

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wright W2984

Mary

f66VA

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### Green County Kentucky

Personally appeared Thomas Wright before me Christopher Tompkins Circuit Judge for Green County, and made oath that he enlisted in the Continental Army in the Virginia Line in the year 1776 in Gabriel Long's Company and Colonel Morgan's Regiment and served as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain and was honorably discharged in the year 1779 – having served three years the time for which he enlisted and has lost his discharge. And that he is a resident of Green County Commonwealth of Kentucky and is in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his age, And he further states that from his reduced Circumstances in life he needs the Assistance of his Country for support

S/ Thomas Wright, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1818

S/ Christopher Tompkins

[f p 37: on a printed form claim dated August 20, 1819 also filed in Green County Kentucky, the veteran gave his age as 65 and stated that he served 3 years in the Virginia Continental line in a company commanded by Gabriel Long in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan; that he served in New Jersey and was in the battle of Trenton and a number of scouting parties. His testimony is attested by a justice of the peace but there is no indication that he actually signed the document with his mark.]

### District of Kentucky County of Green Sct.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1826 personally appeared in open Court before he Court of record for the County of Green Thomas Wright resident in said County, aged 71 years on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March next 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, the first of May 1820 and the first of March 1823 that he the said Thomas Wright enlisted as a regular soldier for the term of three years in the State of Virginia in the year 1778 in the Virginia State line on the Continental establishment and was engaged in the service of the United States and served out the term aforesaid, that he was enlisted by Captain Gabriel Long in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan and was discharged the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1781 at the pumpkin plains in the State of New Jersey, his house having been burned with all his papers therein he cannot recollect the dates precisely.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring

myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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, to wit, one old still, one mare 15 years old, 19 head of hogs mostly small, 7 head of cattle small, one bed and furniture, one shovel plow, 12 head of sheep, I have about four dollars and three quarters in money and I am indebted \$8. I have a wife aged 61 years and one daughter about 16 years old living with me and no other person, I am living on a piece of land longing to two of my children, I once had been a very stout, hearty man, but within 7 or 8 years past I met with a misfortune to get the rim of my belly broken, which has injured me very much so that I am unable to labor, at anything except some very light work that can be done without exertion of the body, my children are poor, and have married and left me, are unable to render me much assistance if they were so disposed; The reason that I have not applied to be reinstated on the pension list since I was stricken off, is that, I have been enabled heretofore until within a short time past, to make out to live in tolerable comfort but since I have become unable to labor from age and misfortune above spoken of I find myself in need of the assistance of my Country, I would moreover, state, that I was unwilling, until dire necessity has compelled me to do so, to expose my poverty in order to be reinstated on the pension roll.

S/ Thomas Wright, X his mark

[the court entered a finding that the property of the veteran is reasonably worth \$115.75]

[f p 14: In January 1839, Mary Wright, 74, a resident of Green County, Kentucky, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Wright, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Culpeper County Virginia in the month of December 1784 date she cannot recollect; that her 3rd child, her son Sampson is now upwards of 50 years of age; that her husband Thomas Wright died March 18, 1836 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: In 1839, John Story made affidavit in Anderson County Kentucky that Thomas Wright married his sister Mary in Culpeper County about December 1794; the veterans son Sampson was living in Green County Kentucky in 1839 Sampson's family record indicates the following information:

Sampson Wright born August 14, 1786

Lucinda Chandler born September 23, 1788

Sampson Wright and Lucinda Chandler married January 21, 1808

their children:

Elizabeth Wright born February 17 1809

Nancy Wright born May 12th, 1811

Mary Wright born September 22, 1813

James Russell Wright born May 31, 1816

Caroline or Carline Hamilton Wright born December 11, 1818

John Thomas Wright born March 20, 1821

Lucy Anne Wright born March 11, 1823

Washington Green Wright born May 15, 1825

Eliza Jane Wright born August 21, 1827

Sampson Wright born June 12, 1830

Further family data

Edwin Rice and Elizabeth Wright married March 10, 1826

Albert Shipp and Mary Wright married November 8, 1833

William Ship and Caroline Hamilton Wright married March one, 1838

James Russell Wright and Mary Robinson married November 22, 1833]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 28, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 19, 1836.]