

### **Pension Information for Israel Wood**

S.14897

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of ;the county of Albany and State aforesaid Israel Wood a resident of the town of Bern in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 78 years and upwards 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in the town of Salem in the County of Westchester in the State of New York immediately on the lines and continued to reside there except when he was out in the said service until the close of the said war.

He entered the said service as a private soldier in the month of March 1776 at Salem aforesaid as a volunteer and joined Capt Samuel Delavan's Company for the term of one month. He was immediately marched to Valentine's Hill, in Westchester County where he staid a short time, and was then marched to Hurlgate and built a fort at which place he was discharged (having served his time out of one month) in the month of April or first of May the same year.

He again entered the said service in Salem aforesaid as a volunteer and enlisted in Capt Nathaniel Delavan's company in Colonel Thomas Regiment the last of June or first of July 1776 as a private, for the term of six months. He was immediately marched with the said company to the mouth of Croton river, and then to Kingsbridge where he joined the said regiment, he continued at Kingsbridge until the British passed up the river in vessels and landed. He and the said company and regiment were then marched to White Plains, and was immediately engaged, making entrenchments, building breast works &c preparatory for the action. Shortly after, the Battle of White Plains commenced and he was actively engaged in that action.

After the Battle was over he and the said company and regiment with other forces marched up the river to Peekskill, where they staid until cold weather came on, he was then marched through the snow half leg deep in the said regiment by Colonel Thomas, down the river to a place called Kingstreet, where he was discharged, about the first of January 1777, having served his time out, he then returned home to Salem.

His services after this time and until the close of the war, consisted of being out on short trips on alarms and being classed, and he cannot possibly enumerate with any particularity the many times and places he served. He recollects that in the spring of 1777, he was called out to go to Danbury, and marched to Ridgefield and there having learnt that Danbury was burnt and that the British had passed down to the sound, he was dismissed and he returned home.

At another time but does not recollect the year he volunteered and joined Capt John Drakes company and went to a place called Crumpond in Westchester county, where he staid about two weeks. Shortly after he got home he again went under Lt Lockwood as volunteer and went down the river to keep guard—but does not recollect the place he went to a place called Crumpond in Westchester County where he staid about two weeks. Shortly after he got home he again went under Lt. Lockwood as volunteer and went down the river to keep ;guard, but does not recollect the place he went to.

At another time he was called out on an alarm to go to Bedford and joined Colo Thomas Regiment, and immediately marched to that place and was the when Bedford was burnt, cannot recollect the time he was out on this occasion.

At another time he was called out and went on to the lines down the river and kept guard two weeks but does not recollect the officers names he served under. And in this way he served more or less every year untill the close of the war.

He was frequently called on to go on Scouts and on short expeditions, and patrolled the streets nights and dispersed of Cowboys and tories time after time untill the final termination of the Revolutionary War. Old age and disease having very much impaired his recollection, he is unable to state minutely all the officers names he served under and every particular in relation to his service, but well knows that he actually served in an embodied corps; more than five months in this last mentioned description of service, making in the whole of his service in the Revolutionary War, one year and over.

That after the colose [close] of the war he received a certificate that he was entitled to a certain amount of pay for his services in the militia, but the precise amount he cannot now recollect nor does he now know the amount he received for the said certificate.

He never received a written discharge and he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person he can procure at this time to testify to his services.

He resides 24 miles from the City of Albany where the courts of Record for the county of Albany are held, and is verry [very] infirm by reason of old age and disease and is wholly unable to go that distance to attend the Court.

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. (Signed with his mark) Israel Wood

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before J. B. Moore Judge of Albany County Courts.

Letter in folder dated September 14, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

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The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, s.14897, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Israel Wood.

While residing in Salem, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted sometime in March, 1776 and served one month as a private in Captain Samuel Delavan's New York Company. He enlisted in June or July, 1776 and served six months as private in captain Nathaniel Delavan's company, Colonel Thomas' New York regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains. He continued to serve until the close of the war on various short tours, was out on the Danbury Alarm, a part of this time he was under Captain John Drake and under Lieutenant Lockwood, and when Bedford was burned, he was there under Colonel Thomas. He stated that the length of all his service was twelve months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 13, 1832, then a resident of Berne, Albany County, New York and was aged seventy-eight years "and upward".

There are no data in this claim relative to his family.