

Pension Application for Alexander Wood

S.44099

County of Orange SS

On this fifth day of September 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court or record for the county of Orange and State of New York Alexander Wood resident in said County aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Alexander Wood enlisted in the army towards the last of February 1776 for the term of on year or during the war in the State of New York in the county of Orange in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Denton Regt commanded by Col. Ritzma in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment.

That he continued to serve under said enlistment until the last of December when he was taken sick and continued unwell until in February following when he was honorably discharged to Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

That he was in the battle at White Plains was in a detachment of the army commanded by General Lee at the time he was taken Prisoner about the 13th of December that he relinquishes every claim about the 13th of December that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any other state except the State of New York & that the following are the reasons for not making earlier and more successful application for a pension.

Those of my acquaintance who served with me were either dead or removed far from me I was in person destitute and unable to find the residue of the necessary testimony to support my claim that with all those difficulties I have several times applied but since my last application have found two affidavits which I presume will be satisfactory.

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish so as to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818.

And that I have not nor has any person for me in Trust any property or Securities contacts or Debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. The six shares of Turnpike stock mentioned in my schedule has been sold since the 18th of March 1818 for \$60 the amount paid out for clothes & board and which I have a right to redeem that my occupation was farming but have not been able to follow it for the years past. That I have no family or friends to support me and that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country. (Singed) Alexander Wood

Sworn to and declared in open Court the Fifth day of September 1825 before me, Asa Dunning Clerk.

Letter in folder dated February 12, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Alexander Wood, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data obtained herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.44099, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Alexander Wood.

While residing in Florida, Orange County, New York, he enlisted in the latter part of February, 1776 and served one year in Captain Daniel Denton's company in Colonel Ritzema's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains.