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Pension Application of Windel (Wyndle) Bright W27861

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District of Kentucky County of Green Sct

On this 19th day of October 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Green Windal Bright resident in Washington County Kentucky aged 74 years on the 8th day of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the Congress of the United States of America of the 18th day of March 1818 the first day of May 1820 and the 1st day of March 1823 that he the said Windal Bright enlisted for the Term of one year as a soldier in the state of Virginia in the year 1778 in the Virginia state line on the continental establishment in the County of Augusta and state of Virginia and was engaged as waggoner in the service of the United States under the command and controul of the principle commissary of the Virginia troops and was attached to the first Virginia Redgiment which time he served out and reenlisted for the term of one year longer and continued to serve out said Term of time in manner as aforesaid. while in the service aforesaid he was under the command of Col. James Thompson who acted in the capacity of deputy waggonmaster general. That afterwards he enlisted as a soldier in the company of captain James Ward in the redgiment commanded by Col. Seally [probably Seeley] of the new Jersey state line and continued to serve as such for the term of two years in the said Redgiment when he was discharged from the service on the [black] day of [blank] 1783 at Amboy in the state of New Jersey having served out the time of his enlistment and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. "77 acres of land one small bay mare about 8 years old next spring 2 colts two head of cattle 4 sheep one shovel plow one axe 2 hoes one old drawing knife 1 walnut table 1 big kettle cracked & banded 1 oven 1 small pot split, 1 skillet cupboard furniture say worth \$2.00 I have no money I am justly indebted about seventy nine dollars – I have a wife aged about 64 years no other person living with me, and no one else belonging to my family I am a good deal infirm and not able to do hard labour or support myself and family without some assistance other than my own family. my property has increased in the course of ten years past and is more valuable now than then —

[signed] Windel Bright

[Certified by John Brownlee, pension application S35799.]

State of Kentucky Green County Sct

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Green circuit court for the County and State aforesaid Windel Bright a resident of the County and State aforesaid Aged 76 years in October last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 – that he entered the service of the united States in April in the year 1778, that he enlisted in the continental line in New Virginia Augusta County, that he enlisted under David Steel a waggon Master for one year which term he served out fully in the commissary department under commissary Cane, that he had no written discharge, but that he reenlisted in the continental line in the Stated of New Jersey at middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook] for one year in the foraging Department under Faucett the Waggon Master, which time he

served and was regularly discharged near morris Town [sic: Morristown] New Jersey on the first of January 1780 by Charles Faucett, but that sd discharge is lost That periods of service were performed not on contracts with individuals but with the government, and he [several illegible words] rations &c and performed duty as a soldier he further states that he again entered the service to the best of his recollection in march 1781 near Morris Town in New Jersey that he enlisted under Capt Jonas Ward in the State Troops for one year, and that Captains Scudder and Craig were commanders of companies during the above period and were with Capt Ward under whom he served, that he believes Capt. Ward under whom he served was commanded by either Col. Dayton or Col. Cela, that he served out the period of one year for which he enlisted as aforesaid and had no discharge, but that he reenlisted for one year near Elizabeth Town in New Jersey and in the first part of the year 1782 – that he enlisted and served under the command of Capt. Craig, that he was regularly discharged by Capt. Craig but that s'd discharge is lost, he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the two year's service last above named and he has no documentary evidence of his service – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written He states he was born according to the information he has received in the state of Maryland near Baltimore in the year 1755 the same year of Braddocks defeat, while a child about one and a half years old, his father removed to Virginia and settled in Augusta county, where he was raised. In the year 1795 he said Wendal Bright removed to Bath county in Virginia, from that county he removed to the county of Green Brier [sic: Greenbrier], and in the year 1811, removed to Kentucky – having resided in Green Brier about four years or nearly that time, he settled in Green county Ky, part of his land is in Washington & part in Green county where he has continued to reside, since & still resides. John Brownlee of Barren county Kentucky & George Bright his brother have some knowledge of the first terms of his service as a soldier of the revolution in the army of the united states. He some years since made an unsuccessful effort to be placed upon the pension roll – he nas never received any pension or annuity from the Government.

[signed] Wyndle Bright

NOTE: On 17 Nov 1838 Barbara Bright, 72, of Marion County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Windel Bright in Augusta County on 15 Mar 1786, and he died 6 Apr 1838. Thomas Burns, 73, stated that he had known Windel Bright and Barbara Kisner in Augusta County before their marriage. George A. Bright, son of Barbara Bright, stated that the register in the family Bible had been lost, but that he remembered the following:

Mary Bright born on 25 Dec 1786
George A. Bright born 21 Sep 1788
Elizabeth Bright born 24 June 1790
Sarah Bright born 19 Apr 1793
Susanna Bright born 20 Apr 1796
Margaret Bright 18 Mar 1799
Nancy Bright born 1[?] Apr 1801