

Pension Application for Daniel Wood

W.18382

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State of New York

Orange County SS

On the third day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange, being a court of Record now sitting Daniel Wood, as resident of the Town or Warwick in the county and state aforesaid aged eighty one years, who being 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 in the Revolutionary War in the latter part of the year 1776 as a Surgeon in the militia and served at that time in that station in the County of Rockland State of New York and in the State of New Jersey for four weeks at least; it being the time that General Washington retreated from New York to Pennsylvania.

He was on the lines in that service at the time the Hessians were Captured at Trenton and until the enemy had quit there several Cantonments & retired into New Brunswick.

That shortly after the above mentioned term of service to wit: in the month of February 1777 he was appointed a First Lieutenant in an additional Regiment of Continental Troops then about to be raised of which William Malcolm was appointed Colonel, Aaron Burr Lieutenant Colonel and Albert Pawling Major.

That early in the month of March in the same year he was placed under Captain John W. Watkins as his Lieutenant and received from him the annexed recruiting instructions.

That a place of rendezvous was appointed and provision was made for the accommodation of the Recruits excepting the appointment of a Surgeon. In a short time notwithstanding all the precautions taken to preserve the health of the men, diseases furnished which rendered medical assistance necessary. There being no surgeon in the Regiment, and this Declarant being a Physician and Surgeon, he was required to officiate and did officiate and act as Surgeon, and administered to the necessities of the sick. He did this for some weeks (six weeks at least) without any special order, but rather as a matter of necessity. But after the arrival of the Colonel, he was requested by him and by the Surgeon General to Continue his attendance on the sick until another Surgeon should be appointed.

He believes he was mustered as a surgeon for the whole month of May 1777, and he knows to a certainty that he was afterwards mustered as a surgeon from time to time and received the pay of a Surgeon which was two dollars a day.

That his Regiment after spending the summer in discipling the men and guarding the inhabitants against the British and Torys, marched from Ramapo about the first of October in the last mentioned year, in company with Gen. Varnums Brigade of Rhode Island troops, to Delaware River which they crossed at Coryell's

Ferry the morning after the battle of Germantown and proceeded to Head Quarters at a place called Tawamensing when Col. Malcolm's Regiment in which declarant then continued to serve as Surgeon as before mentioned, was placed in Genl Conway's Brigade in Lord Sterling's Division and remained with General Washington in all his movements from that time until the battle of Monmouth the latter part of June 1778, when Deponent was left behind about six weeks to take care of the wounded, after he immediately rejoined his regiment at West Point and took Command of a Company, although at that time he had not obtained his Commission although he was entitled to one on the resignation of Captain Watkins in the fall of 1777; but this Declarant at that time and subsequently having charge of the sick as acting surgeon thought it of little consequence to procure his Commission it was not applied for until some time after he took Command of his company.

The annexed is the original Commission procured by him & under which he served.

That his Regiment continued at West Point until the last of December, when it marched to Haverstraw in the County of Rockland, and in the spring following marched to the Minisink near the Delaware river to be in readiness to proceed with General Sullivans on his Indian Expedition. That there on the 20th day of May 1779 a new arrangement took place. Malcolm's Regiment was incorporated with Spencer's and this declarant with several other officers were left out.

That this was the close of his revolutionary services.

That he claims a pension for his services services [sic] as a captain from the twelfth day of October 1777 to the 20th day of May 1779 being one year seven months and eight days, also as a Surgeon from the month of February 1777 to the twelfth day of October in the same year, being the term of eight months, during all which periods, exceeding two years he served as within stated.

1st The Declarant was born in the year 1751 in Warwick in the County of Orange & State of New York.

2d He has no record of his age.

3. He was living at Warwick aforesaid when called into service. He has never been an inhabitant of any other state. That immediately after the close of the war he removed to the county of Montgomery and resided in the towns of Palatine and Canajoharie in that County upwards of Fourteen years. From thence he removed to the Town of Sempronius in the County of Cayuga, which was his home until about two years ago when he returned to his native place.

4 & 5th. The Declarant has herein particularly stated the manner in which he was called into service & the other matters required to be stated by him in answer to the fourth & fifth Interrogatories.

6th I received the annexed Commission as a Captain in the continental Service & served under the same as within mentioned.

And I further positively swear and declare that from the time I first entered service which as I have above stated was in the latter part of the year 1776 until the 20th day of May 1779 being upwards of two years I constantly & without intermission

performed duty as Lieutenant, Surgeon, or Captain as above particularly designated excepting a period not exceeding two months.

7. Samuel J. Seward, Robert Armstrong & Rev'd Charles Cummins reside in the neighbourhood of this Declarant, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of 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 any state. (Signed) Daniel Wood

Subscribed & sworn in open court the third day of December 1832. Asa Dunning Clerk

Letter in folder dated February 2, 1937, written in response to and inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Dr. Daniel Wood who was born in Orange County, New York, in 1751 and died in Cayuga County, New York.

The record of Daniel Wood is furnished herein as found in pension claim, W.18382, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel Wood was born in the year 1751, in Warwick, orange County, New York; the names of his parents were not given.

In 1776, he was a physician and surgeon of Warwick, New York, and late in that year, served four weeks as surgeon in the militia in Rockland County, New York, and in New Jersey. He was appointed March 11, 1777, Lieutenant in captain John W. Watkins' company, Colonel William Malcolm's Continental Regiment and acted as surgeon; on October 12, 1777, he was commissioned Captain in said regiment and served until April 23, 1779, when he became a supernumerary officer.

Immediately after the close of the war, Captain Daniel Wood moved to Montgomery County, New York, and resided in the towns of Palatine and Canajoharie in that county about fourteen years, then moved to Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York, where he resided until sometime in 1830, when he when he returned to Warwick, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 3, 1832, at which time he resided in Warwick, New York. He died October 3, 1843, in Moravia, Cayuga County, New York.

Captain Daniel Wood was allowed land on account of his services in the Revolutionary War by the State of New York.

Captain Daniel Wood married May 24, 1792, Catharine Crouse; they were married at the home of her father in Palatine, New York, by the Minister of the German Reformed Church. The names of her parents were not given.

Catharine wood, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed December 7, 1843, at which time she resided in Saint Johnsville, in that same county. On July 31, 1848, at which time she resided again in Palatine, New York, she gave her age as seventy-three years, two hundred and ninety-seven days. She died December 3, 1848 in Saint Johnsville, New York.

Captain Daniel Wood and his wife, Catharine, reared a family, but the name of only one, Clarissa, was stated. In 1850, she lived with her husband, James Berry, in Moravia, New York. A grandson was living in Moravia in 1844, but his name was not designated.

In 1843, Catharine Wood's sister, Margaret Clause, was aged sixty-five years and resided in Palatine, New York; at that time, another sister, Gertrude Best, aged sixty-three years, and a brother, Jacob Crouse, aged sixty-one years, were residents of Saint Johnsville, New York. In 1848, one James C. Best witnessed the signature of Catharine Wood (soldier's widow), but this relationship to the family was not stated. There are no further data regarding these persons in the papers on file in this pension claim.