

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wright S41387

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Commonwealth of Virginia Ninth Judicial Circuit: to wit

On this 14th day of April in the year 1818 before me Hugh Holmes one of the Judges of the general court of the Commonwealth of Virginia and allotted to the ninth judicial circuit of which the County of Madison is a part personally appeared John Wright aged 64 years resident in the said County of Madison in the said circuit, 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 the said John Wright enlisted as a private soldier at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of February in the year 1778 in the company commanded by Captain John Gillowson¹ [? probably John Gillison] of the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the month of February 1779 when he was discharged from service in Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey – having served as a soldier 12 months the term for which he enlisted. That he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and was of the advanced guard and of the first that engaged in said Battle. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: and having casually [?] lost his discharge that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his services as aforesaid except the accompanying affidavits.

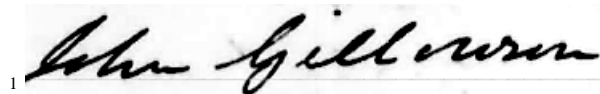
Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Holmes

The affidavit of Joseph Huffman²

This affiant says that he was well acquainted with the said John Wright in the year 1778 and this affiant was himself a soldier on the Continental establishment and often saw the said John Wright in the service of the United States on Continental establishment. That the said Wright was in the said service in 1778 and served his Term out that is 12 months as this affiant was informed.

S/ Joseph Huffman, X his mark



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² FPA W7826

Madison County to wit

This day Murcoe Newman³ [?] personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County of Madison and made oath that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war – and was then well acquainted with John Wright – the said John Wright was a soldier of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War, – The said John Wright enlisted under Captain John Gillowson – and served upwards of 12 months in said service.

Given under my hand this 18th day of September [?] 1818

S/ Wm Finks

District of Virginia SS

On this 23rd day of November 1820 Henry Haines and Jacob Gaar of lawful age and resident citizens of the County of Madison and State aforesaid, made oath in open Court, it being a Court of record according to the laws of Virginia, that John Wright a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid is now and has been for some time past in a state of mental derangement and that the said right is aged 66 years, and that he served in the Revolutionary War, as will more fully appear by reference being had to his original Declaration filed in the War Office of the United States, and his pension certificate No. ___

And we do solemnly swear that the said John Wright was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he hath not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof, so to diminish it, with intent thereby to bring himself within the provisions 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 the said John Wright have not, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by us subscribed

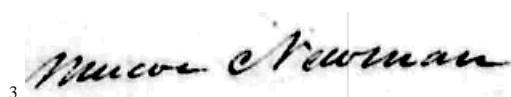
Schedule of real and personal Estate belonging to John Wright

25 acres of land at 20 f [?] pr. acre	\$83.33 1/3
1 Cupboard and a parcel of old earthenware	8.00
4 chairs \$2, 2 axes 75¢	2.75
1 pot, 2 ovens \$1.25 and one hoe 25¢	1.50
1 shovel & iron 50¢	.50
1 old table 25¢	.25
1 tub, piggin & can	1.00
1 old spinning wheel	1.00
2 ditto tubs & 1 cark [?] 50¢	.50
knives & forks 50¢ 1 gun \$11	11.50
1 old press 50 cts 1 chest \$1.50	2.00
1 pickle tub 50 cts, 1 bottle 6 ¼ cts	.56 ¼
1 looking glass 25 cts. 1 table 75	1.00
	<u>1.00</u>
	\$113. 90

S/ Jacob Haines

S/ Jacob Gaar

John Wright was by occupation a farmer, but quite infirm, so much so, as to render it physically


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impossible to travel to the courthouse of his County, his wife named Margaret is 66 years old.
[attested by Benjamin Cave, clerk of court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]