

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Wright, S16301, transcribed by Roy Randolph

State of Indiana, Washington County

Washington County Circuit Court, September Term 1832

On this 26th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of said Court now sitting William Wright, a resident of said County of Washington and State aforesaid, aged 71 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 as a volunteer for 3 months in a light horse company commanded by Capt. James Robinson which was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. John Litteral sometime about the month of December 1780 in Randolph [sic] county in [North] Carolina. That said company was attached to said regiment at Litteral's Barracks, that being headquarters—Remained here some time occasionally scouring the surrounding country to keep the Tories in subjection—Some time in Feb. 1781 our regiment marched to S. Carolina to a place on the Pedee River known by the name of Grassy Island. Then marched up the river some distance—part of the regiment crossed the river and had a battle at a place called the Island Ford on the Yadkin [River]—At the time of the battle he was on the opposite side of the river about 10 miles below but could hear the guns distinctly—Next morning after the battle, he was informed by Capt. John Haynes that his regiment was scattered in all directions & advised him & others to return to their barracks which he did and was shortly afterwards discharged by Capt. Robinson by writing under his hand which discharge is lost—within a few weeks from this time he again entered the service as a volunteer in a light horse company and as a substitute for one Philbert Wright. The company was commanded by Capt. John Raney. He volunteered for 3 months. The company consisted of about 80 or 100 men & was not attached to any regiment. It was employed chiefly in traversing the country & to keep the Tories in subjection. He had several skirmishes with them but no general battle. Served his term of 3 months. He was discharged by his said captain which discharge is lost. He then moved in to Rowan S. C. and some time in the year 1781 volunteered into another light horse company under Captain William Gray for 3 months which company was attached to the regiment under Col. James Dugan. Our headquarters was at a place called Bell's Mill, Randolph County [North Carolina]—our services consisted as before in keeping the Tories under. He was not in any general battle. He served out his tour & was discharged about the time of the surrender of Cornwallis at which time the Tories were pretty well subdued. He was born March 25th, 1761. He has a record of his age in his Bible taken from an old Bible of his father. Lived in N. Carolina since the Revolution til the year 1800. Then moved to Kentucky and lived there 9 years. Then moved to this county where he hath resided ever since. That he has documentary evidence that he can prove by Arthur Parr and Amos Wright, his brother, residents of this county, that they saw him about the time of his said services and heard him talk of them & believes he served as he has stated. He is known to Enoch Parr, Isaac Morgan, Elj. W. Malott & Hugh McPheters in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

/s/ William Wright

We, Arthur Parr and Amos Wright, residing in the said county of Washington Indiana, hereby state that we are well acquainted with William Wright who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 71 years of age, that we saw him frequently about the time of his services as he has stated, heard him talk about his services at that time, that he is a man of truth & veracity and we believe him from our knowledge of him at that time and he is also respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Signed & subscribed the year aforesaid in the presence of _____.

/s/ Arthur Parr and Amos Wright /his mark/

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the investigation prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that Arthur Parr and Amos Wright who have signed the preceding certificate are residents of the said county of Washington & state of Indiana that they are credible persons and that their statement is [certified] to credit. I Wm H Carter, Clerk of the said Washington County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said court in the matter of the application of William Wright for a pension.

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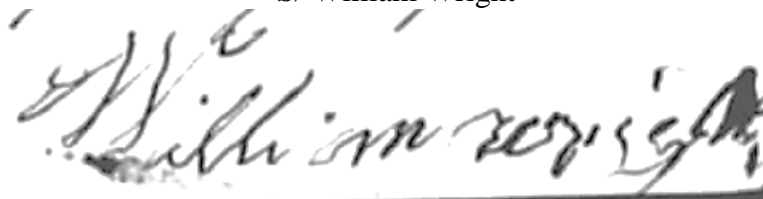
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Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Wright", written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[Arthur Parr and Amos Wright gave a supporting affidavit. Amos Wright signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/islandford.htm>