.

William Woods was always thought to be a good man to his Country, fought well, & behaved himself honestly – He was admired by his Countrymen

S/ James Hood



Sworn to before me

this 26 November 1824

S/ Tho D. Barr, J. P.

⁷ split line word: first line

⁸ [James Hood SC1250](#)

second line



[Note: William Woods was granted a pension of \$60 per annum commencing in June 1825 and last paid on May 30, 1831. Jennet Woods petitioned as executrix of his estate along with William Woods executor of the estate for the balance of the pension due the veteran up to the time of his death on July 14, 1831. Their petition was granted.]