

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wright R11881

Elenor

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State of Tennessee Carter County

Be it remembered that on this 11th day of March A.D. 1852 personally came before me George W Peoples an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Elenor Wright aged eighty-four years a resident of said County and widow of Thomas Wright and who is personally known to make & is so aged & infirm as to be unable to attend the Court in order to make this declaration – after being duly sworn by me, deposed and states that her husband Thomas Wright resided in Barkley [Berkeley] County State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War and as he often informed her was drafted to perform a tour of duty at the time Cornwallis was on march through Virginia & to intercept him on his march & was as well as she now recollects his accounts of the service was placed under Captain Lucus [possibly Edward or William Lucas] & commanded by Colonel Dark, was marched to York Town in Virginia to prepare & intercept against the invasion of the British Army under said Cornwallis & continued in service three months on that tour & that afterwards he removed to the territory now Tennessee & was a volunteer under General Martin who commanded the expedition called into service for another tour of three months to repel the Cherokee Indians – And a third tour after she was married to said Thomas Wright about the year 1792 against said Cherokee Indians under General John Sevier – these several tours of three months each she often heard her husband speak of and hesitates not to say he did perform and after the close of the two first wars & peace was restored her said husband settled in Washington County Tennessee when she in the year 1789 January the 15th was married to the said Thomas Wright by one John Hammer an acting magistrate of said Washington County, but from the fact that there was no law requiring the return of marriage licenses she supposes that Esquire Hammer never returned thus ended license: but if he had the effect was now be the same as the Court House of the County was burned with all the amount of papers belonging to the clerks.

She states that her husband Thomas Wright lived in wedlock with her until the 6 day of September 1829 when he departed this life leaving her a widow and she has remained a widow & unmarried ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March 1852

S/ Geo. W. Peoples, JP

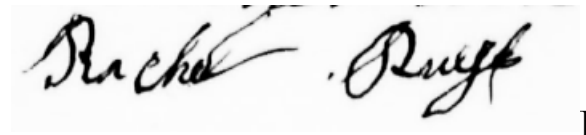
S/ Elenor Wright, X her mark

[f p 22: On March 11, 1852 in Carter County Tennessee, Mary Bogart, 85 or thereabouts, a resident of Carter County gave testimony that she was present and witnessed the marriage of Elenor and Thomas Wright by her father John Hammer about the year 1789.]

[f p 3: On August 16, 1852 in Carter County Tennessee, Jesse Maddux, 74, gave testimony that

he worked for Thomas and Elenor Wright about the year 1799 at which time they had 6 children the oldest of which, a son, has always represented to the affiant that he the son was born January 7, 1790; that Thomas and Elenor had 6 sons and 3 daughters in all; that he affiant was acquainted with Elenor's parents and her brothers and sisters, all respectable citizens; that 2 of Elenor sisters still live in the neighborhood and are highly respected citizens; that he, affiant, often heard Thomas Wright speak of serving a tour at the time Cornwallis surrendered and heard him speak of Colonel Dark, Major Crawford and Captain Lucas; that he also heard Thomas Wright speak of serving another tour about 1788 in the service under General Martin against the Cherokee Indians and afterwards another term under General John Sevier. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p 5: On September 5, 1852 in Carter County, Rachel Pugh, 76, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Elenor and Thomas Wright; that she was personally present at their wedding when she, affiant, was about 12 years of age; that Thomas and Elenor were married by John Hammer a justice of the peace in Washington County; that John Taylor had a family of 9 children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Pugh". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The name "Rachel" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Pugh" is written in a smaller, more compact hand to its right. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Rachel Pugh]