

Pension Application for Samuel Wood

S.28955

State of New York

Jefferson County SS

On this Fifth day of September 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting, Samuel Wood, a resident of Watertown in said County, aged 68 & ½ 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 7, 1832.

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

In September 1779 – my Father Timothy Wood was drafted to perform a tour of duty in Capt Christian VanDeusen's Company Colonel Jesse Woodhull's New York State Troops of Infantry.

I took his place as substitute and served in the capacity of Drummer—I immediately marched in said Company to a place about two miles below West Point called [Dons?] Hook – after about two weeks marched to Buttermilk Falls and Fort Montgomery which was back of said Falls and then continued about two weeks longer—and then marched to Haverstraw Bay where after more than two weeks we were dismissed and the whole company returned home to New Windsor. The time I as in actual service in this tour either in Field or garrison is between six and seven weeks I say, not less than one and a half months. This expedition was called for by an alarm from the British and were kept out by an alarm from the British and were kept out [?] long to prevent Tory's Cowboys from driving cattle &c to the British

In June 1780 a part of the same Capt Van Duesen's Company belonging to said Woodhull's Regt to the number of about twenty five were drafted to perform another tour of duty.

I went as Drummer a Substitute for Andrew Sherwood and marched from New Windsor to Ringwood Furnace in the State of New Jersey. I believe this was when the castings were done for the army and it was supposed the British would attempt to burn it—at Ringwood Furnace we met detachments from other companies and were more organized into a full company and Capt Daniel Tuttle of the same Regt took the commanding of the whole—having ascertained that Furnace to be in no danger—we were marched to Crompond and were there divided into small parties—for patrolling or scouting in various directions and took up a number of Cowboys with cattle and sheep which they were driving to the British.

We remained at this place until we had served one month and were then dismissed and returned home.

About the first of August in the same year 1780 another draft was made upon the same company Capt VanDeusen's Woodhull's Regt and I took the place of Peter Lowrie—a substitute for him and was enrolled a Drummer in said company and marched under the command of Lieut Andrew Southerland, our Capt did not go, he having just performed a tour, to Crompond, when our party being a part of

VanDuesen's Company only met a part of the company of Capt Eleaser Woodhull belonging to the same Regt—Woodhull not being there Lieut Southerland took the command of the whole and soon after marched to Tappan Bay and then did duty in patrolling or Scouting parties—had several skirmishes with scouts from the British but lost no lives.

I served in this company not less than one month—our company was dismissed and we all returned home.

My next tour of duty commenced about the middle of October the same year 1780 and was [?] in the Capacity of Drummer—as substitute for my Father Timothy Wood who was Drafted for a month's tour in Capt Eleaser Woodhull's Company Colonel Jesse Woodhull's Regt marched immediately to old Fort Montgomery and patrolled in that neighborhood and back in the country almost to Crompond the whole months without accomplishing anything more then to quit the fears of the inhabitants respecting depredations of Torys & Cowboys &c I served not less than one month, was dismissed and returned home.

1781 near the middle of July I volunteered a Drummer in Capt Asa Dean's Company, Col Jesse Woodhull's Regt for a half month's tour and marched immediately to Sterling Furnace 18 or 20 miles South West of West Point. We remained there two weeks and were dismissed and returned home—having served not less than half a month.

1781 Sept 1—My oldest Brother Thurston Wood was drafted for a half month's tour—and I sent a substitute for him, did duty as Drummer, in Capt VanDeusen's Coy, Col. Woodhull's Regt and was marched to Hackensack, New Jersey and then did duty in patrolling till the time had expired when we were dismissed and I returned home having served not less than half a month.

1781. About the 10th November I volunteered a Private in Captain David Land's Company in Colonel McLowrie's Regiment for one month—the whole force was Capt Sand's Co'y and a part of VanDusen's —marched to the North River crossed it at Fishkill landing and marched across the Mountain to Peekskill—lay there a while ;and marched up the river to Robinson's House—did nothing this tour except watch the movements of the British on the River—after having served one month was dismissed and returned home.

I have served as Drummer as above detailed—Five & one half months—as Private one month for which I ask a Pension—and should have mad [made] my application sooner—had I have not supposed it was necessary that my services should have been performed under regular enlistments—

To the question where and in what year I was born—

I was born in New Windsor, Orange County New York the 6th day of April 1765.

To the question Have I any record of my age & if so where is it.

I answer—I have no record of my age—my age was recorded in an ancient Family Bible which for a long time has been so much worn that the leaf on which was the record is lost.

To the question—where did you live when called into service and when since the Revolutionary War—and when called into service, and all my military engagements were made at that place—and then lived—till I was twenty one years old and then moved to Stillwater Saratoga County N.Y. – and then remained till 1807 when I moved to Watertown Jeff. Co., N.Y. where I now live.

To the 4th question. How I was called into service—

I answer—as a volunteer and substitute—twice for Timothy Wood—once for Andrew Sherwood, once for Peter Lowrie—once for Thurston Wood.

To the 5th interrogatory-I answer that I was never stationed with any Continental or Militia Regt. I frequently saw continental Officers in the various tours I performed—but only recollect the name of Genl James Clinton--and Captain Hudang.

To the 6th – I answer that I never received a written discharge.

To the 7th—I refer to my ;neighbors who have known me for years—then living[?] being Mynick Brown, John C. Herrick, Joseph Brown, Philip Field and Richard Smith who are well known to the Court and also to Judge McKnight on the [?] for my character fro veracity and that they believe I was a soldier of the Revolution—

In the various services above detailed I served with an embodied Corps called into service by Competent authority and was not during any of the time employed in any civil pursuit.

I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person living who can testify to my service.

Since I was informed that my services were such as came under the pension act I have as contained by letter. That a person who was with me in most of the tours had lately died & now do not know where to go to ;find evidence & further saith now.

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) Samuel Wood

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 11, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Samuel Wood of New Windsor, Orange County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.28955, based upon the service of Samuel Wood, in the War of the Revolution.

Samuel Wood was born April 6, 1765, in New Windsor, Orange County, New York. He was the son of Timothy Wood, name of his mother not given.

While a resident of New Windsor, New York, Samuel Wood served from sometime in September, 1779, as substitute for his father, as a drummer in captain Christian Van Deuson's company, Colonel Jesse Woodhull's New York regiment, six or seven weeks. He served from sometime in June, 1780, one month as drummer in Captain Daniel Tuttle's company, Colonel Jesse Woodhull's regiment, in pursuit of Tories and Cowboys. From sometime in August, 1780, served one month as drummer under Lieutenant Andrew Southerland, Colonel Jesse Woodhull's regiment, was in

several skirmishes. He served from sometime in October, 1780, one month as substitute for his father, as drummer in Captain Eleazer Woodhull's company, Colonel Jesse Woodhull's regiment. He served in the summer of 1781, as substitute for his brother, Thurston Wood, who drummer in Captain Van Deuson's company, colonel Jesse Woodhull's regiment. In the fall of 1781, one month as private in Captain David Sand's company Colonel McClaughry's regiment.

The soldier, Samuel Wood, after the Revolution moved from New Windsor, New York, to Stillwater, New York, there until in 1807, then moved to Watertown, Jefferson County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1833, then living in Watertown, New York.

It was stated in 1833 that the soldier had children between the ages of forty and fifty years. He moved in 1845 from Brownville, Jefferson County, New York, to Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, to be with his children living in :Michigan, and in 1852, he had returned to Brownville, New York, to reside with his son. The names of his children were not stated.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.