

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wright S7976

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State of North Carolina in Duplin County} SS. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On the 25th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, for the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Duplin now sitting, Thomas Wright a resident of said County, who will be Seventy-one years of age on the 3rd day of December next, who being 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 & served as herein stated.

1. Under Daniel Williams Captain, Thomas James Lieutenant, Daniel Clark Ensign, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan in September or October 1779 & performed a three months tour of duty which ended about Christmas or the first of January following that he resided in Duplin County N. C. that he was a volunteer light horseman, that he was in no battle, that he marched from Duplin County to Pedee [River] in South Carolina a little above Culp's ferry where he encamped in reconnoitered upon the enemy's line up & down Lynches Creek & Black River, that he joined the South Carolina troops on Pedee commanded by Colonel Culp & Major McIntosh.

2. Under Elias Faison Captain he forgets the other officers in January 1780 when he was actively engaged in Sampson County now the Duplin after the Tories for a term of two months. That he was then marched to Wilmington by Captain John Fort, Lieutenant James Wright in the spring of the year 1781 and at the big bridge they entrenched and were joined by General Livingston [sic, John Alexander Lillington ?] there remained a considerable time – and monitored the British lines down to the little bridge from the big bridge he was marched to Rutherford's Mills – then he was sent to Harrison's Creek to keep [?] centery [sic, sentry?] between the two armies – where the British lines were reconnoitered – was then Joined by Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] Captain D. Globack [Baron DeGloback or DeGloeback] and Major Henderson as a troop of horse when they were ordered to march down and storm a picket of British lying at Smith's Creek near Wilmington – a part of Major Craig's [James Craig's] Army before reaching the enemy had left – there they remained guarding until Cornwallis marched into Wilmington – when they returned to Rutherford's Mills – from thence to Lewistown [?] in Duplin County encamped – from there to Kinston and discharged – having served in this tour about six months.

That he was born in 1761 – that he has a record of his age on a piece of paper copied from the Bible – that he was living when called into service in Duplin County where he now lives – and where he has lived ever since the war.

That in the month of June 1781 – this declarant with 62 [men] volunteered under Col.

Kenan Captain William Dickson, Colonel Moulton, Lieutenant James Wright and adjutant Daniel Williams – and attacked a company of Tories commanded by the Mobleys [Middleton Mobley] and McAlop – and completely defeated them at Potivinis Mills [Portevent's Mill, May 16, 1781]¹ – after this the same body of men were continually engaged in little skirmishes with the Tories for two months.

About this time Major Craig with the British Army marched to Rockfish – but the night before the engagement the declarant was sent by Colonel Kenan upon an express and before he had done his business the Army was defeated – as he believes in August 1781 – having served three months – after this tour three months were continually engaged in watching the Tories. This declarant states that he never received a discharge. That Col. James Wright now living knows that he was engaged in the revolution – and that he is known in the neighborhood in which he lives to Col. James K. Hill Sheriff of the County and Stephen Miller Solicitor.

That there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood.

Qu. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in New Hanover County 3 [sic, 3rd] day of December 1761

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have it on a piece of paper copied from my Father's Bible family [sic]

3 Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer In Duplin County since the revolutionary war I have lived in Duplin and now live in Duplin County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I always volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer General Moore and Captain Walker I recollect who I believe were regular officers. The militia regiments I recollect were commanded by Col. Kenan and Colonel Bludworth. The general circumstances of my services I refer you to my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

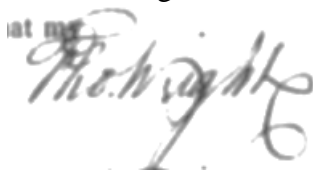
Answer: I never received a discharge was always verbally discharged

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I am known in my present neighborhood to Colonel James Hill Sheriff – and General Stephen Miller Solicitor – who can testify as to my character for veracity – and their belief of my services in the revolution

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Tho. Wright

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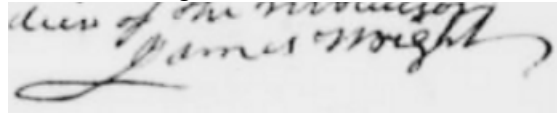
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

I James Wright do certify that Thomas Wright was a soldier in the revolution having been with

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_portevents_mill.html

him in active service during the war.

S/ James Wright²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn and subscribed 28th of November 1832.

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk

[James K. Hill and Stephen Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this 29th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before James Lawson, Stephen Graham & Richard Miller Esquires Justices now holding the Court aforesaid Thomas Wright the aforesaid declarant in order to amend his preceding declaration, who being first duly sworn doth further declare and say, that in his first tour of service under Captain Daniel Williams commencing in September or October 1779 he served three months as a private; that in his second tour of duty under Captain Elias Faison commencing in January 1780 he served two months as a private; that in his service under Captain John Fort, being his third term he served six months as a private; that in his fourth term of service under Captain William Dickson in an expedition against the Tories commencing in June 1781 he served two months as a private; that in his service in August 1781 under Col. James Kenan and Captain William Dickson, he served three months, that he was only engaged for one night in riding express, that in this service he was also a private; that in his last service against the Tories, he was under different captains viz. Captain Fort & Captain Michael Kenan [Michael John Kenan], and would make exertions in pursuit of the Tories, that Col. Kenan was then his head commander, that in this tour he served three months as a private, that he thinks this service was in the year 1782, that he forgets his other officers except those he has stated.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & date above written.

S/ Thomas Wright

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [James Wright S9532](#)