

Pension Application for Samuel Wright

W.18461 (Widow: Phebe)

Samuel Wright married to Pheby Cheesman May the thirteenth day in the year of our Lord 1786

Samuel Wright was born the twentieth seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord 1761

Phebe Wright was born the twenty seventh of May in the year of our Lord 1766

Sarah Wright was born June the twenty eighth day in the year of Our Lord 1787

Sarah Wright deceased August ye 8th 1789

Joseph Wright was born January the first day in the year of our Lord 1796

Mary Wright was born September the twelfth day in the year of our Lord 1792

Sarah Wright was born the fifteenth of March in the year of Our Lord 1795

Harriet Wright was born August the 28 1797

Charles S. Wright was born in April the 24 1800

Susannah Wright was born January the Ninth day in the year of our Lord 1804

State of New York

City of New York SS

On this twenty first day of January 1845, personally appeared before the Judges of the Marine Court, in and for said City Phebe Wright, a resident of the ninth ward in said City aged seventy eight 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 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Samuel Wright who was a Sergeant and (as appears by the certificate of the Dept Secretary of the State of New York obtained since making the annexed declaration) enlisted on the 7th day of November 1778 under Capt Aorson in the third New York Regiment and was mustered until the end of the war, in the place of sergeant Nelson.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Wright on the 13th day of May in the yea seventeen hundred and eighty six.

That he husband the aforesaid Samuel Wright died on the fifth day of July eighteen hundred and six.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz at the time above stated. For the proof of which service marriag [marriage] and death. She refers the Hon the commissioner of pensions, to the Certificate of the Dept Secty of State the records in the War department and the proof annexed to her first declaration. (Signed) Phebe Wright

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court before me. D. Randell, Justice of the Marine court in the City of New York.

Letter in folder dated December 5, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Gabriel Wright and of a Samuel Wright, both soldiers of New York in the Revolutionary War.

A search of the records has been made and fails to show a claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of any soldier named Gabriel Wright in that war.

The record of Samuel Wright given below is obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.18461, based upon the service of Samuel Wright in that war.

Samuel Wright was born the seventh, twentieth or twenty-seventh (not clearly written) day of August 1761, place not stated.

He enlisted November 7, 1778 and served as a sergeant in Captain Aorson's Company, Colonel Gansevort's New York Regiment, his service terminating at the close of the war.

The soldier died July 5, 1806.

Samuel Wright married on May 13, 1786 in New York City, Phebe Cheesman; both parties were then of New York City. She was born May 27, 1766, place not shown.

Phebe Wright, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed April 17, 1844, at which time she was a resident of the Ninth Ward, New York City.

The names of the following children of the soldier and his wife, Phebe, are shown:

Sarah born June 28, 1787, died August 8, 1789.

Joseph born January 1, 1790.

Mary born September 12, 1792.

Sarah born March 15, 1795.

Hariet born August 20, 1797.

Charles S. born April 24, 1800.

Susannah born January 9, 1804.

At the time Phebe Wright, a widow, applied for pension, their son, Charles S. Wright, was living in the Ninth Ward, New York City.

The above record is that of the only soldier named Samuel Wright who served in the New York troops found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.