

Pension Application for Enoch Wood

W.9030 (Widow: Lydia)

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State of New York

Onondaga County SS

On this twentieth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before me Grove Lawrence First Judge of Onondaga County Courts, Counsellor &c., Enoch Wood, a resident of the town of Camillus, County and State aforesaid, he the said Enoch Wood being unable to appear at the sitting of the Court of Common Pleas in said County, aged seventy six 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. Viz—

That he was born in the town of Sharon, Litchfield County & State of Connecticut in 1763, that he remained there until August 1779 when he went to Ballstown in the then County of Albany & State of New York, Ballstown being then a frontier Town, that he soon after his arrival in Ballstown joined the Regiment of Militia Commanded by Colonel James Gordon of the New York Militia. The Captain's name was Tyrannus Collins, the Lieutenants name was Waters and the Ensigns name was Caleb Benedict—that he has forgotten the Lieutenant Col. and the Majors Names—that there were no United States Troops nearer there than Fort Ann.

That on the night of the 17th day of October 1779 Captain Collins Company was surprised by about two hundred British and about fifty Indians and twenty of Captain Collins were taken prisoners – among whom were the Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, this deponent and a number more whose names he does not remember, Colonel Gordon was also taken at the same time—Elijah Sprague of Captain Collins Company was also taken and whose affidavit is hereby appended—that the British were commanded by Captains [Munro?] and Anderson, the Indians were under the command of an Indian called Captain John, that the prisoners were taken through the woods to Crown Point and thence to Montreal in Canada and that he was he was [six] retained there as a prisoner until the month of November 1781 when he with a number more prisoners were put on board a British vessel and taken to Boston by way of Halifax where they arrived about the first of December the same year from-thence this deponent returned to Sharon aforesaid and remained about one year he then went to Ballstown aforesaid in 1782 and that he remained there and at Saratoga until 1811 when this deponent removed with his family to the Town of Camillus aforesaid where he now resides at the time this deponent was taken a prisoner the British burnt the buildings and grain of all the settlers on the road except those of the Tories, the buildings and grain of his brother were burnt and his family driven off-one man by the name of Stow was killed by the enemy-after the return of the prisoners Colonel James Gordon took down the names of the prisoners and obtained certificates of service and that this deponent received a certificate for some over sixty pounds—which he sold to Nicholas Low of New York for land—that this deponent is known in his immediate Neighborhood by James Burnet David Munro, Abraham Wood, Henry Wells, James R.

Lawrence, Eliakim Edwards, Daniel Bennett & Alvin Wood—that Squire Patchen knows him and was known to him at the time he was taken a prisoner-and the time this deponent was detained as such.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and that he declares his name is onto on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

He further says he has no record of his age except what has been made in his bible about thirty years ago, and which was made upon information from his parents.
(Signed) Enoch Wood

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Grove Lawrence,
First Judge of Onondaga County Counsellor &c.

Letter in folder dated October 25, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.9030, it appears that Enoch Wood was born in 1763 at Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

He moved to Ballston, New York in 1779 and enlisted and served as a private in Captain Tyranis Collins' Company, colonel James Gordon's New York Regiment, October 19, 1779 he was taken prisoner by a party of British and Indians and carried to Montreal, Canada, where he was held until in November 1781, when he was allowed to go home.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 20, 1840, while a resident of Camillus, Onondaga County, New York. He died there August 27, 1847.

It is stated that he was a man of family, when he was about thirty years old, no names are given.

He married October 3, 1831, Lydia Rockwell, they were both then of Camillus, New York. He was allowed pension on her application executed December 22, 1853, while a resident of Camillus, New York, aged sixty-eight years.

A son, Alonzo, had a daughter, Charlotte, who married William G. Stevens. There are no further data as to children.