

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John A. Wright S17214

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State of Kentucky Estill County: SS

On this 18th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Estill County Court now sitting John A. Wright a resident of the County of Estill aforesaid aged sixty-eight 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 & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1780 he was drafted in Culpeper County Virginia in the militia into the service of the United States for a three months tour. His best recollection is Captain Pollard [probably Robert Pollard] was his Captain – We were marched down towards old Richmond and after being out to the best of my recollection two months, we received orders that we were not wanted any longer at that time & we were discharged. He does not recollect the name of his Colonel. In 1781, he thinks early in the year, he was again drafted from same County into the service of the United States in the militia & served a tour of three months – John Waugh was his Captain – General Stevens' [Edward Stevens] Brigade – we marched to Fredericksburg – then to Richmond. Was at Petersburg when there was a small engagement there. The British burnt part of the town & we were compelled or ordered to retreat – At the expiration of the three months, we were discharged below Richmond does not recollect what the place was called. In same year he was again drafted from same County & served a third tour in the militia in the service of the United States. He was in a company commanded by William Green we were marched down to York & continued to do duty till a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis when in consequence of ill health he was carried to the Hospital at Williamsburg, where he remained unable to do duty till after the surrender of Cornwallis & after his Tour was out – He recollects the French General the Marquis at York – saw General Washington there & other officers – He cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time he served in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war, but he is confident he served not less than eight months as a private in the militia & for such service he claims a pension. He was born in Culpeper County Virginia in the year 1764 in February. He has now no record of his age, but always understood he was born at that time – had a record of his age, but some years since it got destroyed. He was living in Culpeper County Virginia when called into the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War & continued living there afterwards until he removed to Kentucky 40 years since where he has ever since resided – part of the time in Madison County – the residue you and Estill where he now resides – That he has now no recollection of having ever received any

written discharges – has none now – That he can prove his services in part by Michael Burk¹ of Madison County Kentucky & knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure to establish them – that Samuel Kelly a clergyman & Joel White are both his neighbors & can't testify concerning his character & the belief of his services – He has no documentary evidence to prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.
Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid S/ John A. Wright



[Samuel Kelley, a clergyman, and Joel White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct

On this 25th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me Christopher Harris a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Michael Burke a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he believes he is 95 years of age – that he has been well acquainted with John A. Wright in Estill County Kentucky, & who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, ever since said Wright was a Boy – that he knew him in Culpeper County Virginia during the Revolutionary War, where the affiant and said Wright then resided – That he knows said Wright served in the militia from Culpeper County in the service of the United States – cannot state in what year nor how many tours said Wright served. He well recollects that he served one tour with said Wright from same County – cannot state how long they were out on that tour, but thinks three months – His recollection will not enable him to state how much longer said Wright served. He states that said Wright has always sustained a good character as a man of truth & integrity.

S/ Michael Burke, X his mark

State of Missouri County of Howard: SS

On this 8th day of August 1834 before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the said County of Howard, personally appeared John A Wright, who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Greene in the Regiment commanded by Colonel (the applicant from old age & the loss of memory cannot recollect the Colonel's name) in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Kentucky, from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in the State of Missouri where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be payable, in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Kentucky to Missouri: nearly all his children lived in Howard County Missouri and none of them lived near him in Kentucky.

S/ John A. Wright

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

Enoch Kemper, J P

¹ [Michael Burk X111](#) (in HeritageQuest collection): appears as FPA S1174 in Fold3.com collection)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]