

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Wright S6448

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State of Virginia, Norfolk County} Sc.

On this sixteenth day of January 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County of Norfolk David Wright a resident of Norfolk Borough in the County aforesaid aged Seventy-Three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said David Wright entered as an Ensign (he cannot say what time nor can he now ascertain the month) in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Isaac Moore in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepherd [William Shepherd] in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps first as Ensign and afterwards as Lieutenant for two years and ten months when he resigned his commission. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present, that his name is not in the Roll of any State, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That when he was younger and in better health he was able by his own exertions to get a living but that now he is unable from the infirmity of age & disease to do so, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 other wise 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property except that some trifling article may have worn out, and some of the articles mentioned in the schedule may have been acquired.

(signed) David Wright

Sworn to in open Court as aforesaid before the Court of Norfolk County in the State of Virginia on the 16th day of January 1832.

S/ Wm H. Wilson, C. C.

Schedule of the property of David Wright necessary clothing and bedding excepted this 16th day of January 1832

1 Desk old	\$5.00
2 cupboards	13.00
8 chairs	4.00

4 tables	5.00
1 looking glass	3.00
1 rag carpet	3.12
7 table spoons	5.00
6 tea do	2.00
1 tea board	.50
1 settee	.50
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His income depends upon his exertions and success in keeping school. If his friends continue to send their little children to him his income from this service may amount to \$60. That in his occupation which he is scarcely able to attend to. His family consists of a wife 70 years old & a son 27 years who attempts to keep school. He is much afflicted & in sad health & does not succeed. They contribute little or nothing to his support.

(signed) David Wright

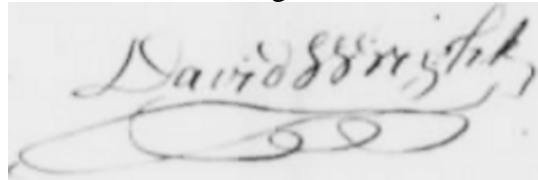
[The above is certified by the clerk of court as being a true copy of proceedings which occurred in the court. Consequently, the signatures are not the actual signatures of the veteran.]

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State of Virginia

I David Wright a resident of the Borough of Norfolk in the State aforesaid, do state that I entered first as an Ensign and afterwards as Lieutenant on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Isaac Moore, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Shepherd¹ in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that I continued to serve in the said Corps for 2 years (and 10 months) when I resigned the service on the march from the North towards Charleston. Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1832.

S/ David Wright



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$319.04 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service for one year, 11 months and 20 days as a Lieutenant and 11 days as an Ensign, all in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ William Shepherd was a militia officer. Perhaps the veteran intended to refer to Col. Abraham Sheppard who commanded the 10th NC Regiment.