

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Wright R11886

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[The handwriting of the scribe for this application is extremely challenging -- consequently more than normal caution should be used in relying upon the following transcript.]

State of Indiana Vermillion County

On this 10th day of September A.D. 1838, personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of the County of Vermillion State of Indiana, before the Honorable Isaac Naylor, Presiding Judge in and for said County and Joel Hume and Joseph Shaw Associate Judges in and for said County, now sitting, Isaac Wright a resident of the County of Vermillion State of Illinois, and states that from his age and the fact of there being no court this Fall in the County of Vermillion State of Illinois, and his extensive age and [indecipherable word or words], he makes his application in the County of Vermillion State of Indiana, aged seventy-four years the 13th day of June 1838, who being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that sometime in the year 1781 [could be 1782], he believes, though from the loss of memory from his extreme age, he cannot state the year with any degree of certainty, he was pressed into service by one Captain Johnson in the County of Newberry and State of South Carolina, and served under the command of one Colonel Hammond, on the waters of Bush River, that at that time Cornwallis had the custody of the City of Charleston of South Carolina, and that the object of Colonel Hammond and Captain Johnson was to prevent the Tories from going to the aid of Cornwallis at Charleston, that when pressed into service he was residing in the County of Newberry State of South Carolina, and that immediately Captain Johnson made him take command of a wagon to draw in forage, for the Army, that he served in the service under the command of Johnson his Captain and Colonel Hammond five months during which time he wagoned and handled forage from different places in said County on the waters of Bush River, to all the points he was requested [?], that he never has received one cent for his services, that at the end of the five months Cornwallis was taken and he thinks there was peace, though it may have been only for that state and for that section of the same, That there were officers in the Army under which he served, one by the name of Captain Beal, and one Captain Cowan [?], that he recollects that at the time of his service, that Captain Beal and Cowan killed a Tory by the

name of Shanken [?] Palmer [?], who was going to Charleston, at a place called Whitston [?] Branch. That the manner by which he was pressed into service was as follows, that Captain Johnson came in person to him at a meeting in the County of Newberry aforesaid, called Quacker [?] Meeting, and pressed him as aforesaid, together with his Brother Thomas Wright and Bigney Oneal [?], who are long since dead. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service now living, that he obtained a discharge signed by Colonel Hammond, which he long since has lost, that some years since he had his house burnt, and that his discharge may have been burnt in the same for he had all his papers consumed in his house. 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.

S/ Isaac Wright

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ A. B. Florer, Clk.

Answers to the questions propounded to said Isaac Wright in open court

1. That he was born in the County of Newberry State of South Carolina in the year 1764.
2. That he has a record of his age as kept by his Father and an old English Bible as follows, that he copied from his Father's Bible into his own Bible [one or more indecipherable words] something like 40 years since.
3. That he was living in Newberry County South Carolina when called into service, that from thence he moved to Jefferson County State of Tennessee, where he married, that from thence he moved into the State of Indiana and from thence into Hamilton [?] County Illinois near these State line between Indiana and Illinois.
4. That he was pressed into service by one Captain Johnson as mentioned aforesaid
5. That he cannot state any other officers names or circumstances of his service than those stated in his above declaration
6. That he did receive a discharge signed by Colonel Hammond, that he has long since lost, and that he supposes it likely was lost in the burning of his dwelling house 8 years ago.
7. That the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood are William Hollingsworth, and John Hollingsworth, and who can testify as to their belief of his services in the Revolutionary war, and as to his character for truth and veracity, that he is not now acquainted with any minister of the Gospel who can testify as above.
[John and William Hollingsworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[This file contains 2 petitions, one from the House of Representatives and the other from the Senate of the state of Indiana petitioning the Commissioner of pensions to grant a pension to wit Isaac Wright of Vermilion County Illinois. Both petitions are dated in 1837 and both appear to bear the signatures of all of the members of each of those respective bodies of the legislature.]