

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Matthias Wood W1527

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State of New York, SS.

To the Hon. Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called th mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of Matthias Wood formerly a Soldier engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and now the City and County of New York, respectfully sheweth,

THAT the said Matthias Wood Inlisted a Soldier sometime in the fore part of the year 1777 for the Term of three years in Capt Ande Wallice Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. James Wood from the State of Virginia at that time called the 12th Reg't from Virginia and actually served untill the end of my Inlistment and was discharged at Philadelphia 3rd day of Feb'y 1780 by Colo. Feabecker [sic] which is hereunto annexed. I was in the Battle at German Town [sic: Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777], and was in the Action at Monmouth [28 June 1778] and several small skirmages. I am now about 62 years of age

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said Matthias Wood is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New-York, and is, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support

Therefore the said Matthias Wood conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March, 1818, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said Matthias Wood refers to my discharge I have no evidence in this Quater of the Country who knew me in the Revolutionary War

City and County of New-York, SS. Matthias Wood of the City and County of New-York, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true.

Sworn before me this Seventh day of April 1818,

[signed] Matthias Wood

This can to Certify, that Mathias Wood Formerly a Soldier in the 8th Virginia Regiment has duly and faithfully served the Term of three years for which he was Inlisted - in Consequence of which and at his own request he is hereby Discharged from any further service in the army of the United States and permitted to return to his home free and unmolested - he having received all his Bounty pay & Cloathing & Deficincies[?] of pay and Cloathing in full of all allowances and the provision made by the Congress for their Troops his receipt for which is on the Back hereof.

Given under my hand at Philadelphia this 3^d. Day of Feb'y. 1780 —

Christian Febiger [one or two illegible words] 2nd Va. R[?]

Philadelphia Feb'y 3^d. 1780

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the United States all my Bounty pay & Cloathing & Deaferencies[?] of pay and Cloathing due me whilst in their services in full

~~Christian Feb~~

[signed] Mathias Wood

State of New Jersey }

Monmouth County }

On this Seventeenth day of October 1820. personally appeared in open Court, the same being a court of record, for the County of

Monmouth, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Matthias Wood aged sixty four years resident in Shrewsbury N.J. of said County, who being first duly Sworn according

to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows
That he enlisted in the year 1777 in Virginia to serve for three years in Colo. Woods Regiment in
Captain Andy Wallaces Company in the Virginia Line on the Continental Establishment and
served faithfully the full Term of enlistment and was Honorably discharged in Philadelphia in
the year 1780 he has a wife aged 61 years he has no children under his controul. he is by
occupation a farmer but from age & infirmities he is unable to work he is in indigent
circumstances requiring the aid of his Country or Private Charity his original Declaration is
dated 7th April 1818 and is No 3084 — 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, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to
diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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
viz: Real Estate or Fixed income none of any description. Personal Estate none. the same having
been sold by virtue of an Execution, by the Sheriff of Monmouth County - excepting one waggon
& gears one horse & one Cow bought since the said sale by the Sheriff. Matthias Wood

NOTE: On 19 Sep 1838 Ann Wood, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Matthias
Wood, “who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution,” about the first of Oct 1784 in
Cranbury NJ, and he died 26 Feb 1824. The file includes part of a family record said to have
been written by Matthias Wood showing the death of daughter Catherine Wood on 16 Nov 1791
at age four years, four months, and 16 days. On the reverse side is a record of the birth of one
Salley Tucks in August 1796.