Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Wright W6587 Lucy f69VA
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State of Virginia in Nelson County to wit

On this 21st day of May 1844, before me John Diggs – a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Lucy Wright a resident of said County aged eighty-four 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 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Andrew Wright deceased of said County, who was a private of militia during the Revolutionary war and served three tours as such. The first tour that said Andrew Wright – her husband – performed in the revolutionary war, was, as a waggoner – employed in hauling corn, wheat, flour and other kinds of produce, and other things, to the barracks in the Fall, and winter of 1779, while the British prisoners were stationed there. Her husband was frequently at her mother's, as he passed, and repassed – in said service – hauling from Amherst to the barracks. He most have served three months, as a waggoner – having been taken from the ranks for that purpose. His tour, was before she was married. The next two tours that her deceased husband Andrew Wright performed, was with his brother, Jno Wright [John Wrightl, Benjamin Childress, Alexander McAlexander and she thinks one of the Hendersons. The first of which tours was down below Rich'd [Richmond?] under Captain Jno Christian [John Christian]; and stayed two months, and got back home during the Christmas holidays which was after they were married. The last tour that he served, was in the summer after that – under Colonel James Pamplin [James Pamplin], down at Malvin hills [Malvern Hills] and at Taylor's Mills and James town – which was the summer before the capture of Cornwallis – and staid three months – and got leave the last of August. She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew Wright in the Town of Charlottesville, in Albemarle County, on the ___ day of February 1780; by the Reverend Clay of the Church of England; but the license was not in Amherst County – now Nelson County. That the room that she was married in was full of British officers - who were prisoners, taken at the capture of Burgoyne's Army:

That her husband the aforesaid Andrew Wright died in said County on the 25 day of November 1816: and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed. And that her maiden name was Childress.

S/ Lucy Wright, X her mark

[f pp 16-20: Family record

Marriages

Andrew Wright & Lucy his wife was married March 11th 1777 Daughter Salah was married November 27 1801 Son Benjamin was married December 29 1803 Daughter Lucy married 21st January 1811

Daughter Elizabeth married July 9th 1813

Daughter Matilda married January 9th 1817

Daughter Balinan [?] Married 31st of August 1820 [last digit written over and unclear]

Daughter Esther Montgomery married 26 March 1830

Births

Andrew Wright was born in the year while Lord December 25 1748

Lucy his wife was born May 15 1759

Daughter Sarah S Wright was born February 25 1778

Daughter Jeaney born February 9th 1780

Daughter Anney was born March 8th 1782

Son Benjamin was born June 2nd 1782

Daughter Esther was born July 30th 1785

Daughter Lucy was born May 15, 1788

Daughter Polly was born July 19 1790

Daughter Betsey was born March 6th 1793

Daughter Matilda was born November 22nd 1795

Daughter of Melinda was born October 26 1798

Daughter Peggy J Wright was born May 30th 1801

Son Benjamin's wife Jean was born August 18th 1789.

Grand Daughters

Mahala Freeman was born August 18th 1799

Rebecca was born May 25 1802

Thomas was born March 18th 1804 [last digit unclear could be 1806]

Polly S Bowling was born April 30th 1802

John Bowling was born March 5th 1804

Sally born May 6 1807

Grand Children

Andrew Washington Son of Benjamin Wright and Jeanney his wife was born October 20th 1805 John B Wright was born January 16th 1808

William M. Wright was born October 7th 1810

Elizabeth, Jane, Burnett, Fortune, Daughter of Thomas Fortune, and Elizabeth his wife, was born September 12th, 1813

Sarah J Wright was born December 23rd 1811

David H Wright was born May 24, 1814

Lucy C. Wright was born October 20th 1816

Deaths

Daughter Jeanney died February 16th, 1780

William M. Wright deceased January 30th 1811

Elizabeth Fortune died October the 11th 1813

Andrew Wright departed this life on Monday 25th of November 1816

David H Wright deceased February 8th 1817

Robert M. Rright was born July 4th 1817

James Wright was born May 8th 1817

Elonder Wright was born December 26, 1820

William H Wright was born 21 February 1814 [last digit unclear could be 1817]

[f p 4:On May 30, 1844 in Albemarle County Virginia, Benjamin Childress, 181, gave a supporting affidavit regarding the application of his sister Lucy Childress Wright for a pension as the widow of Andrew Wright; that Andrew Wright was a messmate of deponent during his last tour in service.

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[f p 6: On May 30, 1844 in Albemarle County Virginia, Samuel Childress, 79, also gave a supporting affidavit regarding his sisters application for a pension as the widow of Andrew Wright

Samuel Childres

[f p 8: On May 18, 1850 in Nelson County Virginia Lunsford Loving, 71, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Andrew Wright and his wife Lucy who was his 2nd wife; that Andrew Wright had a child by his first wife, said child being born in the year 1778; that Andrew Wright married very soon after the death of his first wife; that Lucy Wright died September 16, 1848 leaving Benjamin, Lucy, Polly and Peggy as children still living when she died.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

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¹ FPA R1926