

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Paul Wright S41383

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Powhatan County State of Virginia

On this 12th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the judges of the General Court of Virginia, and Judge of the Superior Court of law for Powhatan County personally appeared before me Paul Wright aged sixty-three years, resident in the aforesaid County of Powhatan, 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 during the Revolutionary war."

That he the said Paul Wright enlisted in the first Virginia Regiment John Markham Captain for one-year early in the Revolutionary war, that after serving his time as a common soldier, he was discharged, but through lapse of time he has no copy of his discharge now in his possession – that he afterwards enlisted in the 10th Virginia Regiment Captain Hughes Woodson Company, for the period of three years, as a common soldier, during which time he served, and was discharged at Trenton in the State of New Jersey; but discharge also from the foregoing cause he has not now in his possession. That he was at the Battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]; as one of the out guard, and joined the main Army of the United States the day after, or in some short time, after the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; but was not actually in the engagement; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that the only evidence besides his own declaration now immediately in his power is the annexed affidavit of his fellow soldier Peter Francisco, who is well known throughout Virginia.

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Peter Randolph {Seal}

Cumberland County Virginia – this 27th day of April 1818, Peter Francisco¹ appeared before me and made oath that he knew Paul Wright now of Powhatan in the Continental Army of the American Revolution, and he believes that said Paul Wright served for the period of three years in the 10th Virginia Regiment as a common soldier to which Regiment this affiant was also attached – That the said Wright was in Captain Hughes Woodson's company & certainly was in the Army several years, this affiant thinks at least three –

S/ Peter Francisco

¹ [Peter Francisco W11021](#)

Peter Francis

Virginia, Powhatan County to wit:

On this 21st day of September in the year 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County Court of Powhatan in the State aforesaid being a Court of Record according to the Constitution and laws of this state, Paul Wright, aged sixty-five years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war; viz.: in the 10th Regiment Captain Hughes Woodson's Company of the Virginia line, as appears by his original declaration dated the 18th day of May 1818 and transmitted to the War Department of the United States, and that he has received a pension of accordingly and a certificate was issued to him by the Secretary of War, dated the 12th day of September 1819, and numbered 14730, which said certificate is now exhibited in open Court for the inspection. And the said call right solemnly made oath that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule mentioned hereafter and by him subscribed: that he has no family whatever, that he is by occupation a carpenter but that he is totally unable to pursue said occupation, and that he is in such indigent circumstances that he cannot support himself except he obtained aid from his country; –

The Schedule mentioned above is as follows, to wit; "State of Virginia, Powhatan County, September the 21st 1820. Schedule of the property of Paul Wright: I have no property of any kind except my wearing apparel; nor have I any income whatever except what my country may allow me.

Signed Paul Wright, X his mark"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

Paul Wright (Soldier) in the 6th Virginia Regiment having faithfully served three years the term of his enlistment is hereby discharged & commissaries are desired to furnish him with provision till the 8th day of January next.

Given under my hand at Trenton this 18th day of December 1779

S/ Samuel Hawes Lt. Col.

Comdt. 6th Virg. Rgt.

S/ N. Gest Colo. Comdt

M. B. G.

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S/ J. Pendleton, Jr.

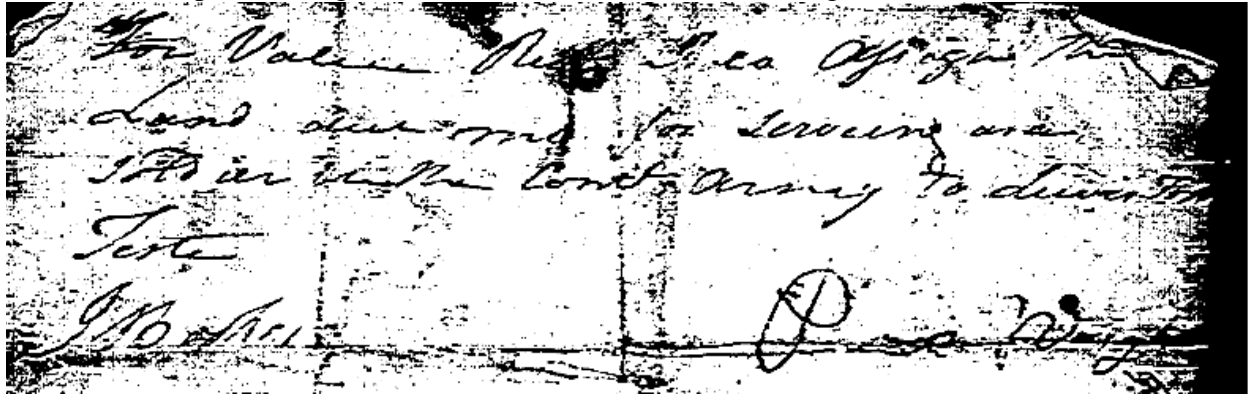
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For Value Rec'd I do Assign the Land due me for serving as a Soldier in the Continental Army to
Lewis [indecipherable]

Teste

S/ J. B. [indecipherable signature]

S/ Paul Wright



The image shows a scan of a handwritten document, likely a land deed or assignment. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat faded and difficult to read. The visible text includes:
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