

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Woody¹ W6577 Martha

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Virginia:

At a Court of Monthly Session, held for Nelson County, at the Courthouse on Monday the 28th day of July 1834

State of Virginia, Nelson County, to wit

On this 28th day of July 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of said County, now sitting, Benjamin Woody a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-three 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated, that in the year __he was drafted out of the Militia in the County of Fluvanna and State aforesaid, and marched from Lindsay's Tavern under Captain Samuel Richardson, Lieutenant James Coles and Ensign John Coles. The company marched to Williamsburg through Richmond, stated Williamsburg 8 or 10 days, then marched to the halfway house and remained there upwards of a month, then back to Williamsburg and remained there upwards of a month, when they were sent with prisoners to Richmond and discharged, having remained in service a little upwards of three months, say three months and one week.

Some short time afterwards he was again drafted and went into the service of the United States under Captain Joseph Haden, Lieutenant William Adams, the Ensign not recollected, the Company marched from Fluvanna Courthouse, and marched straight on the Gloucester County opposite York, in an old field, passed by King William Courthouse, and remained there and thereabouts three months, when, after the capture of Cornwallis he was discharged. He was in a skirmish whilst stationed opposite York, in driving in the British light horse, who were out on a plundering party on the Gloucester side – in this skirmish six of our men were killed, and fifteen of the British soldiers. He does not recollect who was the commanding officer of the forces in either of the tours, nor does he recollect what Regiment he was attached to. He was young at the time, and names have escaped his recollection, except those Officers with whom he went into service. In the last service he remained a few days over three months, having been discharged immediately after the capture at York. He also states, that before he went into service as above stated, he was drafted to go to the Barracks in Albemarle County to guard the Hessians, that he served there one month under Captain Leonard Thompson, he forgets the Lieutenant's and Ensign's names, he does not recollect who commanded at that station. On this Tour he served one month. So he claims for and declares that he served as a soldier of the Revolutionary War seven months. He does not know what became of his discharges, or whether he ever had a

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written one, nor has he any documentary evidence of his services. He knows of no person who served with him, by whom he can prove his services, but he can prove by Sarah Woody that he did go into the service of the country in the Revolutionary War.

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

The said Woody says he has no register of his age.

He also names John Crank and Nelson Anderson, who can prove his good character, and that reliance can be placed in his statement, also that he is reputed in his neighborhood, and no doubts have existed, of his having served as a soldier of the Revolution.

He also states that he resided in the County of Fluvanna when he went into the service each time, that he moved to the County of Amherst, now Nelson, about forty years ago, and has remained there ever since.

Subscribed and sworn to, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Woody²

[John Crank gave a standard supporting affidavit. Nelson Anderson gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 10: On July 3, 1843 in Albemarle County Virginia, Martha Woody, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Woody, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him February 5, 1785; that he died November 9, 1836 in Albemarle County, Virginia and that she has remained his widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: On October 16, 1843 in Nelson County Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Woody, 87, gave testimony that she is the widow of Samuel Woody, the brother of Benjamin Woody; that Benjamin Woody in early life intermarried with Martha Kirby in Fluvanna County Virginia; that she was not present at the marriage but lived in the neighborhood; that after their marriage the veteran and his wife lived together as man and wife then moved to Albemarle County. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 15: copy of the marriage bond issued in Fluvanna County Virginia to Benjamin Woody and William Kirby February 3, 1785 to secure the marriage of Benjamin Woody to Martha Kirby.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 7 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing November 9, 1836.]

² the signature of the veteran is in the identical handwriting with the balance of the document. Therefore, I do not believe it is his actual signature but rather is his name signed by the scribe to indicate that he signed the original.