

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wright S38480

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State & District of Virginia, Frederick County Sct

On this 18th day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the said County in the State & district aforesaid appeared George Wright aged fifty five years, resident in the said County, State & district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said George Wright enlisted in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Robert Yancey of the first Virginia Regiment of Light horse on Continental establishment then commanded by Col. Bland [Theodorick Bland] for during the war; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until peace, when he was discharged from service at Hobbes hole in the State of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Camden,<sup>1</sup> Guilford courthouse<sup>2</sup> and at the siege of York<sup>3</sup> in Virginia and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. White

Shenandoah County to wit

This day came Samuel Hickel<sup>4</sup> personally before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that George Wright of the County of Frederick was a Soldier in the revolutionary war and that said George Wright belong'd to the first Regiment of Light Horse commanded by Colonel Bland. Given under my hand this 3rd day of September 1818

S/ J. Rinker, JP

I do hereby certify that George Wright enlisted a private under Captain Yancey I believe in the year 1778 & belonged to the Virginia line & served in the southern States, & that he returned

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

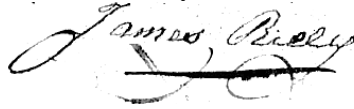
<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>3</sup> September 28-October 19, 1781 Siege of Yorktown <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810928-yorktown/>

<sup>4</sup> [Samuel Hickle \(Hickel\) W7743](#)

home after some years in uniform with others that he enlisted with him & I never understood to the contrary, but he was Honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 17th day of October 1818

S/ James Riely<sup>5</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Riely". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Virginia

At a Court Continued and held for Frederick County the 3rd day of August 1820

On this 3rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County George Wright aged fifty seven years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war in the company of Capt. Robert Yancey in the first Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Col. White [Anthony Walton White] in the Virginia line; and that he hath received a certificate for a pension No. 7403 and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, excepting necessary clothing and bedding viz.:

two rough tables, one Cupboard, a small chest, three chairs, two shoats, six plates, six knives and forks, one small box, one small pot, one Griddle, one skillet, and some old barrels & five pewter spoons the most of which I bought out of my pension money. I own also a tract of land in the Allegheny Mountains of 200 acres – it brings me in nothing, nor can I sell it for anything, it is indeed of no value.

I am a farmer and work about at day labor, I have a lame ankle and back by which I am often laid up. I have no family, but a daughter who lives with me, she is twenty two years of age, and keeps house for me.

S/ George Wright, X his mark

[Note: In a letter dated October 12, 1836, reference is made to a power of attorney (not included among the documents in this file) from the heirs (not named) of George Wright deceased late a revolutionary pensioner. In the same letter, references made to the fact that the papers had been sent to the War Department in 1834 but had been returned for some "informality." The date on which the veteran died is not contained among the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 18th, 1818 for four years service as a Dragoon in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>5</sup> [James Riely \(Reiley\) S5981](#)

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Addendum to George Wright S38480

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 October 2023.

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

Virginia Frederick County Sc.

Jeremiah Rust came before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County & made oath that George Wright who now applies for Bounty-Land is the same man that served in Capt. Guns [James Gunn (Gun) BLWt659-300] Company of Dragoons in Colo. Whites [Anthony Walton White W6477] Troops.

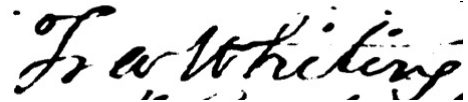
Given under my Hand Aug't. 11 1811. Jas Ware

I do Hereby Certify that George Wright the bearer Hereof enlisted as a Soldier in the first Reg't of Light Dragoons during the revolutionary war and served in the same Regim't. untill the end of the war which said service was four years nearly. Given under my Hand and seal this 17 Aug't 1811

Fra Whiting [Francis Whiting VAS454]

late Lieut 1<sup>st</sup> Reg

Light Dragoons



Francis Whiting who signs the above Certificate was a Lieutenant in the Regiment formerly Commanded by Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] and afterwards by Colonel Anthony W. White – this Regiment of Cavalry was a part of the State of Virginia's Quota of Continental Troops.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] formerly B. Gen'l

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