

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wright S30232

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In Nansemond County Court 13th May 1833

State of Virginia County of Nansemond SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Riddick, Hardy Cross, Edward R Hunter and Edwin B Sumner the Court of Nansemond, now sitting, James Wright, a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia, aged seventy-nine 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 as a militia man first under Captain Robert Carr and marched to Portsmouth then under Captain Foster, then under Captain Robert Riddick, then under Colonel Benjamin Baker, and encamped in his old field in Nansemond County, when the refugees broke open his house and robbed him then under Captain James McClenny and Colonel Wells in the County of Isle of Wight, then under Captain Willis Parker, then under Captain Kinchin Godwin [also spelled Kinchen Godwin] and that he served a tour of six weeks each under the above named officers making in all twelve months Service that he was in a skirmish with the enemy on Nansemond River above Norfolk whilst under the command of Captain Robert Riddick, that he resided in Nansemond County, Virginia, when he entered the service, that he was drafted in service – that his marches were principally through Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Norfolk and Surry Counties, Virginia that he served with Continental troops in Portsmouth, but does not recollect the regiments of the officers, names and that he has no documentary evidence to offer to support his claim. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Signed James Wright

Amended Declaration of James Wright

State of Virginia, County of Nansemond

I, James Wright, of the aforesaid County and State, being duly sworn according to law, doth, on my oath, make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

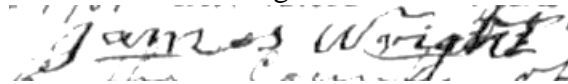
That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, I cannot swear positively as to the recites length of my service; but according to the best of my recollection, I served during the Revolutionary war as a private in the militia, a period not less than eleven months and six days, and for which service I claim a pension –

That this service was performed during the year 1777, 1778, 1779, in 1780, in tours of six weeks each, under the officers named in my original declaration, to which: Captains Carr, Foster,

Riddick, McClenny, Parker and Godwin, and Colonels Baker & Wills – that I recollect to have served a tour of six weeks under each of these officers sometime during the years above stated, but it is impossible for me to say (having no record of this service) at this advanced stage, being now seventy-nine years old, from near memory, the identical months and year that I entered the service under each of the above named officers\* – That I know of no person now living by whom I can prove the services – that I was called into service by competent authority – that I performed the service in the field in the counties of Nansemond, Norfolk, Isle of Wight and Surry Virginia – that I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the performance of this Service – sworn to and subscribed the 28th day of October 1833

\*I think I served one of those tours under Captain Carr and 1777, one under Captain Foster in 1779, 2 under Captain Riddick in 1779, 2 under Captain McClenny in 1780, one under Captain Parker in 1780, and one under Captain Godwin in 1781 – Colonels Baker & Wills field officers

S/ James Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Wright".

[Solomon Halling and Jacob Howell gave the standard supporting affidavit]

Attested October 28, 1833

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 6 days service as a private in the Virginia Troops.]