

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Wright R11901 Peggy Wright VA
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State of Virginia }
Franklin County } SS

On this the thirtyfirst day of January Eighteen hundred and Fortyfour personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Peggy Wright a resident of the State of Virginia in the County of Franklin aged seventyfive years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pension to certain widows That she is the widow of James Wright who was a revolutionary soldier and to the best of my belief served seven different tours of three months each three of which tours he served in the Virginia Malitia for himself one tour in the Malitia of va as a substitute for James Ray to the best of knowledge and belief it was a three months tour and one three months tour in the virginia malitia as a substitute for George Wright and one other three months tour as a substitute for a man whose name I have forgotten and one other tour of three months as a volunteer. I am unable to state the time my husband entered the service or the period when he left the same they[?] all were performed previous to our marriage in 1786 the evidence hereunto[?] annexed of Moses Greer Jacob Kinsy & Ludwick Kessler as to the services & marriage so far as I now know is the best evidence I can obtain She further declares that she was married to the said James Wright on the 17 day of october one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty six that her husband the aforesaid James Wright died on the Eleventh day of March one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninetyfour viz. at the time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year above written Peggy herXmark Wright
John Arthur JP

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personally appeared Ludwick Kessler and made oath that he has been acquainted with the above named James Wright and that he believes him to have been a soldier in the revolutionary war and has heard him say that he served at cabbinpoint [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County VA] and at the dismal swamp and that for upwards of fifty year he has resided in Franklin County and that so far as he knows was raised in the limits of the County aforesaid John Arthur JP

State of virginia } ss
Franklin County }

Jacob Kinsy personally appeared before me and made oath in due form of Law and stated that he had been acquainted within named James Wright for upwards of fifty years and that he erily believes he was a soldier in the revolutionary war and that he has frequently heard the within named James Wright say before his death that he had served seven differant tours in the revolutionary war and to the best of my presant recollection they were not less than three months each I have heard him speak of Baron Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] and of having served under Capt Grier [probably Moses Greer, pension application S8609] and of having been at the dismal swamp in va. I further aver that I have been acquainted with the within named Peggy Wright for a number of years I did not see her married but see her in the morning of her marriage and seen them start to the above named James Wright Dec'd and they have lived together to the day of his death as such Sworn and subscribed on this the 31st day of January 1844 before me [signed] Jacob Kinsey John Arthur JP

State of virginia } ss
Franklin County }

Moses Greer personally personally appeared before me John Arther A Justice of the peace in and for the County of Franklin and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with the within named James Wright and that he verely believes he was a soldeer in the revolutionary war and that he has frequently heard James Wright speak of his service in the war and that he has frequently heard his Father who was a Captain in the Revolutionary war speak of the above named James Wright having served with him at the lead mines [at Ft Chiswell in present Wythe County] to Guard them the lenth of time I do not recollect but to the best of my recollection it was five or six months I have heard the above named James Wright frequently speak of having served under Col. Charles Lynch & Col William Leftwick [sic: William Leftwich] Capt. Chatten Dogget [Chatton Doggett] Capt Arther [sic: Benjamin Arthur] & served under General [Robert] Lawson at Petersburg sworn and subscribed on this the 31st January 1844
[signed] Moses Greer John Arthur JP

NOTE: A document dated 13 Dec 1852 states that Peggy Wright was living in Boones Mill. Her claim for a pension was rejected for insufficient proof of service and time of marriage.