

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wright W6599

Mary

f45VA

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[f p 6]

State of Virginia County of Caroline: SS

On this 25 day of April 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, and state, Mary Wright, a resident of the aforesaid County of Caroline aged seventy-nine Years, 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 made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and Pensions to Certain Widows." That she is the widow of John Wright who was a private in Captain Wallace's Company in the Army of the Revolution. That she does not know the day, month or year when he entered the service: nor the time when he left the same, neither does she know whether he was ever in any engagement himself, but frequently heard him speak of the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and the Siege of York, and heard him talk of a great many of the soldiers being killed; but cannot now remember whether he ever told her that he himself was in such engagements. That she does not know the names of any other of the officers under whom he served except the name of the Captain of his company above stated, and the name of the Colonel who discharged him, who she thinks was one Colonel Wood. She further declares that her husband the said John Wright enlisted, as he told her, for three years, and served his time fully out and was honorably discharged. She further declares that she often heard her husband speak of having received or was entitled to receive land for his services but that it would never do him any good as he was so far [?word partially written over and illegible ] off. She further declares that the said John Wright was a resident of the afore mentioned County of Caroline when he entered the service – that she has no documentary evidence of his service nor does she know of any person living who can testify as to the period of his service, but as the public records, papers will show she respectfully refers to these records & papers, for his name and services, relying upon that evidence, and such other testimony as she may be able to obtain in support of her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said John Wright sometime in January 1786 by Parson Mathews in the County of Essex and at the said Mathews' House, but that she cannot now recollect the day having kept no record of their marriage but that she has two sisters now living one of whom was present at her marriage. She further declares that her husband the aforesaid John Wright died on the 14th day of February 1811.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1719 viz. At the time above stated.

S/ Mary Wright, X her mark

[f p 8: Catharine Graves testified on April 25, 1843 in Caroline County Virginia that she is about

80 years old; that she is the sister of Mary Wright, an applicant for a pension as the widow of John Wright; that she, affiant, has always understood that John Wright died some time in the month of February 1811. That she was not personally present at the marriage of her sister to John Wright. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 3: On May 10, 1843, at the house of Thomas C. Martin in King & Queen County Virginia, Peggy Kennady gave testimony that she is about 80 years of age; that she is the sister of Mary Right of Caroline County who is applying for a pension as the widow of John Wright late of Caroline County; that her sister and John Wright married sometime in January 1786 as well as she recollects but cannot remember the precise year positively but bases her estimate on the fact that Mary's eldest child would now be 56 or 57 years old; that John and Mary were married by Parson Mathews at the Parson's house in Essex County Virginia; that John Wright died on or about the 14th day of February 1811. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 12: Order dated November 12, 1849 based on the testimony of Willis Pitts and Henry B. Gouldman that Mary Wright widow of John Wright died 25 December 1848 survived by 5 children namely: Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Robert and Henry.]

[f p 11: Order dated September 8, 1851 entered in Caroline County court finding that Mary Wright widow of John Wright died December 25, 1848 leaving 6 children surviving only, to wit, Sarah Graves, Robert Wright, Henry Wright, Elizabeth Gouldman, Polly Wright and Nancy Turner.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service for 2 years in the Virginia service.]