

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wright S11905

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State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct

On this 27th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record before the Justices of the Clarke County Court now sitting William Wright a resident of Clarke County in State of Kentucky aged eighty 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. In the year 1777 the first of September he was drafted as a militia man in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia where he then resided. He was in the company commanded by Captain John Lillard, in Colonel James Pendleton's Regiment. He was marched to Washington's Army, which lay at the time above Philadelphia between the Schuylkill & Delaware rivers. He was in the Army at the battle of Germantown, but he was not present, not being up at the time, on the 3rd of November 1777 he received a discharge from Colonel James Pendleton having served out the two months for which he was drafted said discharge he still has, and it is herewith transmitted to the war office.

In October 1780, he was again drafted in the militia of said County. The company he was in was commanded by Captain James Browning. He was marched from Culpeper Court house towards Richmond Virginia, where the British were expected to land, but not having landed we were marched back and discharged having been in service at that time one month or thereabouts – Colonel Barbor [Barber ? or Barbour?] commanded during said tour.

In April 1781 he was again drafted in the militia of said County. He was commanded by Captain James Browning the same Captain he served under before – Colonel James Slaughter commanded the Regiment to which he belonged. Henry Hill was the Major. The Regiment marched and joined the brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg crossed James River from Petersburg. He was in the Battle at Petersburg, where General Muhlenberg commanded, against the British commanded by Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and Phillips [William Phillips]. After the battle the Army marched to Chesterfield Court house, and he was detached to furnish provisions for the Army. During this and the previous to which he acted as Sergeant and he has a certificate bearing date April 27 1781 from E. Clay showing the number of cattle delivered to him which is herewith also transmitted. About the middle of June 1781 he was discharged having served more than two months. He received a written discharge from Colonel James Slaughter but has lost it. In the year 1781 about the first of September, he was again drafted in the militia of the same County. He marched down to little York, at the siege of Cornwallis, and was put under the command of Captain Reed in the brigade commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. He was in Stevens' brigade at the siege of York until the surrender of Cornwallis. He was then

employed to guard the British prisoners to Winchester Virginia, but having been taken sick at Falmouth, he was discharged, having served about two months. He received a written discharge from Major Murray being the officer in command which he has lost.

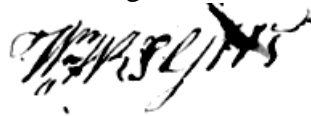
He also was in service about twenty days before said tour last detailed. He was drafted and commanded by Colonel James Barbor. We were marched near the Raccoon ford on the Rapidan River to repel Cornwallis in his march but he having taken another route we were discharged.

He states that he was born December 18th 1751. He has a register of his age taken from one kept by his father. He lived in Culpeper County Virginia at the commencement of the war and until the fall 1783, he then moved to Pittsylvania County Virginia where he resided until 1805. He then moved to Kentucky and has lived here ever since. He served altogether during the war about 8 months.

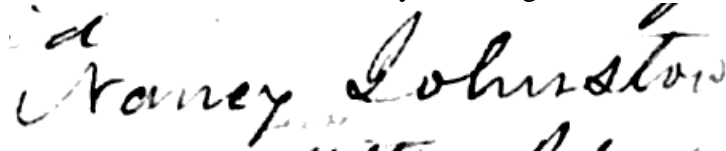
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Wright



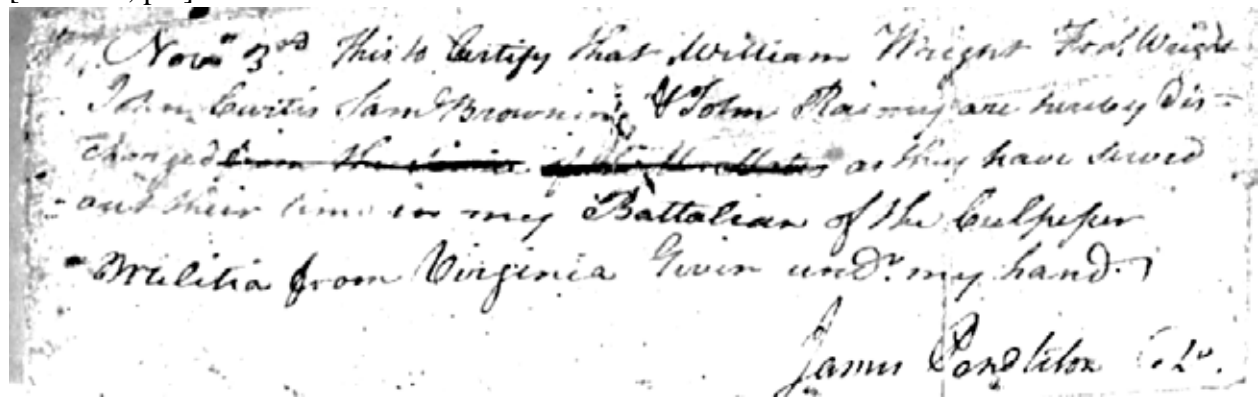
[Nancy Johnston gave a supporting affidavit in which she stated that her brother is about 80 years of age; that he was in the service about 4 or 5 different times as he has stated in his declaration; and that she is 72 years of age



[Isaac Oliver, Thomas Gardner & William Redman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: The discharge and receipt referred to by the veteran as being in close with his application are contained in a separate file labeled in Fold3 as "Wm Wright".]

[f 2<sup>nd</sup> file; p 3]



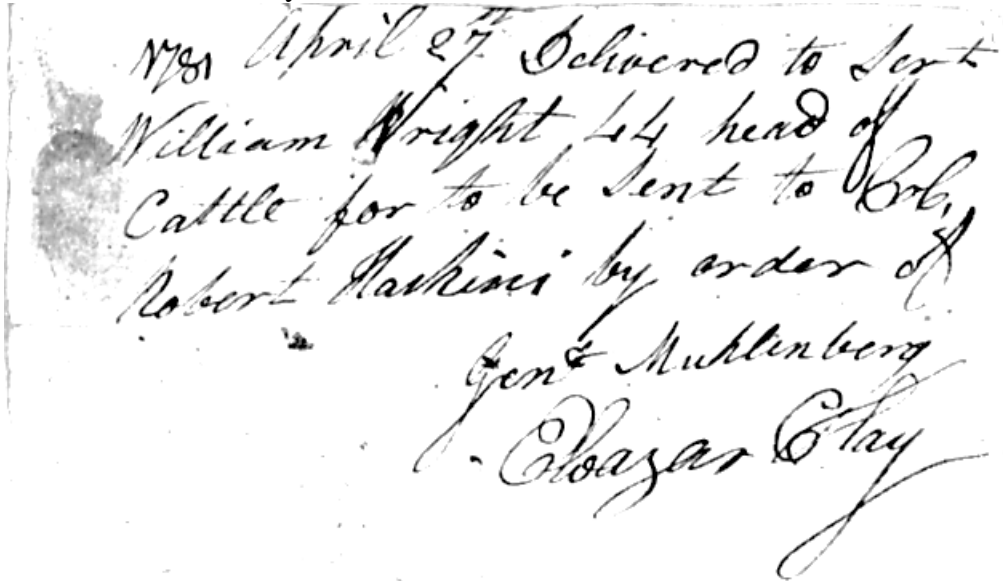
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> This is to Certify that William Wright Fra<sup>s</sup> Wright [Francis Wright], John Curtis, Saml. Browning [Samuel Browning] & John Rainey are hereby discharged from the ~~service of the militia~~ as they have served out their time in my Battalion of the Culpeper Militia from Virginia Given under my hand.

James Corlison C. L.

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S/ James Pendleton, Col<sup>o</sup>.

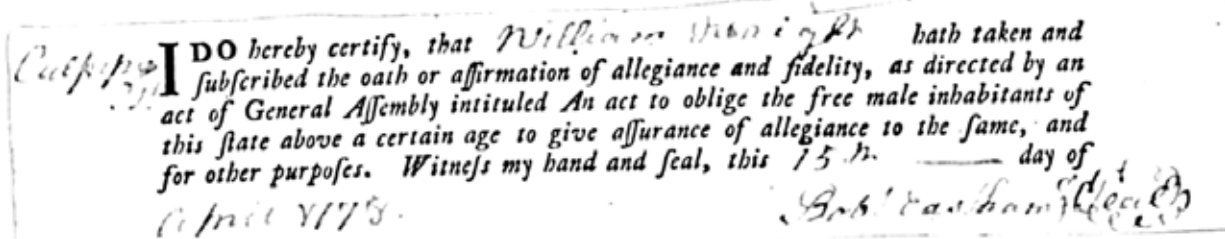
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William Wright 44 head of  
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Culpeper I do hereby certify, that William Wright has taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an act of General Assembly entitled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this State above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this 15th day of April 1778.

S/ Robt. Eastham [Robert Eastham]



*Culpeper* **I** DO hereby certify, that *William Wright* hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an act of General Assembly intituled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this state above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1778.  
*Robt Eastham*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]