

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Absalom Wright W6589

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I Absalom Wright of Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania, do swear by Almighty God the searcher of hearts that I served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy from the monday after Easter in the year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and eighty [27 Mar 1780] till the end of the war. I enlisted on the above day in Captain Hinds company in the Sixth regiment of the Maryland line, to serve during the war and joined the regiment a short time after at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] in Virginia, and marched from thence to South Carolina under General [Horatio] Gates. I was present and engaged in the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] (Gates' defeat) where I received three wounds and was taken prisoner. In the course of the succeeding winter I made my escape from the enemy but was obliged to act with great caution, lest I should be taken up by the Tories and delivered to the enemy until I had an opportunity of joining a company of militia under the command of Captain Pickens [probably Capt. Joseph Pickens of Maj. Samuel Hamilton's SC State Troops]. With captain Pickens I marched to Ninety six , which place was besieged by Gen. [Nathanael] Greene [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], where I found my regiment which I joined and continued to serve in the same till the end of the war. I was also present & engaged in the battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781]. At the close of the war we returned to Annapolis where I was honourably discharged at the same time that the army was disbanded. I gave my discharge to the Lieutenant of our company, shortly after I obtained it, who undertook to settle my account for me at Annapolis, which he did and left my discharge on file in the office at that place. I am now an old man, in very reduced circumstances and need the assistance of my country for support. I therefore make this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the late 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." In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen
Absalom hisXmark Wright

PENNSYLVANIA. Washington County, SS.

On this twenty eighth day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Absalom Wright, aged fifty eight years, resident in [blank] township in said county, who being duly Sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: in Captain Hinds company of the 6th Regiment of the Maryland line, commanded by Colo. Otho Williams, and that he made application on the fourth day of June 1818 and that he received a pension, the number of the pension certificate being 13582.

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 persons 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. One horse value \$15, One mare value \$15[?], One colt value \$15. Three Cows, value \$30. One lot of hogs value \$12. One lot of Sheep \$3.00 two Calves \$4.00

And that he is indebted to several persons in the sum of \$68.20. That he is by occupation a cropper, and that from age and increasing infirmities, with the aid of his pension (which he now receives) he is barely able to support his family, which consists of a wife aged thirty five years, unhealthy One son aged seventeen years, about to leave his father for the purpose of learning a trade, One step daughter aged fourteen years, healthy One daughter aged eight years, healthy & one son aged four years healthy.
Absalom hisXmark Wright

NOTE: On 30 July 1853 Mary Wright, 67, applied for a pension stating that she married Absalom Wright near Chambersburg PA on 5 Mar 1811, and he died 18 Feb 1837. On 23 Apr 1855 in an application for bounty land, her age is recorded as 70, her maiden name as Mary Honn, and the place of her husband's death as Allegany County.