

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Martin Woody W3912 Susanna Woody VA
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Virginia Franklin county to wit.,

This 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Franklin County now seting Martin Woody born in Goochland County Va. at this time a resident of the county of Franklin – aged Seventy five years the last day of the last March – who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make this amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 that during the revolutionary war he served under officers and in manner stated herein – that during the war he was drafted in Amherst county and marched under the order's and in a company commanded by Capt Dawson to Albemarle county where he was with the other troops in service one month and fifteen days guarding prisoners taken with Gen'l. Burgoyne to the north [at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777; kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] from loss of memory he cannot now state the year this service was performed – he believes it was 1777 or 78 – but will not be positive on his discharge – he went to Bedford County Va whither his father had removed in the absence of this applicant – some time after his arrival in Bedford he was drafted into a company of Militia commanded by Captain John Trigg and marched under said Trigg to Cabbin point Va [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] where the company commanded by said Trigg - and four or five other companys marched at some time from Bedford to Cabbin point were formed into a Regiment, commanded by Colo Meriweather [sic: Meriwether] – and a Maj'r McClaumer a Frenchman [sic: Charles De Klauman, a Dane] on being formed into a regiment they were marched to Portsmouth Va where they joined the army commanded by Genl Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] where they remained till the spring of the year [1781] when he was discharged having served three months. Some time after his discharge as aforesaid on returning home to Bedford he was drafted a third time into a company of militia commanded by Capt John Trigg & marched to Jamestown Va. and thence to little York – the company of Capt Trigg to which he belonged was attached to other companys and formed into a regiment commanded by Colo [St. George] Tucker – the whole army being under the orders of his Excellency Genl George Washington – this applicant during the siege of York [28 sep -19 Oct 1781] was stationed near the marquee of the commanding Genl – after a service of three months this applicant was discharged– The three several discharges the applicant got from service have long since been lost or mislaid & he has no documentary proof– This applicant is well known to the Hon Judge Saunders of the general court of Va to Nath'l H Claiborne – member of congress from this district and Colo Samuel Hancock - Presiding justice of Bedford county – and to them he refers for his character for veracity and uprightness – He avers that in the whole he served his country faithfully as a Soldier during the war of the revolution the full term in all of Seven months and fifteen days about the close of the War of the revolution he moved from Bedford to Franklin where he has since resided – He exhibits the affidavits of Randolph Woody and Isaac Cundiff to sustain this declaration – He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension [or] annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Martin hisXmark Woody

NOTE: On 3 May 1847 Susana Woody, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Martin Woody on 27 October 1785, and that he died 6 Dec 1846. With her application was a copy of the return for the marriage of Martin Woody and Susana Roberson in Henry County by Robert Jones.