

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wood W4868

Sarah

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State of North Carolina Halifax County: SS

On this 19th day of August 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, William Wood, a resident of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, aged 82 years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: In the year the British took Charleston,¹ in the month of October, he was drafted as a militia-man in Bute County, North Carolina, & went into service under General Ashe [John Ashe] & Colonel Eaton in Captain Charles Allen's company & marched to Charleston, up Savannah River to Augusta, crossed at Augusta & marched down to Brier Creek & there fought the British, & was discharged there after serving six months – he received a written discharge but does not know what became of it.

In February 1781 he was drafted in Halifax County North Carolina in the three months militia service under Captain Taylor & marched to Guilford & joined Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army (General Green of the Continental Army) & was in the battle of Guilford Court House & after the battle came home without a discharge being out in service about four weeks.

In August of the same year (1781) he was returned in the twelve months service of the Continental Army, in Halifax County, North Carolina under Captain Armstrong & did duty at Halifax town guarding prisoners & the magazine about two months, when he was taken by Colonel Nicholas Long & worked under his direction as an artisan upon the wagons & carts belonging to the service about 8 months & then marched under Captain Robert Fenner, in pursuit of Tories & a part of the time in pursuit of one Megeart [sic, Daniel McGirt] a robber belonging to what was called the Florida Scout, through Hillsboro, Salisbury, Camden, Drowning Creek to near Eutaw Springs where Greene's Army lay & returned through that place after the fight to Halifax & dismissed until further orders but was never called on again – the company never

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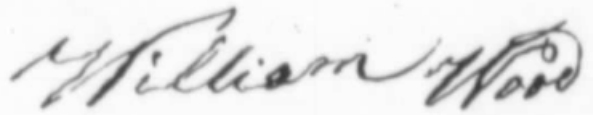
joined any other company or Regiment during the whole tour & never received any discharge being under Captain Fenner three months – in this tour he was in actual service in all thirteen months. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He was born in Bute County in North Carolina in April 1751, as he is informed by a record of his age which he has in a Bible belonging to him, in his father's handwriting – he now lives in Halifax County North Carolina & has done so ever since the Revolutionary War.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Mark. H. Pettway, Clk

S/ William Wood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Wood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Albrittain Jones, a clergyman, and Isham Mathews gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William wood a private in Captain Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 6th of March 1782 for 12 months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. It appears he was allowed by a Board of Commissioners as one of the 12 months drafts the sum of \$32.20.

Given under my hand this 25th November 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 64: On April 5, 1843 in Halifax County North Carolina, Sarah Wood, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Wood Senior, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 15th 1783; that she has no record of her marriage; that her husband died July 14, 1840; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn 77: Isham Mathews gave testimony that he knows William Wood and his wife Sarah were legally married; that they were married by Isham Mathews Father, James Mathews.]

[fn p. 364: Certificate dated August 21, 1844, from the clerk of the Halifax County court stating that he has diligently searched the records in his office and found no record of the marriage of William Wood to Sarah Wood whose maiden name he understands to have been Sarah Hull.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.11 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months and 28 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

ⁱ Sic, Charleston was taken on May 12, 1780. From the events this veteran describes, he entered the service in October 1778, not 1780.