

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dew W2722
and John Wright X867

Nancy Dew

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State of Tennessee; Wilson County;

On this 27th day of May A.D. 1851, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace, and of the County Court, in and for said State and County Nancy Dew, a resident of Wilson County, in the State of Tennessee, aged eighty-nine 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 acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843, June 17th 1844, and February 2nd 1848, That she was married to John Wright, who was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution from Warren County, in the State of North Carolina, and who enlisted as she thinks, some time in the year 1779 for a tour of eighteen months, as she has always understood from her husband in his lifetime, but that she does not recollect the name of his Capt. or Col., nor the number of his Regiment, although she has heard her husband mentioning their names, but that at the date of that enlistment she was not acquainted with the said John Wright, and therefore only gives the facts as narrated by him, that after the expiration of this term of service he came to live at her father's house to learn the Hatter's trade, where he remained but a short time, before he went into service again saying "that all the young men in the neighborhood had gone out, and that he could not stay by himself," she thinks that this time he enlisted for twelve months, and that it was in the year 1780 and that during this tour he was at "Gates defeat,"¹ that after he was discharged and returned home to wit of the __ day of April in the year 1781, she was married to the said John Wright in Warren County, in the State of North Carolina, by a Justice of the Peace, that the first child of herself Tempy Wright, that her husband the said John Wright, after having removed to (or near) Sandersville in the State of Georgia, died on the 19th day of July in the year 1795, that she was afterwards married to John Dew, in Washington County in the State of Georgia, on the 9th day of March in the year 1797, that her husband, the said John Dew, moved from Washington County Georgia to Wilson County, Tennessee, where he died on the 11th day of October 1823 that she was not married to the said John Wright prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she has no documentary or record proof in support of her claim except a part of an old family record, which is genuine, and which he attaches hereto that she remembers many years ago having seen the Discharge of her

¹ Battle of Camden, August 16, 1780. https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

first husband John Wright, and also of her second husband John Dew who was also a Revolutionary Soldier, which Discharges were lost or destroyed many years ago. She further declares that a portion of the old family record containing the marriage of herself with the said John Wright, was taken by her son Benjamin Wright, to McNairy County, Tennessee, but she does not know whether he has still preserved it, or not. She further declares that in consequence of great lapse of time, old age, and loss of memory, she cannot give the names of any of the officers under whom either of her husband served with any degree of certainty or any further particulars in relation to their said services, than she has already given, nor does she know of anyone now living by whom she can prove their services, and therefore relies upon the old original records, if any such be in existence. She further declares that she has not again intermarried since the death of said John Dew, but still remains his widow, she therefore asked to be allowed a Pension under the Acts before recited, at such a rate as in justice she may be entitled to.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Jos. Arrington, JP

S/ Nancy Dew, X her mark

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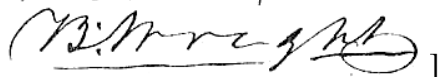
State of Tennessee Sumner County} Personally appeared Celia Youree [sic] Formally Celia Tarver before me John L Swaney an acting Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that she was personally acquainted with John Wright who married her sister Ann Tarver in the State of North Carolina and County of Warren She thinks in the year 1782 or 3 that she the said deponent was at their wedding at her Father's and that the said deponent knows of their having lived in the state of Wedlock as man and Wife Until the death of the said John Wright who died in the State of Georgia, that the said Ann Wright then the widow of said John Wright deceased married a man in the State of Georgia Washington County by the name of John Dew and this Deponent further states that she was at their wedding at Benjamin Tarver's the Father of this deponent and the said Ann, and this deponent further states that the said John Dew and the said Ann his wife lived together as man and wife until the said John Dew died in Wilson County & State of Tennessee and that this deponent further states that the said Ann Dew has lived a Widow ever since and now living in Wilson County & State of Tennessee.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 11th day of November 1843

Attest John L. Swaney JP

Celia Youree, X her mark

[p 11: Affidavit dated December 10, 1851 given in McNairy County Tennessee by Benjamin Wright in support of his mother's application for a pension. In this letter he makes reference to Mrs. Celia Ury, a sister of his mother, as well as other details otherwise reflected in the documents transcribed from this file.



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State of Tennessee: the Wilson County;

On this 27th day of May A.D. 1851, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace, and of the County Court in and for said County and State, Nancy Dew, a resident of

Wilson County, in the State of Tennessee, aged eighty nine 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 29th, 1848;

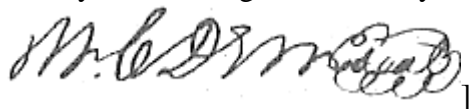
That she is the widow of John Dew, who was a Sgt. in the Army of the Revolution for the lower part of the State of North Carolina she thinks from the neighborhood of New Bern, and who enlisted as she thinks for during the War, sometime in the year 1779, or the first of the year 1780, that he continued to serve to the end of the War, and was at the Battle of Guilford Court House,² that she does not recollect the names of his officers, but thinks his Capt. or Col. was named "Dixon" nor is she certain that she is correct as to the date of his enlistment, although she has repeatedly seen his discharge, but which was lost or destroyed many years ago, that he continued in the service until the close of the War, as she always understood from him, after which he removed to Washington County, in the State of Georgia, where after the death of her first husband, John Wright, she was married to the said John Dew on the 9th day March in the year 1797 as appears from her original family record which she attaches hereto and which is genuine and which contains the date of her marriage; that her husband, the said John Dew, removed from Washington County, Georgia to Wilson County Tennessee where on the 11th day of October 1823, he died; that since his death she has not again intermarried, but still remains the widow of said John Dew deceased, that she has no other record or documentary evidence by which to prove her marriage, and that above mentioned, and that she does not know of anyone, now living, by whom to prove his services; that she has not heretofore applied for a Pension, that the first child of herself and the said John Dew was born in the year 1798, and that in consequence of great lapse of time and loss of memory, she cannot give any further particulars in relation to his said services, she therefore relies upon the traditionary evidence hereto annexed, and the old original records if any such are in existence, she therefore request that she be allowed a Pension under the said Act of Congress passed July 29th, 1848, at such a rate, as she may be in justice entitled to, she further declares that previous to her marriage to John Dew, she was the Widow of John Wright, who was also a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and whose services are set forth in her first Declaration as of date claiming a Pension on account of his services under Acts of July 7th 1838 etc., that she was married to John Dew, by one Samuel Whittaker a Justice of the Peace, that previous to her marriage with her first husband the aforesaid John Wright, her name was Nancy Tarver.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Jas Arrington, JP

S/ Nancy Dew, X her mark

[p 91: On May 27, 1851 in Wilson County Tennessee William C Dew, 60, a resident of Wilson County Tennessee gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. C. Dew", with a small number "1" written below it.

[Note: Since there is very little information in this file regarding the military services rendered by the husbands of this widow, I have elected to set forth verbatim one of the letters from the war department summarizing the contents of the file. This file contains a substantial amount of genealogical information of interest.]

² March 15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

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November 28, 1932
BA-J/EEL
John Dew—W.2722

Mrs. Edythe R. Whitley
2710 Belmont Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in regard to John Dew, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein are obtained in the papers on file in revolutionary War pension claim, W. 2722, based upon the military service of John Dew in that war.

John Dew, the son of John and Judy, his wife, was born January 4, 1764, place not stated.

While residing near New Bern, North Carolina, he enlisted in 1779, or the first of the year 1780, served as sergeant, a part of the time under Capt. or Col. Dixon, in the North Carolina Troops, was at the battle of Guilford Court House and was discharged at the close of the war.

After the Revolution, he lived in Pitts County [sic, Pitt County], North Carolina; moved from there to Washington County, Georgia, and thence to Wilson County, Tennessee.

He died October the 11 or October 31 (both dates appear in the claim), 1823, in Wilson County, Tennessee. At one time he was a senator in the legislature of Tennessee and was later a minister of the Gospel.

John Dew married July two, 1786, Mrs. Rocky Cannon, the daughter of John and Mary Cannon. Rocky was born January 12, 1756, and died in Washington County, Georgia, April 17, 1796.

John and Rocky Dew had the following children:

Matthew or Matthew T. Dew	born November 9, 1787,	died April 26, 1832; married February 23, 1819, Janet Bradley, who died March three, 1819.
William C. Dew	born November 27, 1790,	married June four, 1819, Ann Roland. He was liv- ing in Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1851.
Elizabeth Dew	born February 9, 1796,	married in December, 1812, William L. Sypert,

One William L. Sypert was living in Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1851, and was then aged 57 years.

Said William L. Sypert and his wife, Elizabeth Dew Sypert, had the following children:

Rockey L. Sypert	born October 6, 1814
Mary A. Sypert	born February 11, 1816
Matthew William Sypert	born October 30, 1817
Nancy Jane Sypert	born October 21, 1819
Semphronia Elizabeth Sypert	born _____, 1822
John Dew Sypert	born _____, 1825

The soldier, John Dew, had a brother, Arthur, who was living in Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1851; his age is not stated.

John Dew married a second time on March 9, 1797, in Washington County, Georgia, Mrs. Nancy Wright, widow of John Wright. She was also known as Ann, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Patsy Tarver, who, at one time, lived four miles from Catawba Town in South Carolina where, it was stated, General Andrew Jackson (afterwards President Jackson) often visited them. Celia Youre or Ury, who, in 1843, was residing in Sumner County, Tennessee, and Polly Span, who, in 1851, was living near Murfreesborough, Tennessee, were sisters of said Nancy. Their ages are not given.

Nancy Tarver married in April, 1781, in Warren County, North Carolina, John Wright, above named.

Said John Wright was the son of William and Rhocksilary Howell Wright. The date and place of his birth or not stated. He had brothers, Simon and Ewell, and he assisted his named in the papers are Tempy, who married William Marks; Nancy, who married George Swethy or Swithy; Elizabeth, who married James Ellington; Susan, who was married but whose married name is not given; one sister, who married ___ Long, her Christian name not given; and two other sisters, names not given, who, at one time, lived in Warren County, North Carolina.

John Wright was also a Revolutionary War soldier. He enlisted in Warren County, North Carolina, sometime in 1779, for eighteen months, and again enlisted in 1780, for twelve months and was at the battle of Gates Defeat. No further particulars of his service are given. He died July 19, 1795, near Laudersville, Georgia, aged 37 years.

John and Nancy Wright had the following children:

Tempy or Temperance Wright	born January 20, 1782,	married August 18, 1807, Elijah Rutledge
Patsy Wright	born October __, __	
Benjamin C. Wright	born April 3, 1788,	married May 20, 1814,

Byrd Wright born December 16, 1794, Mary E. Lewis, who died July __, 1822, in the 24th year of her age died August 16, 1816.
William Wright no dates of birth or death given.
One Martha Wright married John Belote and the names Quint and Henry Belote³ appear, no relationships stated.

Benjamin C. Wright was living in Purdy County, Tennessee, in 1851; he stated that he spent nearly three years in Texas and then went to Mexico with the Tennessee Cavalry but gave no further particulars. He had a son, Charles, a school master, who was living in 1851, place of his residence is not stated; a son, Marcus Wright, was chief clerk of the Navy Yard at Memphis, in 1851, and another son, John, was a physician and practiced with Dr. Crump, a son-in-law of Benjamin C. Wright; the name of Dr. Crump's wife is not stated and the place of residence of Dr. John Wright and Dr. Crump is not stated. Benjamin C. Wright also had a daughter, Frances; no particulars in regard to her.

Nancy Tarver Wright Dew was allowed pension on account of the services of her last husband, John Dew, on her application executed May 27, 1851, while residing in Wilson County, Tennessee.

The soldier, John Dew and his wife, Nancy, had the following children:

Nancy T. Dew born April 22, 1798 or 1799
Sarah D. Dew born April 7, 1800, died January 8, 1803
John H. Dew born January 18 1802, one John H. Dew was and attorney in partnership with William L. Sypert, and was administrator of the estate of the Rev. John Dew.
Joseph Arthur Dew born October 11, 1804, died October 19 1827.

One Josephine Sarah Dew, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Dew, was born January 10, 1827.

The following also appears in the family record: Robert Hallum and Ann T. Dew, married January 22, 1824. One Robert Hallum was aged 52 years in 1851, and resided in Wilson County, Tennessee.

The above is the history of the only soldier named John Dew, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Very truly yours
A. D. Hiller
Assistant to Administrator

³ There is also a reference in the file to a Patsey Belote [Fold3.com p. 52]

[The Bible record from which much of the above information was taken appears at Fold3.com pp. 7-10]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for the service of John Dew.]