

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Benjamin Wright VAS5058
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia Sct. [28 January 1835]

The affidavit of George Edgar aged sixty seven years, a resident of the County of Greenbriar, and formerly of Bedford County in said State, saith that he was acquainted when a boy with Benjamin Wright who enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War, and as this affiant has always understood and verily believes died whilst in service. This affiant further saith that he was well acquainted for many years with John Wright late a resident of said County, the eldest brother of said Benjamin Wright – said John Wright died in the year 1814 leaving three sons who are still living viz. Thomas Wright, William Wright, & Benjamin Wright.
[signed] George Edgar

The affidavit of Capt. Robert Dallas [W6981 = Robert Dallis VAS3254] Taken at his own house in the county of Pittsylvania on the nineteenth day of may Eighteen hundred and thirty five
This affiant sayeth that about the first of January seventeen hundred and seventy seven he enlisted under Capt. George Lambert [S8810] of Bedford County as a Regular Soldier for three years. That about the first of March in 1777 he became acquainted with Benjamin wright of Bedford who was a soldier in said Capt. George Lambert's Company of Bedford County, but does not know who enlisted him, whether he was enlisted by Capt. George Lambert or by some of his subalterns but this affiant knows that the said Benjamin wright marched with said Capt. Lamberts Company from New london in Bedford County [now in Campbell County] – that the company was marched to prince William Court house and was enoculated for the Small poxe – that from there they marched to Alexandrey [Alexandria] and remained their untill the company got well. The said Companey marched from Alexandrey to philadelphia – from philadelphia we was marched by Wilmington – that the said Benjamin wright was Taken sick at a plaice called the Sign of the Read Lyon [sic: Red Lion] – that after about two weeks the company marched back by the said plaice of the Read Lion in Delaware State. That when they got near to the said plaice called the Read Lyon, they saw some people diging a grave that, they enquired who was dead and was informed that it was Benjamin Wright who was dead This affiant then went up stairs where the said Benjamin Wright was Lying dead, and saw him and knew that he was the same Benjamin Wright who had marched from Newlondon with him in Capt George Lamberts Company. This affiant think that it was some time in the month of may 1777 [see endnote]. This affiant saith that he knows nothing about said wright ever receiving any thing when he enlisted – nor does he now recollect whether he or any of the said company received any pay or not during the time that the said wright seved or not and further this affiant saith not
Robert hisXmark Dallis

The affidavit of Jesse Witt Senior [W6524] Taken at his own house on the 13 day of October 1835 This affiant sayeth that he enlisted in a company of Regular Soldiers for the Term of three years Commanded by Capt George Lambert from Bedford County in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy seven, and marched from New london the plaice of rendevous to philadelphia – that he joined washingtons army at middle Brook in New jersey state that the said Capt George Lamberts company was attached to the fourteenth virginia Regiment. This affiant sayeth that their was a man belonging to said Lamberts Company by the name of wright but does not know his other name at this time, and recollects of said wrights marching with said Lamberts Company as fair as Alexandrey – but does not now recollect what became of him afterwards and further this affiant sayeth not.



The affidavit of Mark Anthony Taken at Bergers Store in the County of Pittsylvania, on thursday the Nineteenth day of November 1835.

This affiant Sayeth that he has been acquainted with Mr. Thomas Wright the Son of John Wright decd late of Bedford County for upwards of thirty six years – that, he became acquainted with said Thomas Wright while he was a Citizen of Bedford County – that said wright moved from the County of Bedford and settled in the County of Pittsylvania between 12 & 15 miles of this affiant, where he was frequently seen said wright – and from his own knowledge of the said Thomas wright and from the information of his neighbours this affiant would rely on said Thomas wrights declaration as soon as any man in Virginia. This affiant further sayeth That the said Thomas Wright the petitioner for his uncle Benjamin Wright Bounty lands is the son of John wright decd. late of Bedford County and that he frequently have heard it stated that the said John wright of Bedford had a Brother who died in the revolutionary war by the name of Benjamin wright – and further this affiant sayeth not

Mark Anthony

To the Honourable Littleton W. Tazwell [sic: Tazewell], Governor of Virginia and members of the executive council of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of Thomas wright and others aged about Seventy Two years Humbly represents unto your Honourable body that about the year seventeen hundred and seventy six or seven That his uncle Benjamin wright of Bedford county enlisted as a regular soldier in a company commanded by Capt George Lambert of Bedford County That your Petitioner understood that the said Benjamin Wright enlisted for the term of Three years and that his place of Rendezvous was at New London in Bedford County That the said Company of the said Capt Lambert marched from New London the place of Rendezvous in Bedford County about the latter end of the winter seventeen hundred and seventy seven or first of the spring and that he was attached to the company and belonged to the Fourteenth Regiment of the Virginia militia [sic] That from New London he marched to Alexandria where he understood he was innoculated for the small pox from thence he was marched to Philadelphia and from thence to the State of Delaware where he was taken sick and died at a Tavern at a place called the Sign of the Red Lion

Your Petitioner further represents that his Father the late John wright late of Bedford County Dec'd was Legal Heir at Law and he believes that his said Father John wright never took any steps to obtain his Bounty Lands That your Petitioner is the eldest son of the said John Wright Dec'd That the rest of the Legatees of the said John wright make application to your Honourable Body for the amount of the Bounty Lands That the said Benjamin wright was entitled to for his enlistment for the term of three years as a regular soldier during the Revolutionary War with great Britain.

Your Petitioner prays that your Honourable Body will examine into your petitioners claim and give unto your petitioner the amount of the Bounty Lands which the said Benjamin wright was entitled to from said inlistment of the said Benjamin wright Dec'd Thomas hisXmark Wright

NOTE: A muster roll of Capt. George Lambert's company of the 14th Virginia Continental Regiment dated 31 May 1777 states that Benjamin Wright enlisted on 1 January 1777. A muster roll for Lambert's company dated 30 June 1777 states that Benjamin Wright "Died June 3^d When On Comm[an]d."