

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Bright S9293

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

Declaration of Nancy Bright widow of Simon Bright aged Sixty eight years old makes the following Declaration upon oath in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832—That She is the widow of Simon Bright who was a Soldier of the revolution that her said Husband the said Simon Bright served twelve months in the Continental line of North Carolina for the proof of which she refers the Department to the Certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina attached to her former Declaration—that she is informed and believes that her said Husband the said Simon Bright performed several tours of duty in the Militia But of her own Knowledge she knows nothing of his services that she must rely upon such Documentary evidence and other proof as she may be able to make—That her said husband the said Simon Bright did file his Declaration for a pension in his Life time and as he [sic, she?] understands and believes his papers were sent to the War Department without being properly authenticated for want of the Clerk's Seal to the dispositions—that they were withdrawn for the purpose of being Completed and that the necessary seals was attached to them and the papers deposited at Pittsborough [sic, Pittsboro] for the purpose of being forwarded to the War Department in the lifetime of her said Husband and have not been heard from since—That she does not claim a pension she only Claims what was due her husband at the time of his Death—that she Married the said the said Simon Bright on the last day of September 1810 and that her said husband the said Simon Bright Died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835 and that she has remained the widow of Simon Bright ever since and still remains the widow of the said Simon Bright all of which will more fully appear from the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1845.

S/ Nancy Bright, X her mark

S/ W. Rives, JP

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of Statements

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Simon Bright a private Soldier in Captain Coleman's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1782 for the term of 12 months and that nothing more is set of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1844.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary

Raleigh N. C. Comptroller's Office November 24, 1850

I William F. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of Simon Bright appears of record in this office as having had a Certificate issued in his favor purporting to be for Military Service, for 25 pounds (£25) as will appear in Book N. B. No. 12, page 47, also another 25 pounds see same Book page 57. Given under my hand and seal the day above written.

S/ Wm F. Collins, Compt.

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office June 27, 1851

I William J. Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in said Office among the payments were made by said State to sundry persons for military services in the Revolutionary War, that the following payments were made to Simon Bright, to wit:

Book No.	180 page	31	£6S6,	specie for militia servicemen
	175	4	£3S19D2	
	23	22	£7S6	
C	13	54	£52	

which payments appear to have been for militia services.

And we testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal of office the day and year first above written.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for military services in the Revolutionary War, that £52 (Fifty two pounds) Specie was paid to Simon Bright of North Carolina for military services.

This certificate is supplemental to the one heretofore given on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June last respecting the said Simon Bright. I furthermore certify that said Simon Bright served in the militia.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the fifth day of December A.D. 1851.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Compt.

[On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1845, Nancy Bright filed for a pension in her own right as widow of Simon; in it she states she married Simon on September 30, 1810; that Simon died in November 1835.]

[On July 1, 1845, Henry T. Bright, 29, gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application.]

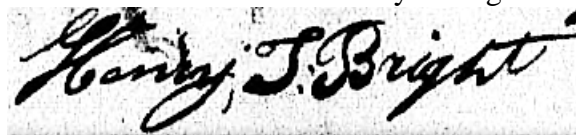
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State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1845 Henry T Bright aged thirty years old personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said

County – and who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath deposeth and saith as follows (to wit) That he is the son of Simon and Nancy Bright the present applicant for the pension that was due the said Simon Bright at the time of his Death and he further saith that Nancy Bright the present applicant is the identical person she represents herself to be in her declaration – and he further saith that his said father Simon Bright made application for his pension in his lifetime and that this deponent went to the County of Granville and took the deposition of Shadrach Owen who stated in his deposition that he was in the service and a mess mate with the said Simon Bright and also stated that he himself had established his Claim and was drawing his pension – this deponent further saith that he did not at that time know that the seal of the Clerk of the County Court was necessary to complete the deposition and returned home without it and as he understands and believes they were sent on to the War Department in that Situation – and that the papers were therefore with drawn afterwards for the purpose of being properly authenticated and completed and he further saith that he believes that after the papers were completed and prepared to return to the War Department they were deposited in the office at Pittsboro and have not been heard from since – and he further saith that Nancy Bright the present applicant still remains the widow of the said Simon Bright and resides in the County of Chatham and at the same place where her said husband – Sworn to and subscribed before me the year and day above written.

S/ Henry T Bright

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry T. Bright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this day Isaac Bright aged ~~Seventy Seven~~ Eighty Two years old personally appeared before the subscriber and acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn in due form of Law upon his oath deposeth and sayeth that he is a Brother of Simon Bright who was a soldier of the Revolution he further sayeth that during the revolution the whole family resided in the County of Granville North Carolina and he further sayeth that he very distinctly recollects that in the time of the Revolutionary war his eldest Brother ~~Richard~~ Robert was drafted to go to South Carolina for a Tour of five months and that his Brother Robert's wife was in a delicate state of health at the time and it was not thought safe for him to go and further sayeth that Simon Bright his Brother who was a single man went a substitute for his Brother Robert and served his time out and further sayeth that he recollects that Simon Bright and Jacob Byrum<sup>1</sup> went and returned together from the service and he thinks but is not positive that either Frederick or Shadrack Axom [?]<sup>2</sup> went at the same time and he further sayeth that not long after Simon Bright returned home he was drafted himself to serve a three months Tour that he went into the service and served his time out that as well as he recollects either one or both of the Mr<sup>s</sup> Axoms served with him again the time or date of his service he cannot recollect But thinks the last Term of his Service was about the time Cornwallis marched through the State for he recollects hearing

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1 This COULD be a reference to the [Jacob Byrum S4983](#) who claimed to have served from Granville County, NC.

2 A search of HeritageQuest.com for anyone named Frederick and/or Shadrack/Shadrick with a last name starting with "A" and remotely resembling the name Axom or Acon or Arom turned up nothing. I believe the person referred to MIGHT be [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#).

his brother give the particulars of one hard battle he fought in and he thinks but can't now positively say but his present impression is that it was the Battle of Guilford—that there were several Bullet holes in his Cloths and hat that he received in the Battle and had his skin grazed in several places by the Balls—This is all he now recollects about his brother's service—he further sayeth that he thinks he was about fourteen or fifteen years old at the time his brother Simon Bright went into the service—that he himself was not old enough to go into the service until about the close of the war—And he further sayeth that Nancy Bright the present applicant is the identical person who represents herself to be the widow of Simon Bright who was a Soldier of the Revolution—Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1846

the word eighty two and Robert interlined before signed.

S/ Isaac Bright, X his mark

I certify that Isaac Bright is a creditable witness

S/ Geo. Luther, JP

[Veteran was granted a pension for his services under the 1832 act at the rate of \$80 per year commencing March 4, 1831 and ending November 28, 1835 when he died. This pension was awarded based on the application of the veteran's widow.]