

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Aaron Wood: W6566

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The State of South Carolina} SS
York District}

On the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record before Hon. Wm D Martin a judge of the said Court of Gen Sessions & Com. pleas for said state, being a Court of Record Aaron Wood a resident of the state & district aforesaid who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he was born in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia in the year 1757 as he thinks, by his best recollection of a record in a book of his fathers which he has not now, but is destroyed. that his parents removed from Virginia to Halifax North Carolina carrying him with them whilst a boy. That in June 1776 he entered the service of the United States in the State of Maryland where he enlisted for six months among the State troops called the Maryland Flying Camp in a Regiment commanded by Col. Srock of Hagerstown [sic: Henry Shryock of Hagerstown]. Capt Benj Speakes Company. that he had himself left North Carolina & gone into Maryland among his relations in the latter state. that the detachment with which he was marched from Maryland to New York city where Gen Washington there commanded, and there remained for a short time then moved up the North river to Fort Washington [at the north end of Manhattan, renamed Fort Mifflin after it was captured by the British on 16 Nov 1776] Below the fort they had an engagement with the British in which the Americans succeeded in driving the enemy back to their shipping. From thence they moved to the White Plains. He was during a part of this time he was taken sick & so continued for about two months & was taken into New Jersey & placed in an hospital. but was in the skirmish at York Island & near Fort Mifflin. He served out his term & was regularly discharged in Philadelphia after a service of six months.

He next came back to his parents in North Carolina and in the year 1778 went into service in the place of one who was drafted having exchanged places with him the applicant having enlisted or enrolled himself in a regiment of State Troops. He marched from North Carolina under the command of Col [Pinketham] Eaton, Capt Skirlocks [probably Scurlock's] company. to Georgia and there united with the forces of Gen Ash [sic: John Ashe] at Briar Creek. He was there when Gen Ash was defeated in March [3rd] 1779. He swam the Savannah river & joined Gen [Benjamin] Lincoln at Purysburgh So Carolina where he remained untill his time was out & then returned home after a regular discharge & service of six months.

In the year 1780 he joined a company of Volunteers, Capt Lockart [sic: Samuel Lockhart] & marched from North Carolina & joined Gen [Horatio] Gates' army near Rocky River [in Chatham County NC], & marched on with him being placed under the command of Gen [Charles] Porterfield untill they came near Camden So Ca where Gen Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780] in which engagement he was. After the defeat & retreat he rendezvoused at Hillsborough North Carolina & there remained untill the term was nearly out & then returned home and after getting home he received a discharge as he thinks and having served about six months the duty of tour.

Afterwards in the year 1780 & 1781. he served in North Carolina about Drowning Creek [ner Fair Bluff, Columbus County NC] as a volunteer as a light horseman under the command of Capt Newsam [Newsome?] about two months. that he has lost or mislaid his discharge and that he cannot procure any written evidence of his services. Nor can he procure the evidence of any person to prove his services as he is aware of. He removed from North Carolina after the Revolutionary War to York District South Carolina where he has resided ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity whatever except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court [signed] Aaron Wood

Examination in open Court of Aaron Wood. in open Court.

1 Where & in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Loudon County Virginia and as well as I can judge in the year seventeen hundred & fifty seven

2 have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer I have no record of my age I have seen and [illegible word] by my father which has been lost or destroyed

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you live now

Answer I was living in Maryland when I was first called into service after the revolution I removed into South Carolina where I now live

4 How were you called into service were you drafted or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom.

Answer I first enlisted in the Maryland flying camp for six months I next enlisted in North Carolina State or Colonial troops & exchanged places with a man who was drafted in the Militia to go to Georgia & volunteered for my other Services

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Answer We were under the command of General Washington I remember Colonel [George] Weedon commanded a Virginia regiment. I was at Gates defeat & at Ashes defeat in Georgia
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer I have received discharges signed by Captains Speakes Schirlock & Lieutenant Gaither I have lost them

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I refer to the Rev'd. George Wilkie and Jas. B Fulton

Sworn to and subscribed Oct'r 1 in open Court

[signed] Aaron Wood

NOTE: On 24 April 1853 Matilda Wood, 55, applied for a pension stating that she married Aaron Wood on 21 July 1824, and he died 19 July 1834. With her application is a family register stating that Aaron Wood married his first wife Dorothea on 28 May 1778 and listing the children born to both wives. A separate sheet states that Dolley Wood died 2 July 1823 at age 63. On 31 March 1855 Matilda Wood applied for bounty land, giving the date of her marriage as 22 July 1824 and her maiden name as Mahew (or Mayhew).