

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Bazzell Right (Wright) S15966 Nancy Wright MD PA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }

Jackson County } Ss On this [blank; 23rd] day of november 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber [Thomas Boggs] a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Jackson and state of virginia Bazzell Right a resident of the said County of Jackson and state of virginia aged 69 years who being first duly sworn accodin to Law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated That in the year 1779 on the third day of September in the County of Washington in Hagerstown state of maryland declarant states that he was Drafted for a tower of six months and plased under the command of Capt William Lewis Lieutenant George Faulkner Ensign Samuel Ridner[?] and was stationed at Hagerstown in the state of Marilland at a garrison which was there erected Declarant states that he remained at the garrison at Hagerstown state of Maryland engaged in guarding the inhabitants and the town from the assalts of the brittish [sic] untill the time for which he was Drafted had expired at which time he was discharged by his said Capt Lewis having served six months as a private declarant further states he moved in the year 1780 near fort Pitt the place where Pittsburg now stands and in the month of May 1780 in the state of pennsylvania the name of the county he does not now recollect he volunteered his services as an indian spy and was placed under the command of Capt Lewis the names of the subaltern officers Declarant states he does not recollect Declarant states that by order of Col Ebenezar Zane he was put in a class with a man by the name of James Davis and was ordered by Col Zane to spy the Country from fort Pitt up the Allegany River about thirty miles from thence acrost the Country towards the monongalia [sic: Monongahela] river from thence to fort pitt Declarant states that he continued in spying the country aforesaid untill some time in the month of August 1780 at which time Declarant thinks he was marched from fort Pitt to fort Mackintosh at the mouth of Big beavor on the northwestern bank of the ohio River [sic: Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA] and remained in fort Mackintosh engaged in guarding the fort and those who had collected there for defence untill some time in the month of December 1780 at which time Col Zane ordered a Detachment of Capt Lewis's Company to march to fort Pitt as it was antisipated that the indians would make an attact on fort Pitt [see endnote] Declarant states that he arrived at fort Pitt about the 28 day of December 1780 and remained in the fort under Capt Lewis engaged in [illegible word] the fort against the threatened attack of the indians untill some time in the month of march 1781 at which time Declarant states he was discharged by his said Capt Lewis having served ten months this tower as an indian spy. Declarant states that he has no Documentary evidence by which he can prove his services neither [does] he know of any one by whome he can prove them Declarant states that he has moved far from the place whare he rendered his services and that he has not seen any of the soldiers with whome served for forty years – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pention or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention roll of the agency of any state

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid Bazzle hisXmark Right

to the several interogatorys prescribed by the war department Declarant answers as follows

- 1 I was borned in the state of Maryland in the County of Prince George in the year 1764
- 2 I have no record of my age I have the recollection of parents who told me the year I was borned in
- 3 when called into service I was living in the County of Washington state of Maryland since the Revolutionary war I have lived in ohio county and wood state of Va and I now live in the County of Jackson State of Virginia
- 4 my first tower I was Drafted for six months my second I volunteered and served as an indian spy
- 5 I saw and became acquainted with Col [William] Crawford at fort Pitt Col John Gibson and General [Edward] Hand I saw Col Ebenezer Zane and Col Williamson Capt Brady who commanded a

Company of Indian spys who ware enlisted soldiers for three years I also saw General George Rogers Clark who commanded the northwestern campaign I also saw Col. [Joseph] Crockett in fort pitt in June 1781

- 6 My discharges ware signed by the officers under whome I served but they are all lost or mislaid long since
- 7 I am known to William Parsons and Thomas Carney Jesse Tanner and Samuel Hines who can testify to my character my age and as to their belief of my having been a soldier of the Revolution Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Bassel hisXmark Right
[Certified by Jesse Tanner and Samuel Hines]

[On 28 Feb 1834 Bazzell Right was issued a certificate for a pension of \$53.33 per year for 16 months service.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On this report Singleton wrote "Not entitled."]

Bazel Wright – Applicant.

I the undersigned Bazel Wright in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following narative of my age and Revolutionary Services to wit. I shall be 84 yrs old the 18th of August next. I was raised in Maryland within 8 miles of Hagerstown. Cant tell what county Hagerstown is in. I left Maryland about 40 yrs ago & settled in western Virginia – during the war of the Revo. but I cant tell in what year, I was drafted and stationed in Hagerstown for about "Six weeks" guarding the tories – was under the command of Capt William Lewis – the forgoing comprises all the services I done as a soldier during the war of the Revolution – James Arnold wrote my Declaration to whom I detailed the same service, and only the same I now detail. Thomas Boggs a Magistrate of Jackson County was present and swore me to my Declaration. I was (when I made my Declaration) and still am [able] to travel to the county seat of Jackson. In Witness that the forgoing statement contains the truth the whole truth [and] nothing but the truth I hereto subscribe my name Dec. 26 1834 Bazel hisXmark Wright
Witness/ J. M. Steed

Note. the name of this man was not furnished by the abstract – it is said that Arnold has drawn money upon his declaration. how is this? A Copy W. G Singleton/ January 1, 1835.

NOTES:

Indians seldom if ever attacked during the winter.

On 23 Feb 1858 Nancy Wright of Calhoun County VA, aged 83 on 15 Oct, applied for bounty land stating that as Nancy Jones she married Bazel Wright in Bath County VA on 13 Feb 1801, and he died on 6 Dec 1853 at age 98 or 99. She stated that she was the daughter of John Jones, who fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant on 10 Oct 1774. She also stated that her husband appeared on a list of pensioners as "having served for a less term than six months and on that Grounds was not entitled to Pension."