

Pension Application for James Wood

W.19653 (Widow: Mary) Married December 5, 1784. James died February 11, 1827.
State of New York
County of Schenectady SS

James Wood, formerly a private in the service of the United States, now a resident of the City and County of Schenectady being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he is now about fifty-eight years of age.

That on or about the ninth day of June in the year 1780 during the war of the revolution, this deponent enlisted under Captain Bevier of the fifth Regiment of New York State Troops on the Continental establishment, under the command of Colonel Dubois, to serve during the war.

That the said Regiment although called Colonel Dubois' Regiment was under the command of Lieut. Col Marinus Willett. That he was attached to said company and regiment. That he was afterwards selected from the said company, to serve in the Light Infantry to be commanded by the Marquis LaFayette, and was attached to Captain Aaron Austins Company of said Infantry, and was afterwards the same season detached from said company and attached to Captain Austins Company of said Infantry and was afterwards the same season detached from said company and attached to Captain Bleeckers Company of Infantry.

That afterwards in the fall of 1780 after the consolidation of the New York Regiments had taken place, he returned to go into winter quarters and was attached to Captain John F. Hamtramacks Company, then of the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip Van Courtlandt.

That in the year 1782, when the Infantry went to the South, this deponent was left sick at Albany and was afterwards attached to Captain Henry Dubois' Company of said 2d Regiment of New York State Troops commanded by the said Colonel VanCourtlandt.

That he remained attached to the said company ;and regiment untill the peace of 1782—when he was on the Ninth of June of that year Honorably discharged from service & was honored with the badge of merit for his faithful service.

But this Deponent says that in the winter of 1782 the said Captain Dubois left the Army, and his company was untill this Deponents discharge commanded by Lieutenant Pawling of said Company.

This Deponent further says that he served in the war of the revolution on the Continental establishment as before stated against the common enemy.

That he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his country for support.

That he has never had any pension allowed him for his services aforesaid by the laws of the United States. (Signed with his mark) James Wood

Sworn before me this first day of April 1818. John Yates, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Schenectady.

Letter in folder dated November 19, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of November 2nd, requesting information in regard to James and Thomas Wood, soldiers of the Revolution.

The data which follows are obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.19653, based upon the military service of James wood during the Revolution.

He enlisted in 1778, place not stated, and served as private with the New York troops under Captains Bevier Aaron Aorson, Bleeker, John F. Hantramck and Henry DuBois, and colonels DuBoys, and Philip Van Cortlandt. He was discharged June 9, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 1, 1818, at which time he was living in Schenectady, New York, and stated that he was then aged about fifty-eight years. In 1820 he stated that he was sixty-three years of age.

He died February 11, 1827, in Schenectady, New York, Mary Nesbitt.

On account of his service in the Revolution she was allowed pension on her application executed August 16, 1838, at which time she was seventy-one years of age and was living in Brownsville, Jefferson County, New York.

James and Mary wood had eleven children. In 1838 the widow, Mary, stated that her oldest child was born October 17, 1785, that her three oldest children were then dead and that Joseph who was born December 8, 1794, was the oldest child then living. A daughter, Catherine, married Ezra B. Dodd. The names of the other children were not given.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim, W.22694, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Thomas Wood.

He enlisted at Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, in the summer of 1779 and served nine months as private in Captain Bates' Company in Colonel Bradford's Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted in the summer of 1781 and served in Captain Joseph Bates' Company in Colonel Scammell's Massachusetts Regiment until after the surrender of Cornwallis, when he was transferred to Henry Jackson's Massachusetts Regiment and served as sergeant in Captains Holbrook's, John Fuller's and Mills' Companies of said regiment until discharged in October, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818, while living in Hebron, Oxford County, Maine.

He died there September or November 28, 1824.

He married at Middleborough, Massachusetts, January 8, 1784.

She was allowed pension on her application executed August 23, 1838, while living at Kingfield, Franklin County, Maine, aged seventy-four years.

Is was not stated whether they had any children.