

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew McRight (McWright) R6774

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County: Superior Court September Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of record) now sitting Matthew McRight a resident of the said County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aged Seventy years who being first duly 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in Fairfield District South Carolina wherein he then resided in the year 1781 or 1782 under Capt. James Craig Lieut. Nimrod Mitchell and William Smith as a drafted militia man for the term of two months was attached to the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was stationed near Stono & Bigum Church [sic, Biggin Church], afterwards was drafted & served one other tour of two months on the Congarees [sic, Congaree River] under the same officers & one other tour under the same officers against the British at Orangeburg of one month, afterwards drafted again & went under the same officers and stationed at the four holes Bridge under Col. Bratton [William Bratton] for two months, drafted again for one month under the same Company officers but attached to Col. Taylor's [Thomas Taylor's] Regiment at the time of the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & one other tour of one month under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] all these several tours served in South Carolina & was discharged from each of the aforesaid tours by his officers but never took a written discharge from any of them was on duty from the time he was first called into service whenever called on until peace was made, that after the Revolutionary War that he lived in Fairfield District South Carolina from thence to the State of Georgia in the County of Elbert from thence to Jackson County in said State & from thence to the County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia where he now resides and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove his said services -- and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Owen Andrews<sup>1</sup> whose certificate & affidavit is herewith submitted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court  
S/ Wm Maltbie, CIC

S/ Matthew McRight, X his mark

[John S. Wilson, a clergyman, and George M. Gresham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Owen Andrews S16311](#)

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County personally appeared Owen Andrews and being duly sworn depose & saith that as well as he can now recollect the time he was in the year 1781 acquainted with Matthew McWright late of said County deceased that said McWright was then a private soldier attached to Col. Thomas Taylor's command in this State of South Carolina also that at the time of his first knowledge of said McWright he said McWright was stationed at or near Biggin Church -- but cannot say how long he remained in service at that time -- That he also knows that said McWright was in the service at the time of the Battle of Eutaw Springs which was in the same year to the best of his recollection. He knows that in that year & the next 1782 said McWright was in the service a great portion of his -- that they both resided in Fairfield District South Carolina at the time of each service & that said Matthew entered the service there -- deponent cannot possibly designate the length of each tour but from his knowledge of the service of said McWright he must have served at least 6 months and is of the opinion that he served much more than that length of time - - and was never reputed and excellent soldier -- he being one of the Irish who had emigrated to this Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th of August 1833

S/ John Mills, JP

S/ Owen Andrews



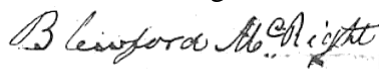
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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County personally appeared Bluford McWright of said County son of Matthew McWright late of said County deceased and being duly sworn in order to amend the Pension declaration of the said Matthew depose as follows to wit that he has always heard the said deceased up to the time of his death in November last said that he had served as much as 10 months as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War in the State of South Carolina -- that from his deceased statement he entered the service in Fairfield District South Carolina each time & that his services were rendered in the areas parts of that State and that the time he first entered was in the year 1781 and the whole services were rendered in the year 1781 & 1782 -- deponent further saith that his brother James McWright has in his possession a record of the age of the said deceased which shows that he was born in Antrim County Ireland on the 2nd day of February 1762 -- That John S. Wilson a clergyman & George M. Gresham who have testified Jourdan Ginn -- Elijah Winn Esquire & William Hamilton Esquire were all well acquainted with the character of the said deceased and day & many others of his neighbors can testify to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution & of his character for truth & veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th of August 1833

S/ John Mills. JP

S/ Bluford McRight



<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for

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Mr. Matthew McWright his Account of 194 days Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782

Amounting to £9.14.3 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

N:B: James Craig's Name as a Justice of Peace is a counterfeit

Ex<sup>d</sup> J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

The auditor says this is a Counterfeit

EL [Edward Lightwood]

nothing can be done in it

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The State of South Carolina to Matthew McWright

Dr.

In June

1781}

30 Days Foot Service at Congaree in Col. Thomas Taylor's  
Regiment and Lieut. Nimrod Mitchell at 10/ per day

£15.0.0

in July}

22 Days foot Service in Expedition  
Against Moncks corner under  
Capt. James Craig at 10/ per day

£11.0.0

In August

and Sept.}

12 Days Service at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] a Horseman  
under Lt. Thomas Trapp at 1£ per day

£12.0.0

In June

and July}

30 Days Service as a Horseman at four holes  
at £1 per day

£30.0.0

£68.0.0

Stg. £9.14.3 ¼

I do Certify the above Act. [Account] to be true

Thos Taylor Colo.

Camden District} personally came Matthew McWright and made oath that the above account is  
Just and True

Sworn & before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784

James Craig, JP

counterfeit

[Note: For what it's worth, both signatures of Col. Taylor and James Craig appear to me to  
match their signatures as shown on [B414](#)]