

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Scantling W19005

Elizabeth

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia – Borough of Norfolk, to wit:

On this 24th day of June in the year of Christ 1839, personally appeared before the Honorable Richard H Baker, Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the said Borough, Elizabeth Scantling, a resident in the said Borough of Norfolk in the County of Norfolk, aged eighty-three years who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" that she is now the widow of William Scantling, who was a Sergeant of Infantry in the Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution on State establishment; That he the said William Scantling enlisted in the service in November 1778 and that he left the service in July 1782 – The said Elizabeth Scantling does not know what engagements the said William Scantling was then – She further maketh oath that the said William Scantling was under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney: That the said William Scantling at the time he entered the service resided in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia; and that the said William Scantling enlisted as a volunteer, and that he marched in various directions through the State of Virginia, but she does not know that he ever marched out of the State of Virginia; nor does she know that the said William Scantling was ever engaged in any battle: That the only "documentary evidence" she hath to support her claim our sundry papers hereto attached.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Scantling on the 15th day of April in the year 1784: that her husband, the aforesaid William Scantling died the 29th day of November in the year 1790 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794; viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth Scantling



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of William Scantling as a Sergeant of Infantry for £111.0.0 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782, but to what time or

how long does not appear.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of September 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

William Scantlen is entitled to the portion of land allowed a Sergeant in the Virginia State
Garrisoned Regiment for 3 years service

S/ Sam Coleman

Council Chamber

August 31st, 1780

Beverly Randolph

A warrant of 200 acres issued the 7th day of December 1790 2 John Hume (Wt. No. 4510)
a true Copy of the records of the Virginia Land Office

S/ W. Selden R. L. of L. 23 Oct. 1838

I do certify that I found William Scantling a Sergeant in the State Garretson Regiment in the
month of June 1780 & continued in service until 31st July 1782

S/ Robt. Boush Ens'n [Robert Boush, Ensign]

State L. & State G. Regt.

This will certify that William Scantling enlisted with me in November 1778, and was on his
join'g the State garrisoned Regiment the 4th of February 1779 appointed a Sergeant

S/ Jno: Vaughan Lt. [John Vaughan, Lieutenant]

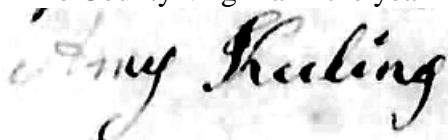
State G. Regt.

[f p. 11: copy of the last will and testament of William Scantling of Princess Anne County in
which he names the following: son John Wishart Scantling; wife (not specifically named); and
devises son John Wishart, Mary Sand [could be Mary Land] & Margaret Reynolds Scantlings.
The will is dated November 28, 1790.]

[f p. 13: Certificate of David M. Fackler, Pastor of the parish of Lynhaven in the County of
Princess Anne, Virginia stating that William Scantling & Elizabeth Wishart were married April
15, 1784.]

[f p. 19: copy of a marriage bond dated April 2, 1784 issued to William Scantling & Robert
Godwin, issued in Princess Anne County Virginia and conditioned upon the marriage of William
Scantling to Elizabeth Wishart.]

[f p. 22: Amy Keeling of the Borough of Norfolk gave testimony that she was present at the
marriage of William Scantling to Elizabeth Wishart by the Reverend Mr. Emmerson in Princess
Anne County Virginia in the year 1784



. F. p. 24, Mary Chandler gave a substantially identical
affidavit to that given by Amy Keeling

Mary Chandler

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[f p. 31]

Virginia – Borough of Norfolk to wit

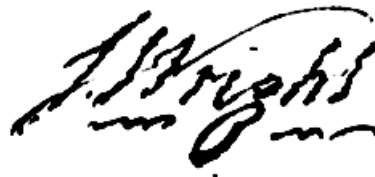
This day Colonel Stephen Wright,¹ an inhabitant of the said Borough, & who is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Norfolk, aged 75 years personally appeared before me William Wright a Justice of the Peace for said Borough and made oath that in the year 1781 he the said Wright, as an officer of the Militia then on duty in the Town of Portsmouth in this State, in conjunction with Captain Augustine Tabb then on duty in the same Town, as an officer in a Regiment of State troops in the regular Army of the revolution under the command of Colonel Dabney & Major Dick aided in quelling a disturbance that arose between certain soldiers in the regular Army then under Colonel Dabney's command in said Town and a number of militia then on duty in said Town; and that the said Captain Tabb as an officer in Colonel Dabney's Regiment took authority over the regular soldiers engaged or concerned in said disturbance and that he the said Stephen Wright took command of the militia engaged in said quarrel or disturbance, and that the said Augustine Tabb and Stephen Wright each marched their respective men to different parts of the Town of Portsmouth and by that means put an end to the disturbance or quarrel.

The said Stephen Wright further deposeseth & saith that he well recollects that William Scantling was a Sergeant under the command of Colonel Dabney & Major Dick in the regular State Troops of Virginia in Portsmouth at the time of the said quarrel or disturbance above mentioned in 1781, and that he the said William Scantling was present at and took part in said disturbance between the regular troops & the militia, and that the said Captain Tabb threatened to have the said Sergeant Scantling arrested for his agency in said disturbance, but it being satisfactorily proved that the said Scantling was endeavoring to quell the said disturbance no proceedings were ever had against him on that account.

The said Stephen Wright further Deposeth and saith that he well knew the said William scantling, and frequently met with him after the war of the revolution, in society, in the County of Princess Anne in this State, and that he is the same William scantling that married Miss Elizabeth Wishart of said County: that the said William Scantling died many years ago, and that his widow, Elizabeth Scantling, now resides in the Borough of Norfolk & has remained his widow to the present day –

June 29, 1839

S/ S. Wright



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years.]

¹ [Stephen Wright R11907](#)

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Addendum to William Scantling W19005

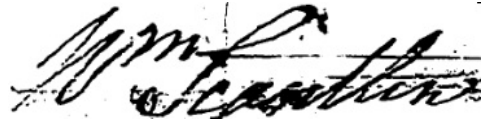
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 8 April 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[other side of the above certificate by John Vaughn]

for Value Rec'd I do assign the land due for my services to Francis Graves for value rec'd the 3rd May
1791[?]

Wm Scantlin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Scantlin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.