

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wright S31504

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State of Illinois County of Morgan: SS

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared ^{in open Court} before the undersigned Samuel D Lockwood Judge of the Circuit in and for Morgan County now sitting James Wright a resident in the County of Morgan and State of Illinois aged Seventy 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 provision may by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year seventy seven ^{or seventy eight} with Lieutenant Augustin Rucker [Angus Rucker¹] and served in the first Regiment of the Virginia State line under the following named officers, Brigadeer Gen. Millenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and Col. Gibson [George Gibson] and Maj. Lee and the first two years of which time was under Capt. Nicholas [John Nicholas] and remainder under Capt. Holt [John Hunter Holt], and the said Augustin Rucker continuing Lieutenant during the whole three years, and the time he left the service not recollected but his impression that it was in 1781 or '82 and only under one term of enlistment. At the time of my enlistment I was a Citizen of Culpeper County in the State of Virginia and during the time of my service I was in the battle and fought at Stony Point [July 15 – 16, 1779] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. When I entered the service I marched from Culpeper County Virginia down to Williamsburg from thence we marched to Valley Forge and from thence to Philadelphia and from thence into several of the New England states not now recollected and took up winter quarters the second winter at Middlebrook from thence we marched in the direction of Virginia and the particular Towns that we passed not all recollected and finally discharged in Pennsylvania according to the he best of my recollection.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ James Wright, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel W Lockwood

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Angus Rucker S19068](#)

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Addendum to James Wright S31504

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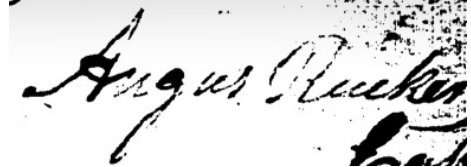
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that James Wright Served as a Soldier in the first State Regiment, Commanded by Col. George Gibson in the Revolutionary war, for three years being the full term of his enlistment.

Given under my hand this 6th day of March 1803.

Angus Rucker [S19068]

Capt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angus Rucker". The ink is dark and the background is light with some speckling.

Sir I have taken the liberty to inclose to you a Certificate from Capt. Rucker in behalf of James Wright, a poor wourne out soldier. The perticulars you are acquated with. I hope you will do what you can for the poor man, and inclose it to me by the next post Yr. Compliance will oblige yrs. &c

Paschal Early

Angus Rucker Esq'r who signs the within was a Captain the 1st State Regiment. The Field Officers are dead.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] late B.G.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood". The ink is dark and the background is light with some speckling.