

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wright S31501

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State of Kentucky Oldham County: SS

Be it known that on this 4th day of December 1833 personally appeared before William Gatewood a Justice of the peace in and for Oldham County in the State of Kentucky and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County George Wright a resident of said County of: Kentucky aged 70 years and upwards 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 is to say being a resident of Amherst County in the State of Virginia he did in the month of October in the year 1779 as well as he at this time remembers entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Captain Banks upon a tour of two months – that he rendezvoused with his Company at Amherst Courthouse and was marched from thence to the Albemarle Barracks where he was kept stationed during the whole of his said tour in guarding prisoners and public stores and at the termination of his said tour he had fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home. He states that while he was at the Barracks as above named he recollects that there were some other troops there under the Command of Captain Burley [Garland Burnley] that he understood were regular soldiers and from his present best impression Captain Burley had the command of the Garrisoned at that place and that there was no field officers there except Francis Taylor.

He further states and declares that in the month of February 1780 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier in the Company of Captain Banks – upon another tour of two months – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in Amherst County in which County he still resided and was marched by his Captain to Albemarle Barracks, the same place at which he was stationed in his preceding tour – that he was there kept as a part of the garrison of that place and as a part of the guard for the British prisoners and for the public stores at that place till the full expiration of this his second tour and at the termination thereof after having fully & faithfully served out the same he was discharged & returned home. He states that he recollects that Captain Burrell was still at the said Barracks and he understood was in the regular service and had the command of that place.

He further states and declares that in the month of December in the year 1780 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier in the Company of Captain Ballinger [Richard Ballenger?] upon a tour of three months – that a man by the name of Pollard was the Lieutenant of the Company and that he

rendezvoused with his said Company at the muster ground in Amherst County where this declarant still resided and he was marched from thence with his said Captain to Richmond Virginia and from thence to Hood's Fort on James River where he was kept as a part of the garrison of that place till the full expiration of his said tour of duty and for one month longer comprising a period of four months actual an active service upon this tour instead of three months service for which he was originally drafted and he was then discharged and returned home. He states that during this service he was under the command of no higher officer than Captain.

He further states and declares that in the month of June in the year 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of twenty days (the draft being called the twenty days draft) in the Company of Captain Rees – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in Amherst County and was there attached to the Regiment of Colonel Meriwether and to the Brigade of General Lawson – that he was marched with the other troops and joined the Army of General Lafayette near Williamsburg Virginia – that the British under Cornwallis had retreated to the lower parts of Virginia and after he joined General Lafayette he was marched with the Army to the Morban or Moblin Hills [Malvern Hills] where he remained till he had been in the service about one month perhaps a few days over and he was then discharged and returned home. He states that he is positive in his recollection that he served at the least one month during this tour – and he recollects to have seen Colonel Caball & Colonel Matthews besides his own Colonel – and he recollects also General Lafayette, Wayne and Stephen & Lawson – he does not recollect the names of any of the regular colonels.

He states that from the great lapse of time and his advanced age his memory has greatly failed him, but that he is confident from his present best recollection that he did not serve in the war of the revolution less than 9 months as a private militia soldier in the manner above stated and for that service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

bed this day & year ago
George Wright

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Justice of the peace

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Amherst County in 1763

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have at home in my Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Amherst County Virginia when I was called into service and there continued to reside for some years after the termination of the revolution and then moved to Greene County Tennessee where I lived about 10 years and then (in 1816) moved to Henry County Kentucky to that part of it which has been stricken off to Oldham County where I have

continued to live ever since so that my present residence is in Oldham County Kentucky.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I did not serve with any regular officers except Captain Burley (who I understood was such) in my two first tours – in my third tour I did not serve with any – in my fourth & last tour I recollect many of them but their names have escaped my memory. I recollect Generals Lafayette, Wayne, Steuben & Lawson. I recollect also Colonels Caball & Matthews who were both militia officers, I believe. In my two first tours I was stationed at the Albemarle Barracks as a guard to some prisoners and some public Stores. In my 3rd tour I was marched to Richmond and then to Hoods fort on James River where I was kept stationed. In this tour I performed 4 months service but was drafted for three months. In my last tour I served one month and joined the Army of General Lafayette at Williamsburg

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I do not recollect to have received any discharge in writing

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Joseph Hardy and Daniel S Lane.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Wright

[Joseph Hardy, a clergyman, and Daniel S Lane gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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