Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Wood R11785 Nancy Wood NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 26 Aug 2015.

State of South Carolina }

Spartanburg Dist. } SS On this 19th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before Josiah J. Evans, presiding, & being one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of the said state, now sitting, Henry Wood, a resident of Spartanburg district in the aforesaid state, 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

That he Entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That is to say, he was living in Bute County [sic: divided into Franklin and Warren counties in 1779] in North Carolina and in the year 1780, in the month of May, to the best of his recollection, early in the month, he was drafted to serve three months in the Third Division of North Carolina Malitia under the command of Griffin Nichols [sic: Agrippa Nichols] Maj'r. & John White Capt. While he was with the army it was not stationary, but marched from Bute County (now Warren) through different parts of Wake County. He served out the greater part of this tour himself, and on the 17th day of June 1780 he substituted Richard Thomas of Wake County to take his place, as will appear by the Certificate of his Capt. marked Exhibit A and herewith produced before the Court.

Again he was drafted in Bute County, and set out on the 1st day of March 1781 to join the Army at Harrisburg in Granville County No.Ca. was placed under the Command of Gen'l. Thomas Eaton, Col. Herbert Haynes; - was first under Capt. Henry Sullivant (who left us) was then put under Lieut. Henry Shurrin until we marched to Head Qarters at High Rock Ford on Haw River. Here Capt. John White was commanding the Light Infantry (the same man under whom he served his first 3 months tour) and Pick Eaton [Pinketham "Pink" Eaton] was Maj'r of the Light Infantry. at this time & place he was permitted to join the Light Infantry under these officers which he did, and remained in service under them until we were marched to Guilford Court House; here he was in the Battle during the Engagement at that place [15 Mar 1781]. Eight or ten days after this Battle he was taken very sick, and furnished a Mr. [blank space] James to take his place as a substitute, as will appear more fully from the Certificate of William Williams [sic: Benjamin Williams] Col. of the 1st Reg't. of N.C. Militia, herewith Exhibited and marked Exhibit B. He never received any other discharges, except these Certificates of furnishing substitutes to serve out the remainder of his time in each tour. Abraham Mayfield [pension application R7060], now before the court, was a soldier in the army, & was drafted out of Bute County, near the same time; was attached to the same Reg't. & marched as far as the said High Rock Ford, when he was taken sick – during which time we saw & conversed frequently with each other. His certificate hereunto subjoined is the only Evidence which he has it now in his power to adduce.

To Rich'd Thomas, his first substitute, he gave a valuable young mare, before he took his pale [place?] in the army; and after he ended the service & returned home he gave him in cash, according to agreement, the value of 12.00 lb tobacco.

To Mr. James (he does not recollect his given name) he gave two horses, valued by his neighbours at £27.10S. and four yards of home-spun cloth.

General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Commanded the army, when we rendesvoused at Head Quarters, which at High Rock Ford. He, Wood, was born the 16th Dec'r. 1756 in Bute County No.Ca. [sic: formed from Granville County in 1764] where he resided till 30 years of age; then moved to the State of Georgia, where he stayed only one year, from thence he moved back to Spartanburg in So.Ca. where he has ever since resided until now. the only reason which induced him to make his declaration before the Court in Greenville instead of Spartanburg, is that at the former place meet with his old companion in army, Abraham Mayfield, & other old acquaintances, all living in Greenville who could enable him to make the necessary proof of his services in the revolution.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry hisXmark Wood

June 17th 1780

This is to Certify that Henry Wood one of the 3rd Division has furnish'd Rich'd Thomas as substitute in his Room Till it shall Came to his in Rotation again givin under myhand

John White Cp

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Camp South Buffaloe March 23^d 1781

I do certifie that Henry Wood Soldier in Capt. Guins Comp'y. of 1st Regt. N.C. Militia has furnished an able bodied Substitute

Ben Williams Coln. 1st Reg't. N.C. Militia

NOTES:

The claim of Henry Wood was rejected because he did not serve at least six months.

On 19 Nov 1855 Nancy Wood, 78, successfully applied for bounty land stating that as Nancy Burnes she married Henry Wood in Spartanburg District in 1818, and he died 12 June 1842. Her application was made before Isham Wood, a magistrate, and certified by O. P. Wood and J. E. Roberson. At the end of her application is a list of children transcribed below.

Ja's D Wood son of Henry Wood & Nancy Wood was Borned Nov 26th 1819 Lucinda Wood was Borned June 3rd 1820 Nancy Wood was Borned Aug 20th 1823