

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Wood W6568 Mary Wood VA
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On this 30th day of January, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Wood, a resident of Halifax County, State of Virginia, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July, 4th, 1836:

That she is the widow of Thomas Wood, deceased, late of Halifax County, Virginia, who was a soldier in the Militia service of Virginia in the war of the Revolution. That in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity, her memory has failed her, and what little she did know formerly respecting the services of her late husband has almost escaped her. She recollects, however, distinctly that after her marriage (which took place previous to the commencement of the Revolutionary war) her said husband was drafted three several times in the Militia service for the term of three months each, and that he served in the States of Virginia and North Carolina. That during his service, she was left destitute and alone with her childrin, and suffered many privations. That he was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and other battles of less note. That he was a resident of Lunenburg County during the Revolutionary war and was drafted each time from that County. That he marched under Capt. Walker [probably Sylvanus Walker], Capt Murill and other officer whose name she does not now call to memory. That Major Street, General [Robert] Lawson and General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] were field officers. Also Lafayette and Baron Steuban [sic: Baron von Steuben]. That she honestly believes her said husband was in actual service Eight months, altogether and served his country faithfully, for which length of service she claims a pension. For particulars of service and evidence of service, she refers to the public records of the Army, and the accompanying certificate of old soldiers who served with him. She regrets, that she cannot adduce more satisfactory evidence; but most of the old soldiers have departed this life, from whom alone she could obtain evidence. That she has no documentary evidence.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Wood previous to the commencement of the Revolutionary War, the exact date she cannot call to mind, having lost the family Register, but believes it was in 1774 or 1775 in the Spring of the year, by Parson Craig of the Episcopal church, by publication of banns, according to the rites and ceremonies of that church. That said Parson Craig is dead, and as she understands, all the Vestry Books in which marriages were registered have long since been destroyed or lost.

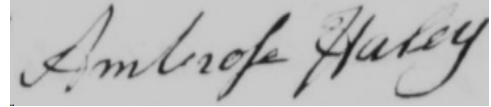
That her husband, the aforesaid Thomas Wood, died on the [blank] day of [blank] 1822; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. That the said marriage took place before the last term of service of her husband expired, and was never afterwards married.

Mary herXmark Wood

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Ambrose Haley [pension application S8689] of Charlotte do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Wood late of Halifax County in the War of the Revolution, being a good deal with him in the service, and recollect that in 1780, he was drafted for the term of three months in the Militia from Lunenburg County under Capt Walker, and marched to North Carolina and was at Gates' defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780]. He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service. I further certify that said Thomas Wood was drafted a second time in the Militia from the same county for the term of three months under Capt Walker in 1781, and marched to North Carolina and was engaged in the battle of Guilford. He served the said term faithfully and was regularly discharged from service. I am in the 80th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.

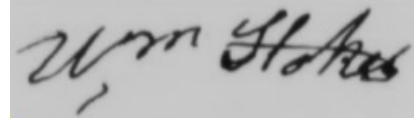
[5 Feb 1839]

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Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit: [25 Feb 1839]

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Thomas Wood in the war of the Revolution. I recollect very distinctly that said Thomas Wood in the year 1781, was drafted for Two months from the County of Lunenburg under Capt Knight and marched to Yorktown in Virginia, and was engaged in the siege of that place. These facts come within my personal knowledge, being a soldier at the time in the same company. I am in the 77th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.

[Referred to as "Capt William Stokes" in the certification.]

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NOTE: On 8 March 1839 Unity Crenshaw stated that she was present at the marriage of Thomas Wood and Mary Moore in 1774 or 1775.