

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Wright¹ W25638

Mary Goodwin²

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Declaration under Act of 3rd February 1853

State of Tennessee Macon County

On this 16th day of March 1853 personally appeared before me Mr. William Robinson the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and one of the acting Justices of the County Court being a court of record Mary Wright a resident of the County of Macon and State aforesaid aged sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853 allowing Pensions to widows of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War who were married since 1800. That she is the widow of Robert Wright who was a private in the Continental line of the State of Virginia and served under Captain Thomas Hord of said line in the 10th Virginia Regiment and served for three years and was honorably discharged. She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Wright on the 9th or 10th day of April 1816 in Amelia County in the State of Virginia by Parsons Spencer. She has a record of her children's ages which she will show if the record cannot be found. That her said husband Robert Wright died on the 7th day of August 1831 as appears from the inscription on his Tombstone thus "Robert Wright born in 1753 died on the 7th of August 1831 Served under Washington and Green and died an honest and honorable Men" That she was married to him at the time above stated. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act and is still a widow and that she has never made application for a Pension only a small balance or arrears due her late husband under act of June 7th 1832 from the 4th of March 1831 to the 7th of August 1831 the date of his death which she has filed in the Pension office. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written before me.

S/ Mary Wright, X her mark

S/ William Robinson, JP

[p 12: On February 11, 1853 in Macon County Tennessee, Mary Wright filed for the amount due her former husband under the June 7th 1832 act. In this document she states that her husband was honorably discharged after 3 years service in the Virginia Continental line; that his discharge has been lost or mislaid; that he served under Washington & Green in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Stephens under Captain Thomas Hord.]

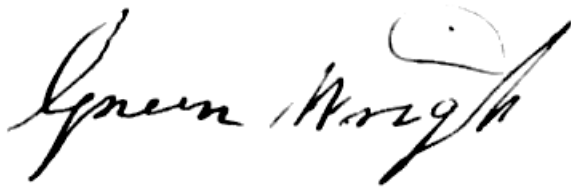
¹ BLWt96061-160-55

² Former widow

[p 8: On June 11, 1860 in Macon County Tennessee Mary Goodwin, aged about 70, formerly Mary Wright widow of Robert Wright filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Robert Wright. She states that she has intermarried with Francis Goodwin.]

[Note: small fragment of what appears to be a family record appears at the bottom of page 7 in this file and reads as follows "William D Wright was born in the year 1816 October 31"]

[p 18: On May 26, 1853 in Macon County Tennessee, Green Wright, 69, gave testimony that he is the son of Robert Wright whose widow Mary Wright is making application for a pension. That he was born in 1784 and is the son by the first marriage of his father. He does not name his mother. That he well recollects the marriage of his father with Mary Goodwin in Amelia County Virginia on or about the 9th day of April 1816; that his father and his family moved from Virginia to Tennessee about the year 1820 and that his father died August 7, 1831. "Affiant further states that his father often told him in his lifetime that he enlisted under Captain Hord in the year 1777 and served 3 years as a regular Soldier in the Virginia Continental line and believes it was in the 10th Virginia Regiment under Richard Stephens and was honorably discharged at the close of the War and his name is returned as entitled to land bounty but owing to his never applying for it he never received it previous to his leaving the State of Virginia."



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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 20th day of May 1783 in the name of Robert Wright as Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £16.0.0 delivered to Captain Hood but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
9th day of May 1853

I further certify that it appears from a book on file in this office, that Thomas Hood served in the 10th Regiment from 1777 to 1781. Given under my hand at the Auditor's office this night day of May 1853

[No Seal of Office]

S/ Ro Johnston
Auditor of Public Accounts

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 7, 1831 (the date of death of the veteran) for his two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. She was later pensioned in a like amount in her own

right.]

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

I Certified that Robt Wright inlisted with me for three years and faithfully sarved the terme.
Given under my hand this the 2nd day of June 1783

S/ Thomas Hord, Capt.
the 6 Virga. Regment

A Copy

S/ J. H. Randolph