

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Wood W6572 Nancy Wood VA
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State of Virginia, Campbell County SS

On the 20th day of July 1844, before me Thomas Rudd, a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, personally appeared Mrs. Nancy Wood, a resident of said County Aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832, July 7th 1838, and 3rd of March 1843 entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" Revo'y Soldiers That she is the widow of Jesse Wood dec'd of said County, who was a private soldier in the malitia, during the Revolutionary war – and served three tours as such. The first tour of duty that her dec'd husband Jesse Wood performed was from said County then Bedford out against the Indians on Holston River in the year 1778 [sic] and under the command of Capt. Adams and served 3 months or more, before he returned home and that while there, a Treaty was made with the Indians [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jul 1777]. The next tour of duty he served, was in the lower part of the state of Virginia, down about, and at Williamsburg under the command of Captain [blank] in the year 1780 and was gone 3 months leaving home in May and returning in August or Sep'r during which term he contracted the Ague, and Fever with which he was sick, for some time after he returned home. The last tour he served was in the winter and spring of 1781 under the command of Capt. Wm. Jones [William Jones] and was at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] during the performance of said tour of duty. Edmund Wood, and perhaps Wm. Rosser [William Rosser, pension application W29945] was in the same company with him. Cpts. [Jacob] Moon and [Thomas] Helm was killed at said Battle which was in March 1781. Her husband served at least 9 months in all.

That she was married to the said Jesse Wood, in said county, then Bedford – on the [blank] day of [blank] 1782 by the Rev'd Mr Holt; that her dec'd. husband, the aforesaid Jesse Wood died in said County on the 17th day of June 1836; That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the first day of Jan'y 1794. That her maiden name was Rosser and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid to the present time. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed. Declarant further claims the pension that was due her dec'd. husband Jesse Wood under the Act June 7, 1832 from the 4th day of March 1831, to the 17th day of June 1836; the latter being the day of his death: he being well enough off without it never would claim his pension altho he knew that he was entitled to it.

Nancy herXmark Wood

State of Virginia Campbell County S.S.

On this 10 day of July 1844, before me Adam Clement a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Richard Daniel [S8293], a respectable resident of said county being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 94 years old and was well acquainted with Jesse Wood dec'd of said County, who married Nancy Rosser, some short time after the close of the Revo'y. war. Said Jesse Wood performed a tour of service of three months duration in the Revo'y. war, from said county, in company with deponant Daniel under the command of Capt Wm. Jones and was at the Battle of Guilford in North Carolina, in March 1781 during the performance of said tour of duty. Deponant, and said Wood, was together the whole time leaving home in Febuary, and returning in May. The regiment to which Capt. Jone's Company was attached was commanded by Col [Charles] Lynch. Said Wood servd the tour faithfully out and about a week or so or longer than deponant. Said Wood died in said county about eight years ago, leaving his widow Nancy Wood, whose maiden name was Roper and who has remained a widow ever since. The precise time he stayed after dep. left he can not say positively.

Richard hisXmark Daniel

State of Virginia, Campbell Count to witt,

On this 20th day of July 1844, before me Thomas Rudd a Justice of the peace, in and for said County personally appeared Robert Tweedy, a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – that he is 76 years old and was well acquainted with Jesse Wood, who married Nancy Rosser, about the close of the Revo’y. war, or early after. Deponent is satisfied that said Wood was at the Battle of Guilford in North Carolina, in March 1781: For he recollects distinctly, that when is own father Jos. Tweedy [Joseph Tweedy] returned from said battle that he told deponant there and other times, since; that Jesse Wood was with him at Guilford, and served his tour faithfully out. And from what he has heard of said Wood’s Revo’y Services from himself, and neighbours, no doubt but what he was in the service at other times, besides the Battle at Guilford, but dep. was too young to recollect of his going but the tour at Guilford N Carolina, which was a three months tour, as he understood. Said Wood died in said county on or about the 17th day of June 1836; leaving his present widow Nancy Wood, maiden name Rosser – and who has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid to the present time. Said Wood has children [blank] years old if not more.

[signed] Robert Tweedy

State of Virginia, Campbell County to witt,

On this 14 day of January 1845, before me Adam Clement a justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Thos Rosser, a respectable resident of said county, whose oath is entitled to Credit who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 79 years old and was well acquainted with Jesse Wood decd of said County, during the Revo’y. war. The same man that married Nancy Rosser in the year 1781 or 82. deponant recollects distinctly when they went from home to go to the old church Minister to get married – he thinks it was Parson — Holt that married them. The said Jesse Wood served two tours of service in the Revo’y. war, to the knowledge of deponant. The first of which was in the year — it being from one to two years before the battle of Guilford, which was in March 1781 – he recollects when the company to which he belonged marched for the Indian Frontier out on the Holston River – now in East Tennessee. Jno Rosser [John Rosser], the brother of deponant, and Rob’t. Williamson [Robert Williamson] was along in the same Company It was in the Fall of the year that they were in said service it being digging potatoe time. There was a Treaty made with the Indians while they were there. They told of a great many incidents that ocured while in said service. His brother Jno Rosser got scalled by one of the camp Kettles which prevented his getting back home before the Spring following. Said Jesse Wood must have served at least 3 months on said occasion in the Revo. war. Dep. can not, at this time recollect the Captain’s name, that he Wood served under on said occasion. They were drafted for a full tour, and served it out faithfully. Said Jesse Wood performed another tour of service in the Spring of 1781 of three months duration under Capt. Wm. Jones and Col Lynch commanded the Reg’t. Edmund Wood, and Thos. Jones’s [Thomas Jones], others from the neighbourhood was in the same company which was marched to N. Carolina, and was at the Battle of Guilford, in March 1781 before he returned. These two tours are all that deponant has any knowledge of the said Jesse Woods having performed in the Revo. war. Said Wood died in the year 1835.

[signed] Thos. Rosser

State of Virginia, Campbell County to witt,

I Leroy McCralle a Justice of the peace, in and for said county, do hereby certify, that during the life time of Jesse Wood, that in speaking of his Revolutionary Services in addition to his services at the tour of Guilford, that I heard the said Wood say that he performed a tour of Service, during the Revo’y. war, against the Indians, but cant say at what place he was located. That while in said service, the whites and Indians being encamped near together, and on opposite sides of the river – I cant say what river – said Jesse Wood related a circumstance that took place there that caused a good deal of excitement [undeciphered word] both the Whites, and Indians. Which was, that while the two nations were truing to negotiate a treaty, the river only dividing them, one of the whites, shot an Indian across the River, and

killed him, on which the Indians immediately flew to their arms and was for renewing the war; when an Indian chief got up and addressed the Indians – upon which they became calm again and let the Treaty progress.

That an attempt was made to find out who shot the Indian, but failed as no one would own the gun that the Indian was supposed to be shot with. I have no doubt but the said Wood performed said tour as above related. Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1845.

Leroy McCralle J.P.

State of Virginia Campbell Co to witt.

I Leroy McCralle a Justice of the peace in and for said county, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the declarant Nancy Wood above named and that she is the identical person who rec'd a pension under the acts of Congress of July 7 1838, March 3 1843, and June 17 1844; as the widow of Jesse Wood dec'd, who died in said county in the year 1836 and that previous to the death of said Jesse Wood, I heard him conversing on the subject of obtaining a pension, and that he observed in substance, that he considered himself entitled to a pension, but as some claims had been rejected, that he considered good, it deterred him from making any effort on his part to obtain his own pension

Given under my hand this 11th day of August 1845. Leroy McCralle J.P.

NOTES:

On 17 April 1845 Robert , the agent for Nancy Wood, wrote to the Commissioner of Pensions in part as follows: "It is very evident that said Wood serve 3 full tours, and a piece – 1 out on the Holston, against the Indians, 1 in the lower part of the State at Williamsburg Va – 1 at Guilford, and a short tour at N. London [New London] to guard the magazine against the Tories – but which was not embraced in the declaration of the widow, or any of the affidavits given by witnesses, it having escaped their memory."

Nancy Wood's application was supported by Elizabeth Rosser, 78. With the application was a copy of a bond signed in Bedford County on 3 Aug 1781 by Jesse Wood and John Rosser for the marriage of Wood to Nancy Rosser.