Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Wright W31569 Elizabeth f80VA
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Pennsylvania Greene County

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges or justices of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Lewis Wright a resident of Franklin Township in the County of Greene State of Pennsylvania aged seventy-three 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.

Interrogatories

1st When and in what year were you born[?]

Answer – I was born in Orange County, Virginia in the year 1759.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer I have not –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer – I lived in Culpeper County Virginia when first called into the service. The first three years after the war ended I lived near Franklin on the Allegheny, Venango County Pennsylvania. Since then this deponent has lived in Washington and Greene Counties and now lives in Greene County.

4th. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? & If a substitute for whom?

Answer. This deponent was drafted in the company commanded by John Waugh and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Barber and served from 1st of October until the last of February – the Regiment marched to little York Pennsylvania and to a town over the Susquehanna the name of which this deponent does not recollect. The Regiment was intended to join General Washington who was then lying with the Army as this deponent understood at Morristown in New Jersey.

5th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received no discharge only a verbal one. In addition to the above service this deponent was drafted by Captain Rose in then Washington now Greene County Pennsylvania for two months and served out said time in spying and scouting in the neighborhood of Jackson's Fort said County, Pennsylvania – This deponent was afterwards drafted by Captain Archer for three months and served out said time – part at Jarrett's Fort and part at Dunkard in said County scouting and spying – this deponent was afterwards drafted in the company commanded by Captain Dickinson for one month and served out said time at Dunkard said County spying and scouting after the Indians aforesaid. For all the services this deponent received not a farthing.

He has now no recollection of the precise time that he was drafted or discharged.

Said Lewis Wright hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Hays

S/ Lewis Wright, X his mark

James Seals¹ Esquire of Franklin Township Greene County Pennsylvania being duly sworn in open court on the day and year just aforesaid says that he was acquainted with the within named Lewis Wright in the time of the Revolutionary War – deponent knew him to be on station on ten mile Creek, Greene County Pennsylvania serving tours of duty – deponent can't tell how many at Fort Jackson on ten mile aforesaid – I believe him to be seventy-three years of age – he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lives to have been a soldier of the Revolution and I concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the 10th day of September 1832.

S/ James Seals

Pennsylvania Greene County: SS

Personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace in and for said County, the within named Lewis Wright who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the time of his services, but to the best of his recollection he served as a private as follows viz.: four months in the company commanded by Captain Waugh, two months in the company of Captain Rose – three months under Captain Archer and one month under Captain Dickerson in all ten months and for this length of time he claims a pension.

S/ Lewis Wright, X his mark

[f p 14: On July 14, 1880 in Greene County Pennsylvania, Elizabeth right, 85, a resident of Washington County formally Greene in the State of Pennsylvania filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Lewis Wright, a revolutionary war pensioner who served under Captain George Wall in a Regiment commanded by John Curtis; that she is the 4th wife of said Lewis Wright; that she married him in April 1829; that they were married by a William Lindley a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Hasting [sic, probably Elizabeth Hastings] whose maiden name was Elizabeth Aubrey [interlined and difficult to decipher, could be Dabney, Aubney, etc.]; that her first husband Alexander Hastings died in November 1827; that her husband Lewis Wright died in the last days of November 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia State Troops.]

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² In its summary of the applicant, the Dept. of the Interior went with her maiden name being Elizabeth Aubney.