

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wright S10299

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Mifflin County SS [Pennsylvania]

I Jonathan Walker Esquire President of the Court of Common Pleas of the fourth Judicial district of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Authority of several acts of Congress to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War and for other purposes do hereby especially authorize and commission William Beale Esquire of the County of Mifflin in the State of Pennsylvania to take all evidence pursuant to the regulations of the said acts for substantiating the claims of John Wright of Fermanaugh [?]<sup>1</sup> Township in the County aforesaid to be continued on the pension list of the United States and to have his pension increased by reason of wounds received in said War or since (as prescribed in the several Acts of Congress) while in the actual service of the United States and in the time of his duty and when the same shall be completed to return the evidence affidavits certificates and proceedings had here upon together with this Commission to the Secretary of the War Department.

Given under my hand and seal at Lewiston in Mifflin County the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year 1808.

S/ Jonathan Walker

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Wright, John

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Pennsylvania, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, pages 102 and 165.

Rank: Sergeant

Regiment: Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's]<sup>2</sup> dragoons

Disability: Wounded in the knee, when in a skirmish with the enemy, which disabled him so much that he is not able to perform more than one-half the labor he otherwise could have done.

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*Fermanaugh Township*

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Fermanaugh Township is now in present day

Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>2</sup> [Henry Lee BLWt1299-500](#)

Residence: Mifflin County

To what pension entitled: One-half.

Remarks: Enlisted April 7, 1778, for the war.

Evidence transmitted by the District Court incomplete as to time and place where he received the said wound, as required by law; and as to the time of his leaving the service.

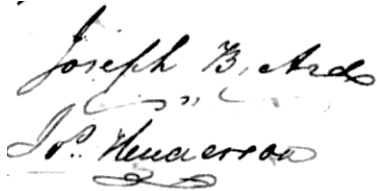
On page 165 it is stated that the evidence has been completed.

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To the Honorable J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

Mifflin County Pennsylvania Sct.

We Joseph Henderson and Joseph B. Ard physicians residing in Lewistown County & State aforesaid being appointed by the Honorable Jonathan Walker Esquire which appointment is hereto annexed to examine John Wright a Revolutionary Soldier who is inscribed on the Pension List of the United States and who is an applicant for an increase of pension conformably to the Acts of Congress in such case made & provided – And to report the nature of the Applicant's disability and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a subsistence by manual labor. – We being first sworn as law directs report that on examination we find that John Wright has been severely wounded in the right knee the wound being obliquely upwards & outwards fracturing & carrying away a part of the patella & lacerating the muscles & integuments [?]<sup>3</sup> – In consequence of which wound this leg is much smaller & weaker than his left – And the said John Wright being duly sworn doth depose & say that he is not able to perform more than one fourth of the manual labor he was able to perform before he received said wound – So that from his statement and our opinion he is three fourths disabled from performing manual labor for his subsistence.



Sworn & subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1818  
Wm Beale } Comm<sup>r</sup>.

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Mifflin County State of Pennsylvania February 6<sup>th</sup> 1818

To the Honorable J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

Sir) I William Beale of the County and State aforesaid being appointed and commissioned (which commission is annexed) by the Honorable Jonathan Walker Esquire Resident Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania District, to superintend and take all evidence in the case of John Wright of Fermanaugh Township in the County and State aforesaid respecting his application for an increase of Pension for known wounds received in the line of his duty in actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. – Do report that I have to the best of my knowledge and ability performed that service; – That I attended and administered the necessary oaths to said Wright and to the Physicians that examined his wounds as will be seen by their report hereunto

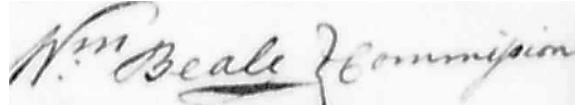
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<sup>3</sup> *integuments*

annexed and do hereby certify that the said Positions, to wit, Doctors Joseph B. Ard and Joseph Henderson are respectable good characters, that they are reputable in their practice as Physicians and surgeons, and that I believe that they have made an honest and just report respecting the wound and the degree of disability that it occasioned to the said John Wright who is a respectable good character who I have understood was wounded in a skirmish with the enemy the day after the battle of the Utauch Springs<sup>4</sup> while in the line of his duty and in the service of the United States – and that he served in the Lee's Legion of Horse the greater part of the revolutionary War, and that he was a useful valiant and good soldier. –

Given under my hand the day and date above written.

S/ Wm Beale, Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Beale" followed by a large bracket and the word "Commission".

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<sup>4</sup> Utauch Springs

Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

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Addendum to John Wright S10299

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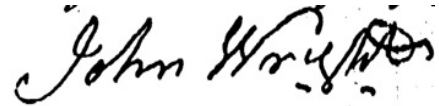
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Wright applies unto the State of Virginia for Donation Land due unto him as a Sergeant in Capt. Egglestons [Joseph Eggleston W8687] Company in Colonel [Henry] Lee's Legion in the late Warr between the United States and the King of Great Britain.

Mifflin County ss

Before me Samuel Jackson one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for said County personally Came the Subscriber John Wright who being sworn according to Law saith that he is the the same John Wright who Served in the Company and Legion above Mentioned and Continued in the service untill the End of said Warr and that he never yet has received any Land from the State of Virginia for the same.

Sworn & Subscribed before me at  
Mifflin Town the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January  
Anno Domini 1805 Sam Jackson



Mifflin County ss

Before me Samuel Jackson one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for said County personally Came the Subscriber Michael McCrum [VAS576] who being Sworn according to Law saith that he is personally acquainted with the above sworn John Wright and that he served in Col. Lees Legion as he hath stated in his deposition and that he was well acquainted with him during the time of said warr and that he now lives his neighbour

Sworn and Subscribed before me at  
Mifflin Town the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
January Anno Domini 1805 Sam Jackson



Mifflin County ss

Before me Samuel Jackson one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for said County personally Came the Subscriber William McCrum who being sworn according to law saith that he was and is now well acquainted with the above sworn John Wright and that he often seen him as a Soldier in Col. Lee's Legion and Ever since the warr he has lived his Neighbour William M.Crum

Sworn and Subscribed before me at [part missing]  
Anno Domini 1805 Sam Jackson

I hereby certify that John Wright served in the Legion commanded by Lt. Colo. Lee as a soldier in the Cavalry with fidelity to the end of the War. In 1783 he was wounded & after his recovering he was made a Serjeant, & behaved will in every situation in which he was placed. He was a native of New Jersey, & perhaps on that account the difficulty about the land has arisen. If the law giving those bounties in land does not forbid it, the bounty cannot be conferred on a man more meritorious. Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1806.  
Jos. Eggleston



Sir,

Amelia 7<sup>th</sup> April 1806

In conformity to your request I have enclosed a certificate relative to John Wright's services in the Legion from memory, as I could not lay my hand on any of the old Muster Rolls. If he can get the land without a violation of the Law, the bounty will be well bestowed, as there were few soldiers more meritorious. Of this I can speak with certainty, as he served in the Troop I commanded more than four years.

I am, Sir, with much respect/ y'r. obed. serv't.

*Ass: Eggleston*