

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Wright S39922

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New Kent County, State of Virginia to wit

On this 15th day of May in the year 1818 before us the subscribers justices of the peace in judges of the County Court of New Kent aforesaid, personally appeared, Richard Wright age sixty-six years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being by us first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a 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 Richard Wright enlisted in the service of the United States in February of the year 1777 in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin C Spiller of the 2nd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until February 1780 when he was discharged from service in Falmouth in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779] 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 declared before us the day and year aforesaid.

S/ R. Graves

S/ Jno. L. Poindexter

S/ S. W. Crump

S/ W. Douglass

District of Virginia New Kent County viz.

On this 12th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court of said County being a court of Record force said District Richard Wright of said County of New Kent aged seventy-one years on the ___ day of July 1820 – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows: that the said Richard enlisted for three years he believes in February '77 in the State of Virginia: in the company commanded by Captain Ben: Spiller in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney in the line of the State of Virginia: on Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year '80 at which time he was commanded by Captain Tok [?] under the same Colonel when he was discharged from the said service at Falmouth in the State of Virginia: that he was present at the Battles of Stony Point & Monmouth, and behaved like a soldier – That he received a pension and the number of the pension certificate is 3796 –

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, viz.: 3 cows, 2 calves, 7 hogs, 3 pigs, 7 old chairs, 3 old Bee gums, 7 old fish barrels, one pair cards, 2 water vessels, one flat iron, 4 bottles, 2 boxes, 2 pots, 4 hoes, 2 fat pots, 2 plows, one foot adz chisel & drawing knife, 2 saws, one peck measure, one sugar dish, 2 hammers, one hoe, one trumbrel [?] cart, 13 turkeys; – A planter, but from infirmity not able to pursue it to advantage formerly a Shoemaker, but now from being nearly blind not able to work at the trade. 6 in family, 5 females his wife one of them, not able to help herself, the others his daughters and work for themselves except one of whom who waits on her infirm old mother – Sworn to and declared in open court on the 12th day of October 1820 before

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 15, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]