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Pension application of Jarrett Wright W627

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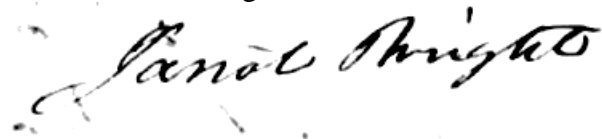
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Allen Circuit Court August Term 1833

On this the 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Asher Greyham the Judge thereof then sitting Jarrett Wright a resident of said County of Allen and Commonwealth aged seventy-five years next March who being first duly sworn according to law makes 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, to wit. He enlisted in Lunenburg County Virginia under Dike Rudder at that time a Lieutenant, but when companies were arranged he fell into the company of Captain Thomas Ewel [Thomas Ewell] at Williamsburg Virginia whose brother Solomon Ewel [Solomon Ewell] was Lieutenant of the company – that there was no Ensign of the company, & the Sergeant acted as Ensign until his death which happened in about three months – that George Gipson [George Gibson] was his Colonel, Allison Lieutenant Colonel and James Meriwether his Major – that he joined head quarters at a place called by the soldiers the wit camps, but the proper name of the place not recollected – that he was in the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at Fawles hook [probably Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779], Stoney Point [Stony Point, July 1516, 1779], & in some skirmishes with foraging parties &c. That he was in the battle at Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] in Captain Burd Wall's [Byrd Wall's] company as a volunteer, under General Stephens [Edward Stevens] – that he served as a regular soldier about three years, and as a volunteer about six weeks at the time of being mustered into service &c is not distinctly recollected – that when he entered the service he was a citizen of said County of Virginia and there enlisted as aforesaid – that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the individual whose certificate is annexed and herewith transmitted – that there were in the service at the time he served several regiments but applicant being young at the time does not remember any officers' names except those he was under except __ Cohorn [?] who was probably the Brigade adjutant that he entered the service about March but the year not recollected, that he was in the minute service one year & performed actual service in that time about four months.

Sworn to & subscribed the date first above written.

S/ Jarrot Wright



I the undersigned a citizen of Allen County Kentucky hereby certify that I have heard the foregoing statement of Jarrett Wright read, and state that I believe the statements therein contained are true – I was raised in about a mile of said Wright in said County and was two or three years younger than said Wright, that I had four uncles by the name of John, Thomas and Stephen Moore & Bell Hull an uncle by marriage who enlisted at the same time right enlisted in my presence under the same officer (Dike Rudder) a Lieutenant, on the plantation of Thomas Moore in said County – that I saw Jarrett Wright take the bounty, that said Wright & said John Moore were the only two of the company spoken of who returned – I saw them take the oath, receive the bounty, & Colonel David Garland of said County administered the oath to them – the company rendezvoused at Samuel Rudder's on the road from South Carolina to Petersburg Virginia & from there they started to Williamsburg said right stayed in the service three years & I think did not return until a few days after three years was out they said they were discharged at Alexandria. I have known said Wright from my infancy to this time & now live neighbor to him & he has all along maintained a good character. Previous to the time said Wright entered the service as aforesaid he was a minute man twelve months under said Garland & I think served three or 4 months in that service. After said Wright return from the 3 years campaign he went a volunteer under Burd Wall & always understood from him & others on the same campaign that he was at the battle of Guilford & I think they were gone a few weeks only. I was not at the battle of Guilford having been sent to Hillsboro jail to guard prisoners from thence to Albemarle County Barracks.

Sworn to & subscribed this the 22nd of August 1832

S/ Wilson Moore¹



State of Kentucky County of Allen: SS

On this the 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before Will House, Thomas Carruth, Thomas Sutton, Will Johnson, Samuel Hankins, Will Fitzpatrick, Edwin Mortry, Samuel E. Carpenter, John Whitney & John Carruth Justices of the County Court in and for the County of Allen and State of Kentucky in the Courthouse of said County in Court Sitting Jarrett Wright a resident of Allen County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-five 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 in January or February of the year 1777 the day not recollected he enlisted a Soldier of the United States in the Regular Army of the Revolutionary War under Lieutenant Dike Rudder of Regulars at Thomas Moore's in Lunenburg County State of Virginia and repaired thereafter to the place of Rendezvous Samuel Rudder's in the County and State aforesaid, that in virtue of said enlistment he served as a Corporal of regulars in the infantry (Regulars) company commanded by Captain Thomas Ewell (or Newell) and Regiment commanded by Colonels Gibson & Allison and in General Muhlenberg's Brigade ___ division as is his best recollection in the year 1777 – 78 – 79 – and a small part of 1780 a statement of which service will be detailed in his answer to the 5th Interrogatory prescribed by the Department of War

That he again entered the service of the United States a volunteer of infantry under

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Captain Byrd Wall of Virginia Militia in the County of Halifax State of Virginia in February 1780 [sic, 1781] as is his best recollection and Rendezvoused at Boyd Ferry on Dan River. In virtue of last mentioned entry into the American Army, he served as a private under Captain Wall in his volunteer infantry Company and under Colonel Stephens [Edward Stevens] of Virginia Militia and in the division of the American Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] in North Carolina – see answer to 5th Question

He had previously to performing the services above mentioned but through lapse of time and consequent loss of memory he cannot state the time with precision yet he thinks in the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia a volunteer in the Infantry Company of Virginia Militia (minute man) under Captain Samuel Garland and served as a Drummer in said Company and in the Regiment Virginia Militia as is his best recollection under command of Colonel Cristie [William Christian] in his expedition against the Indians during the Revolutionary War for a further account of which service, he refers to his Answer to the 5th Interrogatory put by the Department of War.

This Declarant upon his said Oath declares and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For two years eleven months I served as a Corporal of Regulars. For one month and fifteen days I served as a private under Captain Wall of Virginia militia infantry under command of Colonel Stephens. For five months I served as a Drummer under Captain Samuel Garland in Colonel Christie's expedition against the Indians. In the whole I served three years five months and fifteen days and for such service I claim a Pension.

To Question 1st prescribed by the Department of war this Respondent answers and says that from the best information he has had and as he believes, he was born on the 29th day of March 1758 in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia.

To Question 2nd That he has no record of his age.

To Question 3rd. That when he entered the service he lived in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia and in Halifax County same State.

To Question 4th. That he entered the service of the United States by enlistment as a Regular, as a volunteer, and as a minute man also voluntary as he believes.

To Question 5th. That Generals Washington, Green, Wayne, Muhlenberg, Colonels Gibson and Allison, Major Meriwether, Captain Ewell (or Newell) Lieutenant Rudder of the Regular Army and Colonel Christie and Captain Garland of Virginia militia are some of the Officers who were with the other troops where he served, the numbers of the Regiments are not recollected.

The general circumstances of his services are as follows to the best of his recollection and as he verily believes. The great length of time since his services were rendered his entire loss of the smallest expectation that the remembrance of said services would ever be of service to him, the many events intervening all conspire as he must suppose to obliterate the remembrance of his services, in the War of the Revolution to a considerable extent, nevertheless he has no doubt that the strongest points in said service will never be effaced from his mind whilst he can remember anything. He states upon his said Oath that he marched under Lieutenant Rudder from Samuel Rutter's the Rendezvous in Lunenburg down to Williamsburg in 1777 where he stayed some time before he was equipped for service, that he was marched under Captain Ewell or Newell from Williamsburg to Alexandria with the smallpox detained him for some time he thinks two months, that from Alexandria he marched in Gibson's Regiment and in Ewell's or Newell's company to

the Wet Camps in New Jersey as is his best recollection and there joined the main Army soon after the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] he has but a confused recollection of the various movements of the troops with whom he served, he rendezvoused one winter at Williamsburg Virginia, he thinks the winter of 1777 – 78, one winter at Valley Forge. He well recollects that he was in the following Battles (to wit) the Battle of Monmouth, Fowlers hood and Stony Point –

That he was discharged at Alexandria Virginia according to his best recollection in February 1780 not quite 3 years from the time of his enlisting at Thomas Moore's in Lunenburg County Virginia in 1777.

He recollects that from Boyds ferry across Dan River he marched under Captain Wall to North Carolina and joined General Green's Army about 7 or 8 [miles] from said ferry and marched to the Gilfor ford [sic] in Green's division and was in battle fought between the Americans and British at that place.

That under Captain Sam Garland he marched westward through the State of Virginia, the Counties through which he marched or not recollected if ever known but he was very young uninformed and illiterate and he may never have known the names of the Counties, he arrived however at the Long Islands on Holston River, Colonel Cristie with a large portion of the troops having preceded Captain Garland, Colonel Cristie left the Long Islands before we arrived and marched against the Indian villages on or near Holston River, upon Cristie's returned to Long Islands after a short stay Captain Garland marched his company back to Lunenburg and there discharged them.

To Question 6. He states he received a discharge from the Regular service at Alexandria in Virginia from Colonel Allison in February 1780 as is his best recollection, that said discharge he placed in the hands of Major Meriwether to obtain for him the land warrant, that was never returned to him and he knows not what has become of it. He received only a verbal discharge from his other services mentioned above.

To Question 7th. That he is known to Green Greyham, William P. Neele, Wilson Moore, Samuel Willouby [Samuel Willoughby?] and many others in his present neighborhood who can and he doubts not, would, if called upon, testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his being a Soldier of the Revolution and his services as such in the Revolutionary War.

This Declarant states that he has applied for a pension under the act of 7 June 1832, that his Declaration was sent back to him being considered defective, that he amended and dispatch did the original and amended Declaration by mail, for the War Department, but that same has been lost as appears by the letter of the Commissioner of Pensions to Jacob W Walker declarant's Agent.

Declarant states further that he has no documentary or other evidence to prove his service as above set forth, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove the same but Wilson Moore whose deposition appended hereto is relied on together with the traditionary evidence in the subjoined certificates and as he confidently expects will be presented to the Commissioner of Pensions from an examination of the Rolls of the Department of War which are relied on by him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever except the present to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jarrett Wright, X his mark

[Wilson Moore gave another affidavit reads stating largely in exactly the same terms the affidavit

he gave earlier.]

[f p 18: Home August 13, 1839 in Allen County Kentucky, Elizabeth Wright, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1837 act stating that she is the widow of Jarrett Wright, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in August 1781; that her husband died December 20, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Corporal in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]

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

Alexandria 13 January 1780

Jarrett Wright Corporal of the first State Regiment in Captain Ewell's Company having served his Time of his enlistment as a true & faithful soldier is hereby discharged from any further Service.

Given under my hand the day & year above written.

S/ J. Allison, Lt. Colo. Comdt.

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S/ P. Southall