

### **Pension Application for Richard Wood**

W.22697 (Widow: Lydia) Married March 18, 1781. Richard died September 1793.

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this twenty eight day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty ;nine personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Lydia Wood a resident of the Town of New Windsor in said County aged eighty six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widow".

That she is the widow of Richard Wood who was a Lieutenant in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain James Humphrey deceased, of the Regiment of Colonel James McLaughry of the County aforesaid, in the Revolutionary War, in which company Silas wood and James Carrigan were first and Second Lieutenants, and the said Richard Wood Third Lieutenant or Ensign untill the said Silas was appointed waggon master or Conductor of teams, when the said Richard (his son) was promoted, as deponent at that time, and since then, has been informed and believes to be true. John Beaty a witness for deponent served as a private in the said Company with the said Richard as Deponent has also been informed and believes, and is the only person living who belonged to said company in said war, within the knowledge of this deponent.

Deponent also saith that the said Richard served five months in the five months service at Fort Montgomery as Lieutenant, viz from the month of April 1776 to the month of September next thereafter, as she has been informed by her brothers Joseph and Thomas Bellknap deceased, who were engaged in the same service, and also by her brother Daniel Bellknap whose affidavit annexed to her original declaration, for a Pension under the laws of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, is on file at the Pension office to which she begs leave to refer as Testimony in this case.

The said Richard was taken Prisoner by the Enemy at the battle of Fort Montgomery, and remained a prisoner five months and twenty four days, viz, to the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1778, as deponent was informed by Jonathan Sears, Esquire, who was taken prisoner at the same time, and by others, and deponent believes it true.

His affidavit is on file at the Pension office, and Deponent begs leave to refer to it for further proof of the service of the said Richard. And Deponent also saith that the said Richard Wood served as Lieutenant as aforesaid, three months in the years 1778 & 1778 & 1779 in the State of New Jersey.

Deponents brother Thomas Bellknap was in the service for proof of which service, Deponent refers to the affidavit of Abraham Wood, and other affidavits on file with her said Declaration, at the Pension office. The said Richard assisted in fortifying West Point in 1778, and served there two months, as Deponent has been informed and believes, and one fortnight at Warwic [Warwick] to guard the arms purchased of France, on their passage to the army.

The said Richard also served in the fall of the year 1779 one month at Fishkill in the three months service as deponent has been informed and believes to be true. Deponent also saith that she as married to the said Richard Wood, on the eighteenth day of May 1781 by the Reverend John Close Deceased, a transcript from whose record of said marriages is also on file at the Pension office, and deponent also saith that her husband the said Richard Wood died on the [blank] day of September 1793.

That she was not nor cannot produce any evidence that she was married to the said Richard prior to his leaving the service, but her said marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit at the time above stated.

And deponent further saith that for the purpose of obtaining a Pension under the [?] of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, she appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Orange, and made oath to the truth of her said original declaration now on file at the Pension office at Washington City as aforesaid, and deponent further saith that she is wholly unable to attend court, by reason of her bodily infirmities. (Signed with her mark) Lydia Wood

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Jas. G. Clinton, one of the Judges of Orange County Common Pleas