

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Starke Wright S6451

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State of Virginia County of Louisa: SS

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before in open court, before the justices of the County Court of Louisa now sitting, Starke Wright a resident of the County of Louisa and State of Virginia aged 68 or 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he was born in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia, the date he does not know certainly, as there is no record of his age as far as he knows, but he is told that he is 68 or 69 years of age, and he believes that to be his age. That he was living in the County of Orange when he first went into service – That he enlisted in the State line of Virginia (the date he cannot recollect) under Captain Ambrose Madison, in the Regiment of Colonel Francis Taylor as a private when troops were enlisted to guard the prisoners that were captured with Burgoyne. James Burton was Lieutenant of the company at the time that he enlisted, but subsequently Captain Madison resigned his commission, and Burton was commissioned in his place. That he was stationed sometimes in the County of Albemarle and sometimes in Winchester in the County of Frederick, the length of time that he served at each place he does not recollect, but he served at either the one or the other as long as Burgoyne's men remained in Virginia. He was discharged from this service when Cornwallis invaded Virginia, in the prisoners were sent out of the way – after having served as well as he recollects two years and six months – he cannot certainly recollect the dates as he before said, but he is certain that he served not less than the time that he has stated. In the month of August in the same year of his discharge from the service aforesaid after having returned to his father's in the County of Orange he substituted himself for Martin Burress [?] in Captain Martin's company of militia from the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia – Colonel Holt Richardson and General Lawson were superior officers in command over him – the Army was in about five miles of Williamsburg at the time that he took the place of Burress and he remained with the Army under the Marquis de Lafayette, till they were joined by General Washington with his forces, and then till the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, when he was discharged – he cannot recollect the date of his entering on this service or his discharge, but he thinks that on this occasion he served about forty days. He was not in any engagement during the war, except at the siege of York – He received a written discharge from his first service at Winchester which he has since lost, not knowing that it was of any value – but he does not recollect that he did receive one at York – He has lived since the Revolution in Kentucky and also in the State of Georgia, but for the last thirty years in Virginia, and for the last 10 years in this County of Louisa.

William Y Hiter and Peter M Daniel who live in his neighborhood and know him [&] will

testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension list or roll of the agency of any state or territory Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Starke Wright, X his mark

[William Y. Hiter, a clergyman and Peter M Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the Virginia service.]