

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Wright S41384

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

At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia the 9th day of June 1818

John Wright an inhabitant of this County & Citizen of this State, personally appeared before this Court being a Court of Record, and made oath that he served as a Soldier in Capt'n. Andrew Wallace's [BLWt543-300] Company of the 12th Virginia Regim't. commanded by Colo. James Wood [BLWt2419-500] on Continental establishment in the army of the Revolution, that he served therein three years, the term of his said inlistment, when he was regularly discharged by Colo. Wood, which discharge accompanies this statement, that he afterwards became a substitute for eighteen months in the Virginia line & was attach'd. to Colo. Henry Lee's Legion, and at the expiration of that term was discharged, which discharge he has lost. That afterwards he inlisted in Colo. Armand's [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850] Legion & continued therein untill he was discharged at the end of the war of the revolution, which discharge also accompanies this statement and finally that he is now in such low circumstances as to need the assistance of his Country for support

State of Virginia }

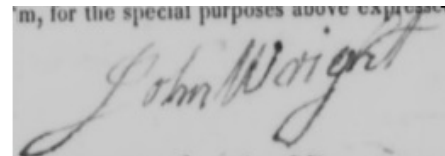
County of Alleghany }

I. John Wright aged Sixty Eight years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty I enlisted for the term of "during the war," and served in the regiment No. [blank] under the command of Colonel Armond of the Virginia line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the [blank] regiment, commanded by Colonel Armond

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever:

therefore, [power of attorney follows]

[27 April 1829]

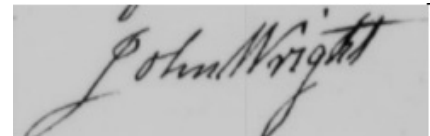
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I, John Wright of the County of Alleghaney in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service untill its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain [blank] Company in the first Partizan Legion under Colo. Armand of the Cavalry line. And I also declare that I afterwards received no certificate (to the best of my recollection) for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of may 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 25th of November 182[8]

Before me Ja. McDowell Jun'r a Justice of the Peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[The following was addressed to Hon. John Floyd, Congressman from Virginia, who referred it to the Secretary of the Treasury.]

Memo:

John Wright, the applicant for a pension rec'd. one in the year just preceding the passage of the act which limited pensions to those whose property was of less value than [blank] dollars [act of 1 May 1820 interpreted as limiting property to \$200]. His pension was discontinued under the restriction of that act, his property having been valued to a trifle over the prescribed limit. Since then he has become and, is now, nearly destitute. The fact of his Revolutionary services will appear from his Discharges which were forwarded on his first application & which, are, it is presumed, on file in the War or Treasury Office. of these he had two, having enlisted first for three years and, at the end of that enlistment, for the war.

The law requiring two witnesses to his services and his identity would have been complied with but for a casualty; Colo. McDowell of Rockbridge, wrote his first petition & put him in the way of getting his pension, from which act, Wright having conceived of him as more capable to make his renewed application than any other man, has actually walked about sixty miles to his House to procure his aid in this behalf: thus separating himself from his acquaintances who could have established the identity required. Should this defect of witnesses vitiate his application Dr. F. will please inform me by letter. Let it be recollected that the service is attested by proof upon record so that the casual default of one witness as to the other point be viewed as less weighty in excluding his claim.

Jas McDowell

Jun'r./ Nov. 25, 1828

NOTE: Wright's discharges were not found in the file.

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

I Do Certify that John Wright inlisted with Capt Andrew Wallace of the 12th Virg'a Reg't On the 20th day of Jan'y 1777 for three years & that he served the whole time for which he was Engaged & that he was Legally & Honorably Discharged at the End of said Time by Col James Wood Commandant of the 12th Virginia Regt.' Given Under my hand this 10th Day of August 1783

Henry Bedinger [S8059] Capt
5th Virg'a Reg't

Copy J. Pendleton Jr

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Addendum to John Wright S41384

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

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

To the Executive of Virg'a.

Your petitioner Thomas Wright a citizen of the county of Prince William, being one of the heirs at law of William Wright [VAS5107], Rich'd Wright [Richard Wright VAS5107] and John Wright, who were soldiers from the state of Virg'a in the War of the Revolution, respectfully represents that William Wright above named he has been informed was in the North Western army and that he is not sufficiently informed so as to state what Reg't he belonged to in that service. He further states that the above named Richard Wright and John Wright he has been informed were regular soldiers by enlistment in the Army but he is not sufficiently informed as to the Reg't. & company they belonged to say any thing on those matters. All three of s'd Soldiers went from Prince William Co. Richard he has been informed acted in the capacity of Muster Master. The death or removal of almost all of the revolutionary Soldiers and officers necessarily prevents your petitioner proving such parol evidence of he is confident could have been done some years since, and he prays that his claims for himself & his sisters & brothers who are with him the heirs of all of the above named soldiers may be referred for examination, and believes that the records of the country may shew their enlistments & services. He prays such an allowance of Land Bounty as is customary in such cases, and that warrants may issue for the same. He further states that the heirs who have not executed this memorial reside in the s'd. county of Prince Wm. and have executed a power of attorney to a friend to draw such lands as may be allowed and being informed that a petition is required in order to get an examination of the claims, to be executed and qualified to by one of the claimants he hopes this may be deemed suitable & sufficient. The names of the remaining heirs are Frances Loveless, Molly Reno, John Wright, Wm. Wright, Mary Wright & Lucy Wright who at the time of executing the s'd. power of attorney were not apprised of the necessity of a petition or they would have executed that also.
[17 April 1835] [signed] Thomas Wright

A return of men belonging to the State of Virginia who served in the first Partizan Legion, Commanded by Brigadier General Armand, Marquis de la Rouerie [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850] discharged the 15th November 1783.

Names	Rank	What years enlisted.
John Wright	private	1782.

Signed/ Armand de la Rouerie

The foregoing is truly extracted from a Roll of Men belonging to Armands Legion, to be found in 2nd Vol. of Papers concerning the Army of the Revolution.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 2nd day of Nov'r. 1838.

Jas. E Heath Aud

Report upon the claim of the heirs of Wm Wright dec'd, Richard Wright dec'd and John Wright dec'd soldiers of the virginia Continental line, for bounty land for their services.

To the Governor

Sir These claims have been presented, unaccompanied by any evidence to support them. I report the following facts, which are prov'd by Public documents – to wit.

1st of Richard Wright and his services. Richard Wright was a Soldier of Cavalry of the Continental line. A certificate issued, June 29, 1784, for £50.0.5 the balance of his full pay & which certificate was deliver'd to Colo Strother. (See army Reg'r. of the Continental line.) It does not appear, that he has

receiv'd bounty land for his services. There is no proof of the term of his enlistment and service.

2nd of William Wright and his services. The name of William Wright appears four times on the army Register of the Continental line. William Wright, Sergeant of Infantry. b.L. receiv'd, Dec'r 10 1783, a certificate for £19.13.8, the balance of his full pay &c (see army Register of the Continental line.)

A certificate issued, 9th of november 1784, in the name of William Wright, for £16.2.8 the balance of his full pay &c, which certificate was deliver'd to Mr. Bailey. (see Army Reg't. C.A.)

A certificate issued, in the name of William Wright, a soldier of Infantry of the Continental line, April 9, 1783, for £27.1.2 the balance of his full pay &c which certificate was deliver'd to General [Daniel] Morgan. (see army Reg'r. Cl.)

A certificate issued august 14, 1783, in the name of Wm Wright, soldier of Infantry, for £48. the balance of his full pay &c, which certificate was deliver'd to Anthony Haden. (see Army Register of the Continental line.)

A William Wright was a Soldier in Captain Mark Thomas' Company of Infantry, in the Illinois Regiment. It appears from a payroll and muster Roll of Captain Thomas' Company down to the 30th of november 1781 that William Wright, a private, was paid from the 14th of november 1779 to the 30th of november 1781 & from another Payroll, that he was paid for services down to the 21st December 1781. For reason's, which I have given in my Report to the governor upon the claim of John Burriss, or Burroughs, and which it is unnecessary to repeat here, I believe that Capt. Thomas' Company was a regular Company of the Illinois Regt., enlisted for three years or during the war; and that the men were entitled to bounty land. Captain Thomas himself receiv'd bounty land for a service of 8 years.

William Wright, a soldier of Infantry, of the Continental line, received 200 acres of land for his services.

3rd of John Wright and his services. John Wright was a soldier in General Armands Corps, enlisted for the war, and discharg'd november 15, 1783; and has receiv'd his bounty land from virginia, for a service to the end of the war. (see doc. No. 34 p. 4 headed "Armonds Corps" &c. Journal of the House of Delegates Sep'r 1833-34.)

A certificate issued April 30, 1785, in favor of John Wright, for £10.4 the balance of his full pay &c which certificate was deliver'd to Richard Bennett. (see Army Reg'r. C.L.)

a John Wright soldier of Infantry of the Continental line, receiv'd December 1st 1784 a certificate for £20.0.4 the balance of his full pay &c (see army Reg'r C.L.)

John Wright receiv'd, november 8th 1783, a certificate for £56.6.10 the balance of his full pay as a Soldier of Infantry of the Continental line, for services prior to the 1st of January 1783; which certificate was deliver'd to Mr Hunter. (see Army Register C.L.) He receiv'd also 100 acres of land for his services.

A certificate issued to John Wright, a soldier of Infantry of the Continental line, Feb'y 4th 1783 for £36. the balance of his full pay &c; which certificate was deliver'd to John Garland. (see Army Register C.L.) He also receiv'd 100 acres of land for his services.

A certificate issued June 14, 1782, in the name of John Wright, for £36. the balance of his full pay, for services as a Soldier of Infantry prior to the 1st Jan'y 1782; which certificate was deliver'd to S. Walker. (see Army Register C.L.)

A certificate issued 24th of September 1780, in the name of John Wright, Soldier of Infantry of the Continental line, for £49.17. the balance of his full pay &c which certificate was deliver'd to Mr. Hawkins. (see Army Reg'r C.L.)

John Wright, a sergeant of the Continental line, receiv'd June 9th 1783, a certificate for £34.2.9, the balance of his full pay &c. (see army Register C.L.). He receiv'd also 200 acres of land for his services.

Thus it appears, that John Wright was a private in Gen'l armands Corps, and serv'd to the 15th of november 1783 and has receiv'd bounty land from virginia, for a service to the end of the war – that the name of John Wright appears Six times as a private, and once as Sergeant, on the army Register of the Continental line and that two privates and a Sergeant of this name, besides the Soldier in General Armands Corps, have receiv'd bounty land from virginia. Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Com'r. &c.
may 18th 1835

1835 May 25 Rejected

To his Excellency David Campbell Gov. of Virg'a.

Your Memorialists Tho. Wright, John Wright, Mary Wright, Lucy W. Wright and Frances Loveless and Molly Reno of Prince William County Va. respectfully state that they are the heirs at law of William Wright who was a soldier in the N. W. Army in the war of the Revolution as they have been informed and do believe to be the fact; and they respectfully ask that land bounty such as was promised to soldiers in that service may be allowed to them and they will ever pray &c.

Molly Renor Frances herXmark Lovelace William Wright Mary Wright
[17 Sep 1838]

To his Excellency David Campbell Gov. of Virg'a.

Your Memorialists Thomas Wright, John Wright, William Wright, Mary Wright & Lucy W. Wright represent that they are the children of John Wright dec'd. who was a soldier in the Virginia Line and that they are the nephews & nieces of Richard Wright who was a soldier in the Virg'a. Con'tl. Line as they are informed and do believe and they pray that land bounty, such as was promised to soldiers in the same service may be allowed to them for the services of said John and Richard Wright and they will ever pray.

[signed] William Wright
[17 Sep 1838]

Rich'd Wright was pensioned under the Act of 1818 & see Doc. 44 p. 49 Sol. of Cavalry – Smith's report.

Rejected March 24 1840. DC