

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wright R11898

Transcribed by Will Graves

f51NC

rev'd 7/4/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 6]

State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the 17th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me Robert H. Richardson a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Fentress State of Tennessee, Joseph Wright, a Resident citizen of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged Eighty years the 13th day of January last, agreeable to his record now in his possession he was born the 13th day of January 1754 in Frederick County in the State of Maryland, and after being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832;

He states that he lives in the remote part of the County of Cumberland next to the State line near Fentress County and that from Extreme old age and bodily infirmity he is not well able to attend a court of Record and for this reason he has his business transacted in Fentress County in the [indecipherable word] side of the State Line it being the most convenient to him; and he being waited on by an attorney so that he wishes to avail himself of the present opportunity of getting his business done and said friend and attorney states that it will Tend greatly to his convenience to arrange this business on the Tennessee side he for these reasons Transacts his business on the Tennessee side of the State Line, he having the advantage of an extensive acquaintance on both sides of the State line to wit in the County of Fentress, and in the County of Cumberland: he states that some time ago about a year or 18 months to go he had papers were made out to send to the department of War, but he thinks his business has been greatly neglected by those that arranged the same he knows not whether the same are at the department or not he is inclined to suppose that the same are destroyed or mislaid, he knows nothing certain and is not able to ascertain himself he has made inquiry.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in Chatham County North Carolina some time in the month of December 1780 he is not certain as to the certain day of the month he distinctly Recollects being in the service at Christmas day, he is not certain how many days before he entered as a private Volunteer militia soldier Captain James Robinson and Col. Littrell [sic, John Luttrell] and went on and stationed at Hickory mountain some time and thence to Pedee [River] and of the same to the Yadkin and Salisbury and having had the full term of three months it being the term of his Engagement he received a written discharge from his said Captain Robinson he was discharged in Guilford County in the Early part of the spring of 1781 the precise date not Recollected.

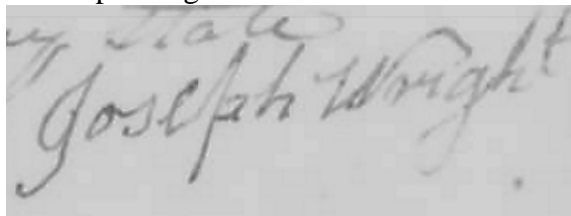
He again entered the service a private Volunteer soldier under Captain Hill [Aaron Hill] to serve a ___ months Tour and joined Colonel Colyer's [sic, John Collier's] Regiment he is not certain the precise time of Beginning and Ending said Tour but recollects that said Tour ended in the early part of March 1782, during said Tour he was marched to various places on River at

Pedee [River] and King's mill and ranged against the Tories and after having served out the same he had a written discharge from his said Captain he was discharged in Randolph County he afterward at several times during the year 1782 Ranged out a few days at the time at various times under Captain Hill for which he had no other discharge but mere verbal orders at which different times over and above his two first tours spoken of he is not certain how long he was in actual Service but agreeable to his best calculation he served not less than two months – he lost his written discharges a great many years ago he is not certain in what way he [lost] them[:] he states there is no person by whom he can prove his service by his states that he has no written or Documentary Evidence of his service he has no doubt but he can prove his character for veracity by his intimate acquaintances generally he has no doubt he can prove by all his intimate acquaintance that he is generally Reputed as having been a soldier of the Revolutionary War. There is ___ clergyman handy to him at this time he will name some of the persons of his neighborhood by whom he can prove his reputation as having been a soldier and a man of veracity, to wit Colonel Ambrose Bramlette, George Swope, Esq., John Woods, William Woods and in fact he thinks all his acquaintance generally he continued to live in Randolph a great many years after the [War], thence to Rowan and then moved back to Randolph; thence to East Tennessee Sullivan County thence Washington County Tennessee thence to Blount County said State near Knoxville thence to the County of Cumberland Kentucky near the Tennessee Line where he has lived 22 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Robert H. Richardson, JP

S/ Joseph Wright

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Joseph Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[George Swope & Jabez Dabney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: Ancestry.com version]

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Cumberland County Court now sitting Joseph Wright a resident of said County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky aged 79 years 13th January last, who being first duly and legally sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated – He joined a volunteer company from the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina and as a private soldier entered the Service in the year 1781 under Captain James Robertson [sic] and marched from that County to Pedee River Colonel Luttrell commanded the Regiment to which I belonged we were horse men. We marched up Pedee River to Swan's ferry near Salisbury North Carolina from which we marched down to Randolph County we went for the purpose of joining General Greene's troops. We met him retreating from the British his orders as I learned was for us to pursue the enemy as we were horseman which we accordingly done and marched [there appears to be at least one line of text beneath the above but, if so, it is illegible] on as stated after meeting General Greene with the view of meeting with the British. We did not meet with or overtake them and was in no engagement during my time of service in said Regiment – he served a tour of

three months in said Company and Regiment and received a discharge in Randolph County North Carolina in the year 1781 as well as he can now recollect.

In the year 1782 he again entered the service under Captain Elijah Williams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Collier and served sometimes in the limits of the County of Randolph and some of the adjoining Counties and was very actively engaged in routing the British & Tories which were then in that Country and was engaged in some Battles with them One [on the?] Little River Waters of Pedee called Little Pedee and the other engagements in the same neighborhood in which engagements we were successful and drove the British and Tories from that part of the Country he again received a discharge having served a tour of one month in that Company and Regiment under the Officers aforesaid. And again in that Country entered the service under Captain Aaron Hill Colonel Collier's Regiment compelled at all times to be in a State of readiness to march (commonly called a minute men) to meet the British and Tories and route them whenever they might be attempting to embody themselves in that Country and continued as such until the close of the War.

He was born in Frederick County Maryland in the year 1754, has a record of his age now in his possession taken from his father's family register, he was living in Randolph County North Carolina when he was called into the service of the United States, he moved from Randolph County to Sullivan County in the year 1796 from thence to Washington Tennessee in 1799 – thence moved to Blount County Tennessee 1806 or 7 – lived there about [illegible] years thence moved to Cumberland County Kentucky in 1812 or 13 where he now lives and has lived ever since.

He knows of no person in this Country by whom he can prove his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War his discharges he has lost –

He is known to Daniel L. Myers, John Nolan in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list or Role of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Wright

[Daniel L Myers and John Nolan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 24]

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Clinton County: County Court November Term 1842

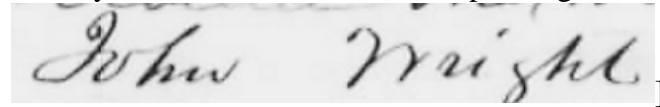
This day Joseph Wright aged 90 years 13th January next appeared before the Worshipful Court Justices of the County Court now sitting and on his oath makes the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He states that he served a full three months Tour in behalf of the United States a volunteer under Captain James Robinson and Col. Little [sic, John Luttrell] for which he had a written discharge ending in the spring after the battle of Guilford N. C [March 15, 1781]. and afterwards served at one time in immediately afterwards under Captain Elijah Williams and Colonel Colyer [sic, Collier] served again the full period of one month, a volunteer and that he had a written Discharge for the same, and that afterwards he was placed in the minute service under Captain Aaron Hill and Colonel Collier and served in the light horse service and served occasionally till the end of the war sometimes as much as one week at the time and some times as much as three or four days at one time and would always meet once a month until the ratification of peace, owing to the great lapse of time and loss of memory, he cannot state precisely how long he did serve said last periods of service but to his best calculation and belief the same amounted to the full period of three months making in the whole not less than seven months actual service he served as horsemen the first tour second tour – infantry last service as a horseman.

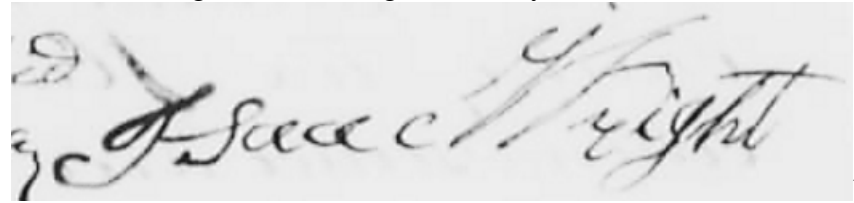
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the eighth day of November 1842.
S/ Rice Maxey, Clk

S/ Joseph Wright, X his mark

[p 20: On January 2, 1843 in Clinton County Kentucky, John Wright of said County gave testimony that his father, John Wright, lived in Randolph County North Carolina and part of the time on the farm of the father of Joseph Wright; that affiant well remembers Joseph Wright the present applicant for a pension being out in the minute service; that Joseph Wright along with his brothers James Wright and Joshua Wright were often out in the service; that when affiant was 6, 7 or 8 years old, he remembers Joseph Wright being out in the service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written on the first line, and "Wright" is written on the second line, with the two words connected at the end of the first line. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[p 16: On February 1, 1858 in Clinton County Kentucky, Isaac Wright, administrator of the estate of Joseph Wright, filed a petition in Clinton County, Kentucky stating that Joseph Wright died intestate in Clinton County, Ky., in January 1843 survived by the following children, to wit: said Isaac Wright, Abner Wright, & Betsy Wallis [sic, Wallace].

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Isaac" is written on the first line, and "Wright" is written on the second line, with the two words connected at the end of the first line. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.