

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Wright S6450

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State of Virginia Caroline County

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline Robert Wright a resident of said County & State aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

I was born, raised & educated in the County of Caroline where I have lived all my life.

In the year 1778 I was drafted for three months from this County into the Army of the American Revolution & was attached to the Company of militia from this County commanded by Captain Joseph Richeson – We marched first to Williamsburg this we crossed the River between Richmond & Norfolk low down and went over into Isle of Wight [County] to a place called Mackey's where we stayed a considerable time. We went from thence to Cabin Point where we stayed some time – from thence we went to Petersburg where I remained until discharged.

The next tour of duty I performed was under a regular draft upon the militia of this County for forty days & was attached to a company commanded by Captain Francis Tompkins [name written over and not at all clear]. We went first to Richmond where we remained for some time until the British came up to Manchester. We then retreated up the Country as high as Culpeper where we met General Wayne and his Army – We then turned back and were discharged in the County of Louisa.

I also performed another tour of three months by regular draft in a company commanded by Captain William Marshall from this County. We marched first to a place between Williamsburg & Richmond and at the four mile Creek I hired a substitute one George Harrison to serve out the balance of that tour & I returned home.

I was also detailed by Captain Broadus into the service for 3 months to drive beef. We were engaged about three months in collecting them & driving them. We arrived with them at Williamsburg the day after the surrender of Cornwallis & his Army.

The field officers whom I remember were General Nelson, Colonel Taylor, Colonel Mathews, Major Loman, & Majors DeClumon [Christian Charles de Klauman] & Magill.

I am well known to William W Dickinson, Henry C Coleman, Colonel Fleming Terrell, Major Philip Samuel, Colonel Archibald Samuel, and Atwell C. Coleman of this County.

I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state whatsoever, and I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robt Wriqth

[Spilsbe Woolfolk, a clergyman, and Fleming Terrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia: Caroline County to wit:

Robert Wright personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline on the 15th day of May 1833 who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following statement by way of amendment to the foregoing declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That he can with much certainty declare that he served during the revolutionary War for a period equal to ten months as a private soldier – on some of the tours he served for a period beyond that for which he was drafted as reinforcements did not arrive – but he puts the period at the shortest time to be certain of not claiming too much. He is not apprised of any documentary evidence to prove his services – but some part of them he can prove by the evidence of Wm Coates¹ and Patrick Carnall² whose affidavits are hereto annexed & which is all the evidence now living which he can procure or of which he has any knowledge.

[f p 9: Patrick Carnall and William Coates made oath in a joint affidavit that they both served a tour of 3 months with Robert Wright but the name of the term in which they served with Wright is interlineated and I cannot decipher it.. Neither of them signed their affidavit it was attested by the justice of the place before whom it was given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA S8232

² FPA S8156