

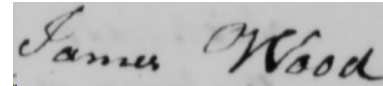
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Pension Application of James Wood W4717 Jemima Wood VA
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The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the subscriber judge of the Supreme Court, James Wood, a citizen of Preble County, Ohio, who being duly sworn states, that on the second of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine, he entered into the army of the revolution as a private soldier, by joining the company of Captain Peyton Harrison, who belonged to the second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col. Beauford [sic: Abraham Buford]. that he at first entered as a substitute for eighteen months under a law of Virginia which required every twenty five men to furnish a man to serve in the continental army for eighteen months. A short time after his enlistment, he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Wales [probably Thomas Wells]. He continued to serve in the aforesaid regiment, until it was dissolved which was sometime in November seventeen hundred and eighty one. That he then joined Col. Lees [Henry Lee's] infantry in the Company of Captain Rudolph of South Carolina. That he continued to serve in this company until he was discharged at Richmond in August seventeen hundred and eighty three – his discharge he has since lost. That during the above service he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] besides several skirmishes. He was twice wounded. The said James Wood further states that his circumstances are reduced, and that he stands in need of the aid of his government, for whose assistance he now applies, under the law of the last session of Congress, providing for those whose circumstances are deduced, and who served nine months or more in the revolutionary war. That he is now about fifty seven years old.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28 June 1818 John Mclean



The State of Ohio Preble County, Court of Common pleas of the seventh circuit within and for the said County of Preble.

On this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty personally appeared in open Court being a court of record expressly made and created a court of record by the Laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio, having power to fine and imprison with jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, James Woods aged Fifty Nine years and by occupation a Farmer resident in the county of Preble aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. I Entered the service in March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine at Leesburgh [sic: Leesburg] in Virginia for Eighteen months under Captain Peyton Harrison of the Second Virginia Regiment. Afterwards I was a while under the command of Captain Wales in the third Regiment of New levies commanded by Colonel Abraham Beauford at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] after the defeat of Colonel Beauford [defeat of Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and the loss of the muster Rolls and baggage of the regiment. I was returned and put in the new rolls as a regular Soldier enlisted during the war and as such I continued to serve till regularly discharged at the end of the war. I was at the battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina under Colonel Beauford in Captain Wallace's Company [see endnote] I was wounded in this battle by a ball which went through my thigh. In September Seventeen Hundred and eighty one I was in the battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina. In November Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one I was attached to Colonel Lee's Legion Infantry in Captain Rhudolphs Company, and I remained in this company till I was discharged at Richmond in Virginia on the twenty first day of August Seventeen Hundred and Eighty three and I have no other evidence now in my power except the facts above stated and as contained in my original declaration dated in June Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen. My original pension certificate is numbered (16433)

Sixteen Thousand four Hundred and Thirty Three. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the Eighteenth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen 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 entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the eighteenth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen, 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. I am by occupation a farmer and common labourer but by age and the wound which I received in my thigh at Guilford and for about Eight months past by pain in my right arm and shoulder I am unable to support myself or to work at my occupation. My family consists of myself and six children who live with me the oldest named Benjamin aged Sixteen years is weak and unable to do more than support himself. Nancy aged fourteen, Washington aged Eleven. Mary aged Eight. Sarah aged five and Rachel aged one year. The three youngest are entirely unable to Support Themselves.

My property is one mare. three Cows. two Calves. one yearling Steer, four sows and Nineteen young Hogs. one old Scythe two sickels one Iron wedge one log chain two pots two skillets one large Kettle. Seven old split bottomed chairs. Three old Earthen dishes. Six old Iron spoons. Ten old Knives & forks. Ten old books. two small augers one chisel and one old handsaw. The aforesaid property being of the worth of about one Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and being the whole of the property owned by me
James Wood

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that James Wood has served as a Soldier in Lt. Colo. Lee's Legion from the 1st January 1782 to this 21st August 1783. He was an enlisted soldier for the War, & joined the Legion from the Virginia Line. [Joseph Eggleston]
Maj Lee's Legion



[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Ohio }
Darke County } Ss

Personally appeared before me, John Been an acting justice of the peace, in and for the County & State aforesaid, James Wood, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith: That on the 2^d March 1779 he enlisted under Captain P. Harrison, of the 2^d Virginia Regiment, for during the war, on Continental establishment, commanded by Col. A. Beuford. In 1781 the regiment to which he belonged being dissolved, he was attached to Capt. Rudolphs company of Colo. H. Lees legion of Infantry, in which company and Legion, he continued to serve, during the war, and was discharged at Richmond Virginia, the 21 August 1783; and that according to an act of the Virginia Legislature he is entitled to the bounty land, set apart for the remuneration of her soldiers. James Wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Greenville the 12th day of July AD 1831

NOTES:

Buford was not at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The only Captain Wallace known to have been there was Andrew Wallace in the Virginia Brigade commanded by Gen. John Green.

In Henry County IN on 13 Nov 1843 Jemima Wood, 69, applied for a pension stating that she married James Wood on 15 Jan 1793 in Botetourt County VA, and that he died 3 Jan 1839 in Darke County OH. A Treasury-Department document states that James Wood died on 3 Jan 1840. With her

application is a copy of the record of the marriage by Henry Van Over of James Wood to Jemima Phillips, daughter of John Phillips, as well as an original family record written by James Wood in a Bible transcribed below. The family record was certified by Thomas Z. Philips and Samuel Wood.

James Wood Born the 4th Day of July One Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty One

Jemima Phillips Born January 26th one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy four

James Wood & Jemima Phillips Married January 15th 1793

Samuel Wood Son of the Above James, Born February 22nd 1794

Also John Phillips Was Born November 28th 1795

Elizabeth Wood Born May 21st 1798

Andrew Wood Born March 30th 1800

James Wood son of the Within Born February 17th 1802

Benjamin Wood Born Feby 13th 1804

Nancy Wood Born July the 4th 1806

Washington Martain Wood Born December 26th 1809

Mary Wood Born November the 8th 1812

Sarah Wood Born September 14th 1815

Rachel Wood Born March 19th 1819

Samuel Wood certified the authenticity of the family record, and Thomas P. Phillips of Randolph County IN deposed that he had known James and Jemima Phillips Wood since the time of their marriage.