

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wright S35750

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State of Kentucky Sct.

This day James Wright personally appeared before me, one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid and made oath that he served for the term of three years as an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States. That he enlisted in Captain Holt's [probably John Hunter Holt's] Company George Gibson's Regiment under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] as well as he can recollect about 1776 or 1777. That he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Stony Point [July 15 – 16, 1779] and at the end of three years he was honorably discharged at Frederick town in Maryland by Major Allison or Colonel Brent he cannot now certainly recollect. That he has always been a citizen of the United States is now 63 years of age, infirm and poor and needs the assistance from his Government which he hopes to obtain. That he has never received a pension from the United States. That he now lives in Scott County State of Kentucky. Witness my hand this 18th of April 1818

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

Kentucky Sct:

This day Gideon Underwood personally appeared before me one of the Circuit Judges of the Commonwealth aforesaid and made oath that he was raised in the same County viz. Culpeper State of Virginia with James Wright and was acquainted with him while he was in the Army in the Revolutionary War. That he served in the same company with the said James Wright and that the said James served three years as an enlisted Soldier, which time the affiant served also and they were both discharged at the same time and place.

Witness my hand this 18th of April 1818

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

Copy

War Department Pension Office 16 December 1824

Hon. R. M. Johnson

Senate U. S.

Sir:

I herewith return James Wright's petition to Congress, and have to state that after he had been placed on the Pension list, it was ascertained that Colonel George Gibson's Regiment, in which he stated he had served, did not belong to the Continental Establishment, and his name was accordingly dropped from the list. It may be proper to remark that his name would not have

been placed on the list without first ascertaining whether Gibson's was a Continental Regiment, or not, had not the numerous applicants for pensions pressed the Secretary of War for early decisions, and before sufficient time had elapsed to obtain copies of the Virginia rolls from the Executive of that state. The Department under these circumstances was often obliged to decide on claims merely on the testimony of the applicants. Hence arose a number of errors of the kind. If he served in any other Regiment, he must make a declaration of that service, and take the oath prescribed by the act of the first of May 1820, before this Department can decide whether he is entitled to a pension. A blank form for his guidance is herewith enclosed.

J. L. E. [J L Edwards]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 18, 1818 but was dropped from the pension list as indicated in the documents transcribed above.]

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Addendum to James Wright S35750

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 Oct 2023.

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

I James Wright of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky Do on oath declare, that I in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia, enlisted as a Soldier to serve three years, into Capt. Nichols Company belonging to Col Gibsons Regiment, in the Virginia Continental line.

I do not now recollect the exact time when I enlisted, but it was some time before the Storming of Stoney Point on the North River. After I enlisted I [illegible] to Williamsburgh in Virginia [two illegible lines] at the North until the expiration of three years, the term of my enlistment, & was honorably discharged at Frederick Town in Maryland from Capt. Holt's Company in the said Regiment. After the war I considered m discharge of no consequence & lost it, but have never received my bounty land warrant or sold or disposed of my right to it in any way whatever.



I Gideon Underwood of the County of Franklin & State of [illegible] declare that I was Orderly Sergeant in Capt Nichols Company in Col. Gibsons Regiment in the Virginia Continental Line, that I enlisted in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia in 1777 or the beginning of 1778 to serve three years, that James Wright the person mentioned in the aforesaid affidavit was from the same County with me & enlisted into the same Company about the same time & to serve three years. – that the said Wright did serve out the said time as a good Soldier & was honorably discharged at Frederick town in Maryland, from the said Company then commanded by Capt. Holt.



[The above two certificates certified 16 June 1819]