

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wingate S35731

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State of Kentucky August 5th, 1819

I John Wingate hereby State on Oath in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress concerning revolutionary Soldiers that in the Spring of the year 1780 I enlisted for three years in Capt. Thomas Bowyer's company in Prince William County State of Virginia as a regular Soldier in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Davis & afterwards Joined the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Buford on the Continental establishment. I Joined said Regiment at Chesterfield Courthouse in the State of Virginia & marched with Col. Buford to the South & Continued with him until next Spring in the Service of the U. States & was taken Sick at Petersburg and as soon as I recovered I Joined Capt. Churchill Jones Company of cavalry under the Command of Col. Washington [William Washington] & was taken prisoner while reconnoitering on the 9th day of May 1781 that I faithfully Served as a regular Soldier for upwards of twelve months & was parolled by the British and ^{was} afterwards employed in guarding the prisoners taken at Little York with Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] while at Lancaster until peace was made. I also declare that I am now old being fifty Seven years of age & So reduced in my Circumstances that I Stand in need of assistance of my country for Support. Given under my hand this 4th of August 1819

S/ John Wingate, X his mark

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Scott County to wit

This is to Certify that Col. Abm Buford [Abraham Buford] personally came before me John Thomson a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that John Wingate Joined a Detachment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment at Chesterfield Courthouse Virginia in the Summer of the year 1780 & marched to the South as a private Soldier in his Detached Regiment & Continued with him in service until the Spring following when Owing to bad health he returned home & left said Wingate Sick at Petersburg Virginia & have understood & was told by said Wingate that he had enlisted for three years. Given under my hand this first day of September 1819

S/ Jno. Thomson, JP

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State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Court

September Term 1821 September 25th 1821

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared in open Court John Wingate who produced in Court his Declaration and the Schedule hereto annexed of his property amounting to \$60, to which he made oath agreeably to the act of Congress concerning pensioners which is thereupon ordered to be entered of record as follows

Schedule

District of Kentucky: SS Fayette County & Circuit Sct:

On this 25th day of September 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District and Circuit of Fayette County John Wingate aged sixty years, resident in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1780 for three years or during the war in the Company commanded by Capt. or Lt. Payton in the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Davis and afterwards by Col. Abraham Buford on the Continental line, whose affidavit is herewith annexed, and that he continued to serve in said service or in the service of the United States until the year 1781 at which time he was taken prisoner by the British and was kept until the year 1782 when he was paroled and was never exchanged till the close of the war: and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Two mares and a colt worth in all	\$40.00
One cow and a heifer worth	10.00
About ten head of Hogs worth	<u>10.00</u>
	\$60.00

I owe about \$50 and \$15 owing to me

S/ John Wingate, X his mark

His occupation is a Farmer but from old age and debility and the Rheumatick pains he is unable to follow it; he has a wife and one daughter living with him (to wit) Nancy 15 years of age, and his wife is sickly and unable to maintain herself.

S/ John Wingate, X his mark

Colonel Abraham Buford made oath that he is well acquainted with John Wingate and that he was a regular soldier in his Detached Regiment in the revolution and that he is a man of credibility and that he has recollected and known said Wingate since he served in his Regiment as a regular soldier and he believes he enlisted & served for 3 years.

S/ A. Buford¹

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Mercer Circuit Court

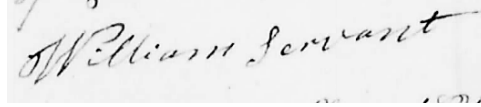
February term – The affidavit of William Servante² This day made in open Court upon his oath

¹ This document does not bear the actual signature of Abraham Buford but rather it is signed in the same handwriting as the document itself.

² [William Servante S37372](#)

States that I saw John Wingate and mounted guard with him as a regular Soldier in the Continental line at Petersburg State of Virginia in the fall 1780 that he was then in the regular Army and was serving as a Soldier – I have conversed with the said John Wingate and am perfectly satisfied from the detail of events and circumstances which took place at that time, that he served upwards of nine months in the Army and that he is the same identical John Wingate who I then saw and have now this day seen, I am at this time 74 years of age – witness my hand this 14th of February 1826.

S/ William Servant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Servant". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 14, 1826, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to John Wingate S35731

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 June 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Wingate Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted in the year 1780 in Lieut. Payton's detachment of the 14th Virginia Regiment on continental line Commanded by Col. Davis [William Davies BLWt597-500] and afterwards by Col. Abraham Buford for during the war and that he served until the year 1781 and was taken prisoner by the enemy on James River Virginia and that he continued a prisoner until the end of the war when he was set at liberty in the year 1783 & that he has never rec'd his Land Warrant for said service. John hisXmark Wingate Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of Sept 1821 Edward Payne JPFC

1822 Aug 19 Rejected

Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ June 10th 1833

Sir Yours of the 28th ult'o. enclosing the application for bounty land by John Wingate, is received and referred to this office. In reply, I have to inform you that, the name of Jno. Wingate, is not returned on the records of the Virginia line on file in this office, among those, entitled to bounty lands from the U. States. Reference has been had to his papers on file in the Pension Office, wherein it distinctly appears by two seperate Affidavits of his own, and one by Colo. Buford, that he inlisted in the Spring of 1780 for the limited term of three years: this fact fully accounts for his name not appearing on the records among those, entitled to bounty land from the U. States; that bounty having been promised by Congress to those soldiers only, who inlisted for the specific term of "during the war", and actually served to the close thereof in 1783. Those who engaged for three years, or for any term, other than that for "during the war", are not entitled to the bounty in question. The claim of Mr Wingate being inadmissible, his papers are herewith returned

Respectfully Yours/ Wm. Gordon

Mr. Milton King

The facts in this case are, John Wingate enlisted in the Continental service in the Summer of 1780, for three years; and serv'd throughout the term of his enlistment. He seems to be entitled to bounty land, for a service of three years, as a private. Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ April 2nd 1834 To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

1834 July 1o Rejected