

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bledso Wright R19267

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State of Kentucky County of Franklin: SS

On this the 28th day of June A.D. 1859 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State Sarah Wright aged about 84 years a resident of Franklin County and State of Kentucky who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7 day of June 1832, or under any other act or acts of Congress to which she may be legally entitled granting pensions to widows of soldiers who served during the Revolution War. That she is the widow of Bledso Wright deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and from the information that she received from Bledso Wright during his life that he served in said war under General George Washington at the Battle of Yorktown fought by said General Washington on the 19th day of October 1781, at the surrender of Cornwallis. That during said battle he the said Bledso Wright was one of the gallant soldiers who fought three days and nights without any intermission; That he the said Bledso Wright served two towers [tours] in said war making at least six months or eight months. That he the said Bledso Wright volunteered in Orange County State of Virginia and after the said battle was fought at Yorktown and Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington that he was there and there honorably discharged and returned back to Orange County Virginia and was not called out anymore during the war. That her said Husband never made an application for pension during his life that he died about the year 1835 on the __day of September. That he spoke of his claim but owing to old age and bodily infirmity he never was able to attend to his claim. That he was about 84 years of age when he died. That his application and proof was never made out that she has no proof now to offer but refers to the records [?] now on file at the pension Department of the Virginia Militia that she cannot state the name of his Captain but thinks it was Stubblefield. She further declares and says that she was married to the said Bledso Wright on the 4 day of January 1791 in Orange County Virginia by Nathaniel Sanders a Baptis Preack [Baptist preacher]. That her name before marriage was Sarah Beasley. That she knows of no public records of her marriage nor has she any private records of said marriage. That's her said Husband Bledso Wright died in Franklin County Kentucky September 1835 and that she has never married since his death and is a widow at this day and date and makes this her declaration and hopes that she may be placed on the Pension Rolls for the Service of her said Husband in said war and further declares from old age and bodily infirmity that she is not able to go to the Court to make her declaration in court. That she hereby appoints Benjamin C. Wood of the County of Fayette and State of Kentucky her true and lawful attorney with full power to receive the certificate when issued and of full power of substitution to prosecute this her claim for Pension and to do all action necessary and proper in the premises, and to revoke all other powers

of attorney that may have been given by her previous to the present date for pension to any and every person else,

S/ Sarah Wright, X her mark

[facts in file: it is stated in the file material that the veteran and his wife had 12 children, 7 of whom were alive in 1859, Critington Wright being the only one named; that Elijah Lea claim to be the widow's son-in-law but does not state the name of his wife; and John R. Wright of Scott County, Kentucky, aged 76, stated that he was the soldiers son by his first wife (not named) who died when he, John R. Wright, was about 4 years of age.]