

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Wright W6590 Anna (Ann) fn68VA¹
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At a Court held for Bath County at the Court House on the 8th day of August 1820

This Day Richard Wright personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for this County aged about eighty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 and that the said Richard Wright enlisted for the Term of 3 years, in the year 1778 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillison in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephens [sic, probably Edward Stevens] in the line of the State of Virginia [on the] Continental Establishment and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not

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since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my Property or any part thereof with intent to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled and 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 in these words, "Schedule of Property of Richard Wright. ["] I have no property of any Description except my wearing apparel. Augst. 8th 1820.

S/ Richard Wright

Commonwealth of Virginia

I Charles L. Francisco Clerk of the Court within and for Bath County do hereby certify that the foregoing Oath and Schedule hereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said court.

In Testimony whereof

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I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on this 12th day of September 1820 and 45th year of the Commonwealth

S/ Chs L. Francisco, Clk

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Let to Pen: Agent

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June 14 1851

1761
Virginia, Richmond
Anna Wright
Widow of Richard, VA
Who served in the Revolutionary
War, as a private
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
80 Dollars 00
Cents per annum, to commence on
The 4th day of March, 1848
Certificate of pension issued the
23rd day of May 1[?]
And sent to S. L. Lewis &
Present

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State of Illinois
Morgan County: SS

Before Manning Mayfield an acting Justice of the peace within, and for said county, personally appeared, James Wright Sen.³ Who being duly sworn, deposeth , and sayeth as follows; viz.--that Richard Wright enlisted in the service of the United States for a term of three years, under Capt. Gilison, in the Tenth Virginia regiment. That the said Richard Wright enlisted sometime in the early part of the Revolutionary War (the year not precisely recollected) that he served out the full time of three years.

And the deponent further saith that Richard Wright was lawfully married to Nancy Story, some time after the close of the Revolutionary War, that the deponent was present, and saw the rites of matrimony solemnized between them.

According to the best of recollection deponent, he the deponent is about Eighty nine years of age that the deponent is a brother to the aforementioned Richard Wright, and that the deponent at this time drawing a pension from the United States for his service of three years enlisted in the first Virginia regiment under Capts. Holt and Nichols, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and Subscribed him he4 December 20th 1812

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Manning Mayfield	James X Wright Sn ^r
Justice of the Peace	mark

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State of Virginia
Rockingham County

At a court holden for the county of Rockingham at the courthouse in the town of Harrisonburg on the 21st day of October 1839 Personally appeared in open court Anna Wright a resident of Rockingham County and State of Virginia aged sixty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act

³ Probably James Wright FPA S31504

granting half pay and pensions to certain widows ["]: that she is the widow of Richard Wright who was a soldier in the revolutionary and belonging to the Virginia state line, for the proof of his services as a soldier in the war as aforesaid, She refers to the declaration of her late husband Richard Wright made in open court in the county of Bath in the state of Virginia, on the 8th day of August 1820, and certified to by the clerk of said County; and to the certificate of James L. Heath Auditor in Richmond state of Virginia. She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Wright on the (blank) day of November 1793: and that her husband the aforesaid Richard Wright died to the best of her recollection and belief in the month of February in the year of 1823 or 1824: that she was not married to him prior to her having the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Anna Wright, X her mark

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Date of Marriage	Parties Names	Name of Minister
1793 Nov 21	Richard Wright & Anna Story	Wm Mason

I Fayette Mauzy clerk of the county court of Culpeper do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the book of record of marriages in my office proving that Richard Wright and Anna Story were married in the twenty first day of November seventeen hundred and ninety three by William Mason a minister of the Gospel In testimony where of I have here unto set my law and affirm my seal of office this 7th day of September 1839

F Mauzy Clk

I David Jameson presiding justice of the county court of Culpeper do honestly certify that Fayette Mauzy is and was at the time of making the forgoing certificate clerk of the county court of Culpeper in the state of Virginia. Given under my law this 7th day of November 1839

D Jameson

Supplemental information added by Will Graves

[fn p. 114: On October 21, 1839 in Rockingham County Virginia, William Wright, 42 testified that Richard Wright, the late husband of Anna Wright died to the best of his recollection in the spring of 1823 or 1824 and that his widow Anna Wright continues his widow. The relationship, if any, of William Wright to the veteran and his widow is not stated.]

[fn p. 477: on August 27, 1840 in Madison County Virginia, William Yowell ,⁴ 77, testified that the veteran was born and raised in Culpepper County Virginia; that he well remembers his brother (Samuel Yowell) relate that the veteran enlisted in the Army of the revolution under Captain John Gillison and served with him the said Samuel in the service aforesaid.]

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State of Virginia Madison County: SS

Be it known that on the 27th day of May 1843 before me the subscriber a Justice of the [Peace] in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Abraham Tanner⁵ aged eighty-four years and

⁴ William Yowell FPA W5551

⁵ Abraham Tanner FPA S6190

made oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with James Wright (brother to Richard Wright, who intermarried with Nancy Story) that he knew the said James Wright from a boy until the ending of the Revolutionary War when he removed from the neighborhood; the said James Wright was born and raised in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia; affiant further states that he does well know that the said James Wright enlisted into the Regular Army for the time of three years during the Revolutionary War, he was enlisted by Captain __ Rucker affiant had a brother who enlisted at the same time with James Wright and served with him in the same Company, affiant's brother was named John Tanner, and affiant further states that he was likewise well acquainted with Richard Wright above named and does well know that the said Richard Wright Enlisted under Captain John Gillison and marched from the County of Culpeper State of Virginia, sometime during the revolutionary war, but he cannot now name the day or year, but he does know that Richard Wright was a considerable time absent from the County of Culpeper after marching.

S/ Abraham Tanner, X his mark

[Facts in the file: the veteran married his wife in Culpepper County Virginia; the veteran died in the home of one David D Snyder or Snider in Rockbridge County Virginia; the widow died December 10, 1852; the file contains no family data; the widow is referred to as Ann, Anna and Nancy Story.]