

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Wright S32616

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State of Alabama, Madison County

On the 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court Daniel Wright of said County and State 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 the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he served as a militia Captain in the State of North Carolina Surry County during the war of the revolution – Martin Armstrong being Colonel of the Regiment – that he always acted as a volunteer in all scouring and scouting parties against the Tories and Indians – that he was engaged in such service at least two years as a Captain besides other service as a private – that he volunteered as a soldier in the year 1775 or '6 to the best of his recollection and served three months against the Cherokee Indians as a private under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] Jacob Free being his Captain and on his return from that campaign was appointed an officer in the Surry County [militia] under the said Colonel Armstrong. That he always held himself in readiness to act when and where occasion might require against the Tories and British, he was at the battle of the Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780]¹ on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] in the year '78 or '79 at which a Captain Francis [Henry Francis] was killed. That he volunteered the last of August or first of September in the year 1781 and raised and commanded a company of volunteers of mounted infantry rendezvoused at Salem North Carolina and marched down the country to Wilmington the British and Tories having possession of that town at that time. That during his march he had several skirmishes with the Tories and one in particular near the Raft Swamp [October 15, 1781]² or Lockhart's folly in which one of his men named Charles Lewis was killed. That he was engaged in an attack on a British fortification called the Brick house [November 15, 1781]³ on the West bank of Cape Fear River near Wilmington – after the evacuation of Wilmington by the British he returned home with his company after a tour of four months or upwards Colonel Smith and Major Graham [Joseph Graham] being his field officers in that campaign. That after his return he was engaged as occasion required in scouring the country in skirmishes with the Tories the balance of the war in one of them scouring parties a man named John Hudbeth was killed[;] after the cessation of hostilities he was appointed by the Colonel of the Regiment (Col. Armstrong) to receive the arms and submission of the Tories.

That he further states that he has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services or appointment his commission as Captain having been long since lost or mislaid. He

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_shallow_ford.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_raft_swamp.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

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 or Territory.

Interrogatories were propounded by the court to the said Daniel Wright pursuant to instructions from the War department

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Fauquier State of Virginia in the year 1759

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

Ans: I have the record of my age as made by my father it is now in my possession

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

Ans: In Surry County North Carolina

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

Ans: I was a volunteer during the whole term of my services

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.

Ans: The last interrogatory has been as fully answered in my declaration as is in my power.

6th Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Ans: I did receive a commission as Captain – it was signed by Colonel Martin Armstrong the Colonel of the Regiment as was customary in those days it has long since been lost or mislaid

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.

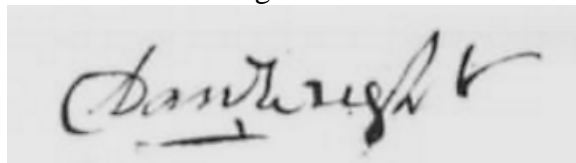
Ans: Bartlett M. Lowe & Saml. Chapman

Ans: Supplementary to the third Interrogatory: in 1784 I moved to Laurens District in South Carolina and lived there until 1812 when I moved to Madison County then Mississippi Territory now in the State of Alabama where I have lived ever since.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and date above in open Court

S/ L. Mead, Clerk

S/ Danl Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danl Wright", is shown within a rectangular frame.

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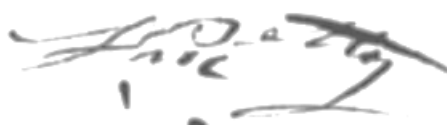
On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court William Petty⁴ who being first duly sworn according to law states that he resided in Surry County North Carolina during the war of the revolution and was well acquainted with Daniel Wright who has made the foregoing declaration and knows that he was a Captain in that war and was a great deal in the service and he believes all the facts as stated by said Daniel Wright to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

4 [William Petty S17016](#)

S/ L. Mead, Clerk

S/ Wm Petty



[William Eddins, Sr., a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Bartlett M. Lowe, and Samuel Chapman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama, Madison County

I William Smith, late of York District and State of South Carolina do hereby certify that whilst a boy I was well acquainted with Major Daniel Wright, from about the latter end of the year 1781, who then resided in Surry County, State of North Carolina; at that time he was called and known as Captain Daniel Wright, and had the reputation of having been a very efficient and active partisan officer in the militia service of the Revolutionary war then going on, of the truth of which I have no sort of doubt. And no man of his age was supposed to be more devoted to the interest of his Country or more active as a military man in its defense.

I have known Major Wright since in South Carolina, to which we both removed; and have known him as a member of the legislature of that State. He then sustained, as he has done everywhere else the reputation of a gentleman of perfect veracity and unblemished integrity and I have the fullest confidence in what he has stated in his declaration is hereunto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 30th day of October 1832.

S/ Lemuel Mead, Clerk

S/ Wm Smith

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The amended declaration of Daniel Wright an officer of the war of the Revolution for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned sole Judge of the County Court of said County Daniel Wright who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For at least two years I served as a Captain and at least three months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. This is prayed to be considered and taken as a part of my original declaration to which it is attached.

S/ Danl Wright

S/ Samuel Chapman, Judge

[Veteran died May 24, 1838, survived by children not named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Captain for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]