

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Right (Wright) R8816

Elizabeth

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State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS

On this 1st day of February 1839 personally appeared before the County Court of Anderson County Elizabeth Wright formally a citizen of Anderson County now a resident of Roane County Tennessee aged sixty-eight 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 Pensions made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of John Wright who enlisted in the service of the United States in the revolutionary War, She is informed and believes in the month of November 1776 She believes on the 28th of that month, for the Period of three years in the 6th of Virginia or Regiment under Captain Richard Stephens of Caroline County Virginia. She believes her said Husband served the term of his enlistment which expired in November 1779, said John Wright side in the County of Caroline Virginia at the time of his entering the service and enlistment, She cannot give the name of any other officer than that of Captain Stephens of her said Husband John Wright [indecipherable word] in any engagements She does not know, if she ever heard she does not know [now] recollect, She does not know through what Country he moved. She has no Documentary evidence in support of her claim, that her said husband John Wright died in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia in the year 1815. She was married to the said John Wright in the County and State last aforesaid in the month of December 1793.

She further declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband John Wright that Part of her Statement as to the time of her said husband's enlistment and the Regiment to which he belonged will more fully appear by Reference to the Muster Rolls of Captain Richard Stephens, filed in the War Department which she Prays may be taken in evidence in support of her Claim, that she was not married to the said John Wright prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz., at the time stated above, all of which will more fully appear by her Reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Wright, X her mark

State of Tennessee Anderson County

We Thomas Carnel and Douglas Oliver¹ of the County and State aforesaid certify that we were well acquainted with John Wright late of Caroline County Virginia now deceased, said John Wright enlisted in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War some time in the year 1776 in the 6th Virginia Regiment, under Captain Richard Stephens also of Caroline County

¹ FPA W1466

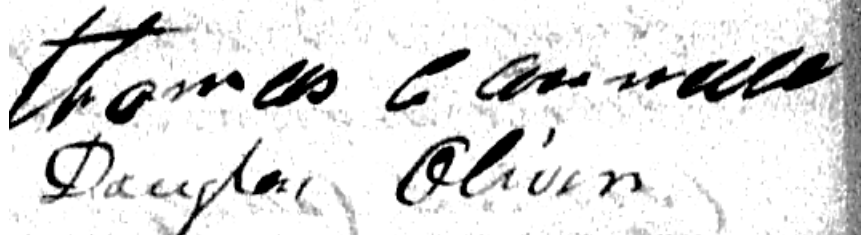
Virginia for the period of three years. We believe that Samuel Hawes was the Colonel of said Regiment. We also certify that from the best recollection which we now have the said John Wright served out the term of his enlistment which expired in the year 1779 we further certify that Elizabeth Wright who has made the annexed declaration, & the same was legally married to the said John Wright in the month of December 1793 that said John Wright died in the year 1815 in the County of Caroline in the state of Virginia and that said Elizabeth Wright has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband John Wright which took place the time above stated, said Wright resided in Caroline County at the time he enlisted in the service aforesaid and was married to the said Elizabeth in the County of Caroline in the month of December 1793.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February 1839

S/ James Noel, JP

S/ Thomas Canwell [?]

S/ Douglas Oliver



Thomas Canwell
Douglas Oliver

[f p. 3: postcard sent from Bowl. Green and dated July 11th, 1839 sent by John L Pendleton Clerk states that the records in his office indicate that on June 14th, 1796 John Wright married Elizabeth Durrett. Pendleton does not indicate the County or state in which his office is located]

[f p. 11: On September 5, 1853 in Anderson County Tennessee, John H Right, about 47, and William Right, about 45, filed a claim and power of attorney stating that they are the sons and heirs at law of John and Elizabeth Right; that their father was a soldier in the revolutionary war; that their parents were married about the year 1708 [sic] in the state of Virginia and that their father died about the year 1819 in Virginia and that their mother died May 17, 1847 still a widow; that John H Right is administrator of their mother's estate.



John H. Right (seal)
William Right (seal)