

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wright R11884 Elizabeth Wright f51NC
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State of North Carolina, Rockingham County

On this the second day of July 1847 personally appeared before me George W. Garrett one of the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for Rockingham County aforesaid Elizabeth Wright, a resident of said County aged 87 years who being first duly sworn by me according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838, the 3rd of March 1843 and the 17th of June 1844, Entitled Acts granting half pay & to certain widows,

That she is the widow of the late William Wright of the aforesaid County of Rockingham. This Declarant states upon the said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that in the war of the Revolution the aforesaid William Wright did serve the United States in capacity of commissary and that while serving as commissary he was attached to General Greene's Army – that the length of time her husband served as commissary in General Greene's Army was to the best of this declarant's knowledge 12 months.

That her Deceased Husband William Wright aforesaid may have served in other capacities & at other periods in the Army of the Revolution But she is not at this time enabled to give a more minute account of his Revolutionary Services – That her Deceased Husband William Wright first entered the Army as a private; but at what precise time she does not now remember; But thinks it was only a few months previous to the Battle of Guilford; and at the Battle of Guilford he was serving as commissary and continued in that capacity until he left the Army the following winter. My Deceased Husband as well as I now Remember served with Colonel Lee of the light Horse; and also with Colonel Gillespie who were both in General Greene's Army at the battle of Guilford; this Declarant states that after the Battle of Guilford her Deceased Husband William Wright went on to the South with General Greene's Army; but where the Army lay and at what precise time he left the Army she does not now distinctly remember; But thinks it was at Jacksonborough in Georgia.

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid William Wright in the year 1782 that she had a family record containing the date of her marriage and the ages of her children but she had the misfortune to have her house Burnt many years ago in which was her family Record and other variable papers which were all destroyed, that there is no family record now Extant that she knows of. That she was married in the year 1782 as above set forth that she Remembers that Rebecca Moore her Eldest child was born in 1782, the 27th of December
That Nancy her second child was born 1784
That Lucender her third child was born 1785
That James her fourth child was born 1787
That Nathaniel her fifth child was born 1788
That Edward her sixth child was born 1790

That Delici her seventh in 1792

That Mary her eighth in 1802

That Hiranna Mariah her ninth 1805

Joshua G. her 10th and 1811

That her Deceased Husband the aforesaid William Wright did die on the 14th day of August 1824. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service. But the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (viz.) in the spring of 1782.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath that from infirmity of Body and having a brokenly limb she is unable to attend court to make her declaration.

The Declarant would here further state that she is of the Belief that she has heard her husband say he received pay from the State for his Revolutionary services. That she has not intermarried since the Death of her husband the aforesaid William Wright. But Remains His Widow, when he served in the Army he served in the militia. That the reason she did not apply [illegible word] for a pension was that she was not apprised till some time last year that there was any act of Congress granting pensions to the widows of Revolutionary officers & soldiers that were married after the close of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written Before me.

S/ G. W. Garrett, JP

S/ Elizabeth Wright, X her mark

[Henry B. King, 88, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of William Wright (spelled throughout his affidavit as "Right"; the marriage of William Wright to Elizabeth Normon [sic, Norman?]; and they are living together as husband and wife until his death some 23 years ago.]

[Samuel Barnes, 73, Robert Young, 61, and Henry Mills, 86, gave supporting affidavits similar to that given by Henry King.]