

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wright S32087

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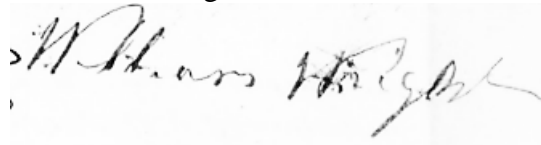
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State of Georgia Clark County: On this 3rd day of December personally came in open Court, before William Dicken, presiding Judge of the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting, William Wright a resident of the County of Clark and State aforesaid, aged 70 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, and served as herein stated: He was born on the 5th of April 1762 in King George [County] & raised in Spotsylvania County Virginia. He has no other record of his age but his Bible which is at home. He was living in Spotsylvania at the time he entered into the Service, he was commissioned as an Ensign, by Thomas Jefferson Governor of Virginia, in a company commanded by one Captain John White the 1st Lieutenant, Thomas Sharpe, 2nd Lieutenant Basil White. The Company was attached to the command of Major Nathaniel (I think) Mills & Colonel Beverly Winslow. The company was drafted for three months commencing in January 1780 & were stationed in Fredericksburg the principal service performed during these three months was to watch the operations of the British, who were said to be passing up the Potomac [River] & the other rivers making into the Chesapeake Bay. The next tour of service was performed in the spring of 1781, he was Ensign in a company then commanded by Captain John Carter, first Lieutenant Robert Smith, 2nd Lieutenant Henry Bartlett & stationed again in Fredericksburg for two months, under the command of Colonel George Weedon & Major George Thornton. In the month of August about the first he was marched to head quarters at little York for a forty-days tour to relieve the militia, under a detachment commanded by Colonel George Stubblefield & Major Bartlett – the company commanded by Captain Francis Coleman, Lieutenant Benjamin Robinson & Lieutenant Basil White, myself being Ensign. We served the forty days and had not been at home but a few days before Conr Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken. So that his service altogether was six months & fifteen days including his marching and his returning home from York. He was called into service each time by a draft. His service was generally that of preparation for any emergency which the critical state of the times required, mostly watching & guarding while stationed at Fredericksburg. The tour to York is better comprehended by the object which has been stated. As I have before stated I received a regular commission from the Governor of Virginia as an Ensign which has been lost or destroyed. I will state the names of John F. Barnett, H. Sims who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I have no documentary testimony & he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure to establish the facts of his service. He lived in Virginia until the year 1807 & then moved to Georgia, Clarke County, where he now resides.

Sworn to in open Court & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

& William Dicken, presiding Justice of the Inferior Court of Clark County
S/ William Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Wright", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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 any state.

S/ William Wright

[John F Barnett and John H Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]