Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Wright S6449 VA
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State of Virginia Franklin County Sct,

On this day to wit 1st of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Franklin County now siting John Wright – a resident of Franklin County & state of Virginia born in Fauquier Va and aged 84 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 7th June 1832 That he entered the service of the united States under the following officers during the revolutionary war and served as is herein stated That early in the revolution war, he entered voluntarily in a company called minute men – who stood pledged to take the field when required, which company was commanded by captain Moses Greer [pension application S8609] – whose affidavit he here fixed – That under the order of said Greer during the revolution war he was called out and served repeated tour of duty against the tories on the Carolina line & in the mountains where they often took shelter he cannot say how often he was called out and how long the tour against the tories lasted but he on oath says that he believes that those repeated tours took upwards of six months. He enroled himself in Capt Greers company in Bedford county Va where he then resided and in the foregoing tours marched invariably from that county – and all ways continued in service till discharged. When Greers company as above marched against the tories it was ordered so to do as he understood by the orders of Colo Jas Callaway [James Callaway] or Colo Charles Lynch. this applicant marched under Greer in the year [blank space; 1781] to Petersburg Va by order of the executive as he has understood, and did there join Lawsons [Gen. Robert Lawson's] brigade Greer acting as Captain the senior officers of the company being absent that he served under Greer attached to Lawsons brigade till discharged This applicant served in Greers company of volunteers or minute men as they were called full three months before discharged – This applicant from the time he enroled himself to the end of the war was ready and obeyed every call – as is testified by his venerable Capt'n — he has no documentary evidence – if he ever got a written discharge he has lost it – he remembers Gen'l Lawson Baron Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] and other officers belonging to the army at Petersburg – This applicant for his character can refer to his patriotic commander during the war and to Colo Thomas B Greer and many others in the county where he lives he has resided since the war in Franklin County Virginia and he on his oath says that during the war of the revolution he believed he was in actual service at least twelve months. He hereby relinquishes all claim 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 & subscribed the day & year afores'd John Wright