

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Wright S7977

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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October  
Term 1832

On this \_\_ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices holding the County Court for the County aforesaid Edward Wright a resident of the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid aged Seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the State of Maryland the year he does not know, as he has no record of his age but from what he has always understood and believes he thinks he is now about Seventy-four years of age – that he grew up in the said State of Maryland and was placed then placed [sic] on the Muster Rolls – and that he came to the State of North Carolina and settled in the County of Guilford in said State about the time of the battle of Bunker's Hill [sic, Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775]. That after he had remained some time in Guilford he entered the service of the United States under one Captain Davis [John Davis] who drafted a Company of Men in Guilford County. He does not know the date he entered under Captain Davis, but knows that it was in the year that the British were fortified at Stono<sup>1</sup> in South Carolina where they under one General Provo [sic, Augustine Prevost] had an engagement with the Americans under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. The relation of this fact at this time is to fix the time he commenced his Service. After Captain Davis had made up his Company as above stated he joined Colonel Tinnen [Lt. Col. Hugh Tinnen] from Orange County under General Butler [John Butler] who commanded a body of men and they are all marched on through Salisbury and Charlotte into South Carolina and Georgia being some times on one side of Savannah River and some times on the other. That after they had got into South Carolina they were joined by one General Lincoln who had an Army under his Command which was some times pursuing the British under General Prevost and sometimes pursued by them that they were marching in this way until the British under Prevost fortified themselves at a place called Stono where they were attacked by the Americans under the Command of General Lincoln, but held their position. The Americans not being able to dislodge them. The British Army in a few days left their situation at Stono and marched off. This affiant further states that the time for which the company who were drafted by Captain Davis from Guilford entered the service was three months which expired shortly after the engagement at Stono when Davis's Company were discharged and this affiant amongst the rest and they left the Americans at Stono when he returned home to Guilford: this affiant is unable to state certainly whether he got a parole or written discharge, but if it was a written one he has lost it & knows nothing of it it is his best opinion however that he had a

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<sup>1</sup> The battle of Stono Ferry was fought on June 20, 1779

written discharge. This affiant further states that upon his return home he remained some time and about the time of the Siege at York after the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under one Captain George Fenlies [?] & George \_\_\_ his lieutenant who raised a company of volunteers and they marched through Randolph in Montgomery County and joined one General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] on Drowning Creek which is in Robeson County in the State of North Carolina, that they marched through a Swamp called the Raft Swamp in the same County and that they marched from place to place and were on their way to Wilmington where and in that neighborhood there was a Major Craig [James Craig] who commanded a number of British and some of the Tories who had collected there. That when Rutherford and his Army were encamped at a place called the Long Bridge on the North East River they had news of the capture of Cornwallis at York [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] which together with the fact that Rutherford was marching to Wilmington induced Major Craig to abandon it. Shortly after which time upon the expiration of the three months the time for which the company under Fenlis [?] from Guilford had volunteered this affiant and the rest of the Company from Guilford were discharged and sent home. He does not recollect whether he had a written or verbal discharge or in what way the Company was discharged. This affiant states that shortly after his first Tour he married and lived six or seven years after the close of the War in Guilford County when he then moved to where he now lives in Montgomery County.

This affiant states that he has no persons by whom he can prove his services in the revolution. He is known to Jesse [illegible last name], John Jordan and William Coggins who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood that can testify to the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any cat state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. B. Martin, Clk

S/ Edward Wright, X his mark

[William Coggins and John Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]