

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Wright W6591

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia, Amherst County SS

On this 26 day of August 1843, before me John C Whitehead he Justice of the peace in and for the said County, personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth Wright a resident of said County, aged eighty-four years old – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of Moses Wright deceased of said County, who was a private soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary war – and served two terms as such; one of which was at the Barracks in Albemarle [County] under Captain Samuel Cabell in company with Benjamin Campden, John Campbell and James Ramsey and others from the neighborhood – in order to guard the British prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat; and served six months on said occasion – leaving home in the month of June or July and returning back in the month of December for it was very cold weather: declarant had three children by said Moses Wright at the time, to which, Benjamin, Nancy and Matilda. Her husband, Moses Wright aforesaid spent another tour in the lower part of the state under Captain ___ in company with Jimmy Thompson and others – and served three months or more on said occasion – leaving home in the month of April or May and returning home in the month of August or September which was after the tour at the Barracks in Albemarle.

She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Wright on the ___ day of November 1775; that her husband the aforesaid Moses Wright died on the ___ day of March 1830; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period – and that her maiden name was Whitehead – all of which will appear by the proof annexed. She was only 13 years old when married.

S/ Elizabeth Wright, X her mark

Test: S/ Robt. Gray

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

in presence of S/ Henry H. Cash

S/ John C Whitehead

[f 19: On September 11, 1843 in Amherst County Virginia, William Thompson, 68, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Moses Wright and his wife Elizabeth during the time of the revolution; that he knew that Moses Wright served a tour in the lower part of the state below Richmond at Hoods Fort and other places with Benjamin Campden, John Campbell, James Ramsey, James Bowling, and affiant's brother Jimmy Thompson; that his (affiant's) brother Jimmy told him that he, Jimmy, and Moses Wright served 2 tours together one at the barracks in Albemarle and one in the lower part of Virginia near Richmond.]

[facts in file: veteran was a resident of Amherst County Virginia at the time he entered the service; veteran and his wife were both residents of Amherst and were married in that County.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]