

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wright S31503

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State of Illinois in Monroe County: SS

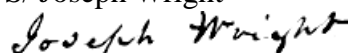
On this 5th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before their Honors Edward T Morgan, Felix Clark & Scipio Beard Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Monroe County now sitting Joseph Wright a resident of Monroe County State of Illinois aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an 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 he entered the service in March 1780 as a militia man under the command of Captain John Thompson in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Glenn [John Glenn] Brigade commanded by General Stephens [Edward Stevens] – he entered the service in Halifax County State of Virginia and remained in the service last mentioned three months, that in March 1781 in Halifax County Virginia he again entered the United States service as a militia man on a Tour of three months under Captain Paul Waddleton [Watlington, Wattleton, etc.] in a Battalion Commanded by Major Boyce [William Boyce] & Regiment commanded by Colonel Glenn Brigade by General Stephens which last service he left in June 1781 – in both of which he was a drafted man. That he was in a Battle fought at Guilford [March 15, 1781] when General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded, that he was at Camden [August 15 – 16, 1780] South Carolina when General Gates¹ was defeated at that place in the year 1780 [Last digit written over and unclear could be 1781] that he marched from Halifax County Virginia through North Carolina that he was acquainted with Adjutant Cobb of the Virginia Troops and Paul Carrington aid de camp to General Green and that he has no documentary Evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

Answers to Questions – 1st Where & in what year were you born [?] Anrs. I was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the year 1760. It is recorded in my family Bible now in Green County in this State. I received a discharge from General Greene which is now lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Wright



[James Moore & Abram Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ The veteran's claim that he was at Gates Defeat at Camden does not fit with the dates of service he claims. Gates Defeat occurred August 16, 1780. However, C. Leon Harris points out that the officers this veteran names were at Gates defeat and he, Leon, thinks it likely the veteran was there but confused as to the dates of his service.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]