

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Wood W4405

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Georgia }
Heard County } On this 27th day of August Eighteen Hundred & Thirty two personally appeared before me John M Ware one of the Judges of the Inferior court of said county & State, James Wood, a resident of the county of Heard and State of Georgia, aged 77 years (the applicant not being able to attend in open court) 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. That I entered into the service of the U.S. in the company of Captain Jesse Walton, of Second regiment continental Troops as a volunteer about the 1st December 1776. the said regiment was commanded by Col. Samuel Elbert, Col. John Stark and Maj. John Cuthbert. I left the said Regiment continental troops about the 1st July 1777 and accepted the appointment of a first Lieutenant in Capt Folsom's company, in the Second Regiment of Georgia State Troops, commanded by Col Stuart Lieut. Col Elijah Clark [sic: Elijah Clarke] and Maj. Resa Howard. when I entered the service I was living in Prince Edward County Virginia. I entered the service first as a volunteer and was rendezvoused at George Walton's in Prince Edward County Virginia, and were marched from their through Salisbury North Carolina, Camden South Carolina, Purysburg and to Savannah Georgia. when we arrived in Savannah we were reviewed and sent up to Golfington in June 1777 where a treaty was then holding with the Indians. after the conclusion of the treaty, we were march to Folsom's fort on the Ogeechee river for the protection of the frontiers of the State Georgia. In July 1777 I accepted the appointment of first Lieutenant in Capt Folsom's company in the second Regiment Georgia State troops, commanded by Col Stuart Lieut Col. E. Clark & Maj R. Howard. in March 1778 we were ordered to proceed on an expedition to Florida. on my march to Florida I received a wound in my right arm at Isreal Birds Mills, then Chatham County Georgia from thence we were ordered to St Mary's. on arriving at St Marys we remained there a few days and were ordered to march to Fort Tonian [sic: Fort Tonym]. on arriving at fort Tonean we found Gen. Robert Howe and the Continental troops and a Brigade of South Carolina Militia commanded by Gen [Andrew] Williamson, and a Brigade of Georgia Militia commanded by Gov. John Houston [sic: John Houstoun]. A council of war having been held a retreat was ordered on the 12th July 1778. being wounded myself I was allowed to proceed to Savannah. Capt Folsom was ordered back to his station at Folsom's fort on the Ogeechee. in September, after his arrival at the fort (Folsom's) Capt Folsom and seven privates were killed by the Indians. I was then the only surviving officer belonging to the company and was then wounded myself. I retired from the service the last of December 1778 I have no Documentary evidence without my copy Grants, of my Bounty land, for services performed during the revolutionary war in Georgia be admitted as such which is hereunto annexed. neither do I know of any person now living whose testimony I can procure who can prove my services. I have never received a pension from any of States or from the United States and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

[signed] James Wood

Answers to the following Interrogatories

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born
Answer I was born in King & Queen County Virginia on the 19th January 1755
Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it
Answer I have no record of my age, and I cannot say that any was ever kept, but learnt my age from my parents
In. 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 was living in Prince Edward county Virginia. I have lived since the revolutionary war 15 Years in Liberty County, 27 Years in Columbia County, & 2 Years & 6 months in

Heard County Georgia, where I am now living

Interrogatory 4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute

Answer I was at first a volunteer, until I received a Commission

Int 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services

Answer I knew Col Joseph Habersham, Lieut Col John McIntosh and Maj John Habersham of the first regiment Continental Troops also Col. S. Elbert Lieut Col. J Stark & Maj John Cuthbert of the second Regiment and Col Ray of the third, and Col Whe[page torn] of the fourth regiments - all continental officers — also General Robert Howe, also the officers commanding the regiment to which I was attached after I received a commission which was Col John Suart, Lieut Col E Clark and Maj R Howard of the second regiment Georgia State troops — the general circumstances of my services were such as has been mentioned before in my declaration

Int. 6 To an Officer - Did you ever receive a commission and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it

Answer I did receive a commission of first Lieutenant and it was signed by Gov Trawtlin [sic: John A. Treutlen], the then Gov of Georgia and I cannot now say what has become of it, it is either lost or mislaid

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

Answer The rev Jesse George and George W Turrentine
[signed] James Wood

NOTE: On 3 May 1843 Elizabeth Wood, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married James Wood on 18 Dec 1783, and he died 4 Sep 1836. With her application she submitted the original family register written by her husband and listing their own dates of birth and marriage, as well as the names and dates of birth of their children.