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Wright, Elijah

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See letter 26 Dec 33
to Hon B. Hardin
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also to Jas. Gillmore
Sept 25 1844.

1744
Mississippi

Elijah Wright

of Battelle in the State of Tenn
who was a priv in the command
by Captain Crutcher of the 1st command
by Capt. Morris on the 20th
of 1781 & 1782
Continent

Inscribed on the Roll of
at the rate of 28 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 9 day of Sept
1833 and 6th day of
Sept 1844

Amount to the 1st of Sept 70 70
Pension-allowance ending 1st Mar 14 16

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Revolutionary Claim,
Not June 7, 1832.

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Kentucky
Elijah Wright well
of Smith, in the State of Kentucky
who was an Artillery in the 1st commanded
by Captain of the Regt commanded
by Col Flower's in the 1st commanded
line for 2 years 7nd
Continental

Let Hon Wm Preston
July 19, 1854

Inscribed on the Roll of Louisville
at the rate of 240 Dollars 00 Cents per
annum, to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.
3 Cents 19 Member 1843

Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of
February 1851 and sent to
Hon C. B. Smith

Amount to the 1st of Present
Sept-emb. allowance ending
Paid from \$28.33.

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{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832 }

State of Kentucky
County of Bullitt

On this 17th day of December
1850 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in
and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Wright
and made oath in due form of law that he is the son
of the identical Elijah Wright, dec'd. of said County
who was a Revolutionary and Pensioner of the United States
at the rate of \$28,500 per annum, that his said
father died on the 19th day of December 1843, that there
is no widow surviving, and that the said James Wright is
the only surviving child of the said Elijah Wright
deceased, & that he makes this affidavit for the purpose
of procuring any amount or portion to which his aged
shall be entitled by law. James Wright

Subscribed, Sworn to before me this 17th
day of December 1850. I further certify that the
said James Wright is a credible person, his Statement
is entitled to full faith & credit. Austin Hall

State of Kentucky, Bullitt County, Sec^y Justice of the Peace,
I Robert F. Samuel, Clerk of the County Court in and
for the County aforesaid do certify that Austin Hall Esq
before whom the foregoing and annexed affidavit
was made was at the time of signing the same an
acting Justice of the Peace for said County of Bullitt
and by Commission and sworn full faith is due
to all his Official acts as such

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said Court
this 18th day of December 1850

R. F. Samuel, Clerk

State of Kentucky 23
Bullitt County

On this fifteenth day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justice of the Bullitt County Court now sitting Elijah Wright a Resident of Bullitt County State of Kentucky aged twenty seven 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. That he entered into the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as follows. Related. I was living in Warrington Town-ship, York County, State of Pennsylvania and on the day of ~~July~~ ^{July} 1776 I enlisted for five months in what was called the Pennsylvanian Flying Camp in the Company commanded by Captain Jared Graiffe (a Dutchman) First Lieutenant Christopher Coffman, Second Lieutenant Henry Lewis & Ensign Thomas Stewart. The Company was marched from the County of York, Pennsylvania through Lancaster to Philadelphia, from Philadelphia we went up the Delaware River by water to Trenton thence across New Jersey through Princeton by land and thence to the City of New York & were encamped one or two miles above the City until the 26th day of August 1776; on that day we were ordered over to Long Island where we went the same day and on the next morning a Battle took place between the British & American forces & the Americans were defeated and the declarant with about five hundred more were taken prisoners by the British and put on board of a prison ship and

then confined until about the first of November
of said year when we were put in a boat
- ding (in the City of New York) called the
New Dutch Church where we remained,
that is each as kind, until the 26th day of
January 1777 - about four hundred of the
five hundred prisoners died in confinement
- on board of the prison ships & the Church
from exposure, bad treatment, cold & hunger
those who survived were on said day
Paroled by the Patriots and suffered to
return home. In the month of March
1778 he again enlisted in the Army of the
United States for three years in Captain
Thomas W. B. Company in Cole's Regiment
of Artillery Artificers stationed at Carlisle
County state of Pennsylvania where he worked
the greater part of said three years (he
being a blacksmith by trade) in fixing
Cannon Carriages & forging Bayonettes for
the United States Army. After serving out
the period of his enlistment to wit three years
he was discharged. After his discharge
he moved to Washington County Maryland ^{in August 1781}
and joined a company of Artificers
Maryland Militia for four months as a
Substitute for a class who were bound to
serve in said service as a substitute he was
attached to the Company commanded by
one Horatio Cliggle - after the surrender
of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in
Virginia ^{in October 1781} but before the peace
negotiations had expired he was discharged from
the service and received a written
discharge. He has now no documentary
evidence in his possession by which he
can

prove his Service and he knows of no person now
living by whom he can prove the same and
there is no Clergyman residing in his neigh-
borhood and he cannot procure the
Certificates of one proving his Character
for veracity and good behaviour without
great inconvenience & Expence.

Shew by Testimony may claim what amount to
a Pension or Annuity except the present
and declare that my name is not on the
Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

To the Interrogatories directed by the War
Department to be propounded by the Court
to the Applicant he makes the following
Answer. To the 1st Interrogatory He answers
that he was born in Warrington Township
York County Pennsylvania on the 7th day
of February 1756.

To the 2nd Interrogatory He answers that his
age was recorded in his Fathers family
Bible - which Bible he believes is in the
possession of his youngest Brother Sams-
on in York County Pennsylvania.

To the 3rd Interrogatory He answers that
he lived in Warrington Township York
County Pennsylvania when he entered the
Service of the United States. After the war
he lived about ten years in Washington
County State of Maryland, he then moved
to Kentucky and now lives in Russell
County Kentucky.

To the 4th Interrogatory He answers that for the
first and second Service he enlisted and
for the third he entered the service as a
Substitute for a Class of Maryland Militia
who were bound to furnish one man out of
said Class

To the 5th Interrogatory). He answers that he cannot now recollect the names particularly of the Regular Officers who were with the Troop when he served. He does not now recollect that there was any other Company except his own who marched from York County Pennsylvania to Philadelphia & thence to New York as before stated the way so short a time with the Army about New York before the Battle of Long Island that he does not recollect any of the Regiment or Regular Officers except Genl. Stirling (Called Lord Stirling) General Sullivan. He entered the Service of the United States early in the month of July 1776 & was paroled by the British about the 26th day of January 1777 but he does not now recollect the day precisely when he entered the Service or when paroled but believes it to have been on the 26th day 1777. He does not recollect the day of March 1778 when he entered the Service in Col^o Flower or Flower's Regiment of Artillery Artificers on the day on which he was discharged but he is positive that he served full three years. There were three Companies of said Regiment stationed at Carlisle the Officers of which were Captⁿ Nathaniel Irish, Captⁿ Thomas Wiley & Captⁿ John Cordan. He does not recollect the ~~month~~ day of the month he entered the Service as a substitute but he thinks it was early in August 1781. From crossing the County Maryland the Company marched through Frederick Town to Annapolis & was there stationed & remained until a short time after Cornwallis's Surrender but that he knows that it was after the 19th October 1781.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19__

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In reply to your request of _____, received _____ for a statement of the military history of *Charles Wright* a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>July 1776</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Gen. de Gravelle</i>	<i>in the Army of the</i>	
			<i>captured at battle of Long Island and confined</i>		
			<i>on prison ship in N.Y. City until January 26, 1777</i>		
<i>May 1778</i>	<i>3 days</i>		<i>Thomas Mifflin</i>	<i>Brig. Gen. & Art. Officer</i>	
<i>Aug. 25-16</i>	<i>Oct. 30, 1781</i>		<i>Heater Clidgett</i>	<i>Surm. Major of Med. Dept.</i>	
			<i>Surgeon</i>	<i>see Med. Archives</i>	

Battles engaged in, _____
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Warrington Sup. York Co. Pa.*
 Date of application for pension, *July 15, 1836. New Haven Conn.*
 Residence at date of application, *Pratt Co. N.Y.*
 Age at date of application, *6 Warrington Sup. York Co. Pa. Feb. 7, 1756*

Remarks: *① Soldier's name at enlistment was Charles Wright in York Co. Pa. in 1836*

② Sol. died Dec. 19, 1843, he left no widow and the only surviving child was James. There is no further data as to his family on file.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.