

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Simon Bright Pension Application S6725

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Revolutionary Claim

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For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay Accruing to me for the half-year ending on the 2nd day of September 1828 under the Act entitled an Act for the Relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th day of May 1828 –

I Simon Bright in the County of Columbus in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I was a private Soldier of the Army of the Revolution in the Continental line and that I have been found entitled by the Secretary of the Treasury under that Act to the pay of a private Soldier in said line. Witness my hand this 5th day of November in the year 1828

S/ Simon Bright, S his mark

State of North Carolina, Columbus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-  
February Term 1833

On this the twelfth day of February 1833, personally appeared before the Worshipful Bythel Haynes, Josiah Nye, and Robert Ward Justices of the Peace for said County, holding said Court Simon Bright a Resident of the County of Columbus aged sixty nine 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—That he enlisted in the army of the Untied States, on the Continental establishment in the Year 1780 or 1781, in a Company commanded by Capt. James Mills, in a Regiment commanded by Col. Armstrong in the North Carolina line under the following named officers for a period of twelve months.

Major Griffith J. McRee was Major of the Regiment, and Capt. Mills as stated commanded the Company, and Col. Armstrong was Colonel but he has no recollection of any other Company or Regimental officers. He was but fifteen years old, then a resident of the County of Bladen, when he enlisted at Elizabethtown in said County—marched thence with the Company to Wilmington NC—thence on the seaboard by the way of Georgetown, & within ten Miles of Charleston, to Pon Pon [ Edisto River], South of Charleston, and then the Head Quarters of Genl Greene's Army, and there joined what was called a North Carolina Regiment under the command of Col Armstrong—After

remaining there sometime, Major McRee who had been acquainted with him from his infancy, in consideration of his youth and size, had him arranged as a Servant to Major Doherty of the Continental army—From Pon Pon, he accompanied Major Doherty, (who was ordered on the recruiting service) to Hillsboro and Salisbury, North Carolina; between these two places, he was taken sick, and on arriving at the latter place, he was placed by Major Doherty in the Laboratory, where they were preparing fired ammunition, until his health was restored, when he was ordered by Major Doherty to accompany Major Huger [or could be “Hayes” or “Hager”], another Continental officer, who was engaged in the public Service in different parts of the State—he accompanied him to Fayetteville and Salisbury, and several times to General Greene's camps—While at Salisbury on one occasion, there was great rejoicing he believes in Consequence of the surrender of Cornwallis. He continued with Major Huger until the expiration of his term of service and was directed by him to return home from Fayetteville. He was directed, as well as recollected, to apply to Major McRee for a discharge—but he does not recollect ever to have received one, and if he did, he has lost it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Chs Baldwin, Clk

S/ Simon Bright, X his mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he stated.

S/ Bythel Haynes JP

S/ Josiah Nye JP

S/ Robert Ward JP

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that Simon Bright a private in Captain Coleman's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 1st of January 1782 for 12 months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 28th of August 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]