

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wright¹ W3062

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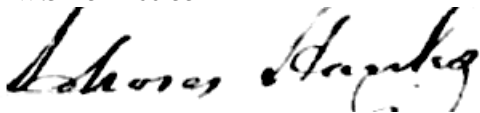
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State of Kentucky County of Hopkins: SS


On this [illegible] day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting George Wright a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he was born in Frederick County Virginia in the year 1761 & resided in Pittsylvania County in said State – in the year 1779 early in that year in said County he substituted for one Isham Hanks [not sure the first name is Isham², could be Johans Hanks] under Captain William Wickes of the State Militia for six months that he rendezvoused in said County of Pittsylvania and marched thence to Salisbury in North Carolina where he was placed in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason [?³], marched through Camden in South Carolina & crossed the Santee [River] to Dorchester, thence to Stono was in the battle fought in that place in June 1779, it was fought on the Sabbath day – the Americans were commanded on that occasion by General Lincoln of the Continental Army – they were defeated & pretty roughly handled in the battle this applicant was in the company of Captain Peter Rogers of Halifax County Virginia having been detached from his original company. After the battle of Stono this applicant was marched to Camden & there discharged and returned home to Pittsylvania County Virginia – he received a written discharge signed by his Captain but has lost the same – he served out his full time – He further states that shortly after his return home – he was again substituted for eight months for one Burnett [could be Burrell⁴] under Captain Charles Benton [or Charles Burton] and marched to Petersburg in Virginia being transferred to Captain Morris' Company this was a short time before Gates defeat at Camden when the news of said defeat reached Petersburg

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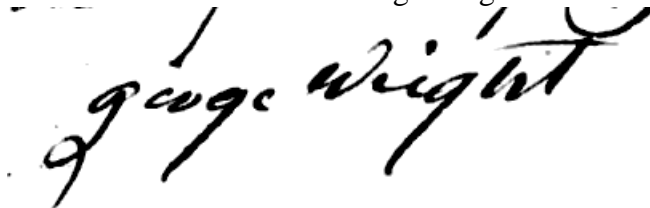
this applicant was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina, thence to Salisbury where he joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene], thence marched across the Pedee [River] at Anson ferry, thence to Hicks' Creek on Pedee near Cheraw Hills where he was stationed with the Army for some time – he was then marched to Pittsylvania old Courthouse and discharged having served out his full term of eight months – he received a written discharge signed by he believes by his Captain but has lost the same.

He states that he afterwards in the County of Pittsylvania aforesaid substituted for six weeks for one James Benley [??] under Captain Joseph Morton. He marched and joined General Green's Army in Guilford County eight or ten days previously to the battle of Guilford Courthouse that he was in said battle – that his Captain (Morton) sheltered himself behind a stump during the battle.

He further states that Colonel Dicks who commanded the Battalion to which this applicant belonged had two horses killed under him in the battle – after the battle at Guilford the Army retreated to Troublesome iron works where the this applicant was discharged – he received a written discharge signed by Captain Morton or Colonel Dicks but has lost the same – he served out his full term of six weeks – He states that the aforesaid three tours together make fifteen months and a half which he faithfully served his country in the War of the Revolution – he states that after the close of the war he resided in Pittsylvania County Virginia until he removed to Kentucky – that he resided in Mercer County Kentucky until he removed to Hopkins County Kentucky where he at present resides – he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ George Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Wright". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Howard Finley, and William Gordon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 21: On November 11, 1842 in Hopkins County Kentucky, Sarah Wright, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Wright, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him on April 13, 1785; that her husband died February 26, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 14: On July 5, 1855 in Hopkins County Kentucky, Sarah Wright, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Wright; that she married him in Pittsylvania County Virginia April 13, 1785; that they were married by Lazarus Dockson [?], a Baptist preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Vodin; that her husband died in Hopkins County Kentucky February 26, 1836 and she remains his widow. She signed this application with her mark.]

[f 8: certificate of marriage issued by the clerk of court of Pittsylvania County Virginia showing the marriage of "George Right and Sarah Voden the Fourteenth of April" [year not stated].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.97 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months & 12 days as a private in the Virginia Continental line and militia.]