

## **Pension Application for William Wright**

S.11906

State of New York

Greene County SS

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Dorrance Kirtland First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Greene in the State of New York (the said Court being a Court of Record)—William Wright aged seventy nine years now a resident of the Town of Coxsackie in the county of Greene & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn by me according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the Town of North Castle in the County of WestChester in the State of New York on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1753.

That he entered the Service of the United [States] under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That in the spring of the year 1777, he this deponent there being a resident of the said town of North Castle. Received First Lieutenants Commission in a Company of Malitia [Militia] of which Jacob Purdy was Captain and in Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment which commission was signed by George Clinton then Governor of the said State which commission was last by this deponent while a Prisoner on Long Island as hereafter stated & the reason thereof is unable to set forth the date of said Commission.

That early in the Fall of 1777 a detachment was called from the said Col Thomas Thomas' Regiment & put under the command of David Hobbie [first?] Major of said Regiemnt & this deponent as First Lieutenant. That this Deponent with the said detachment was ordered into the service & according went into the service of the United States & was stationed at a place called Middle Robert in the said County of West Chester in this tour this deponent served two months under the said Major Hobbie & was discharged.

That early in the Spring 1778, the whole of the said Company commanded by the said David Purdy was ordered into the service of the United States. That the said Company pursuant to the said order entered the service with this deponent as their First Lieutenant. They were stationed in the said Town of North Castle & had their head quarters at the house of one Roger Lyon.

That the said David Hobbie had the command as the said Stationed. That he Deponent served in the said Company of the [??] thereof for the Term of two months & was regularly discharged.

That in the Fall of 1778 & in the month of September as near as this Deponent can recollect that a detachment was again ordered & taken from the said Regiment Commanded by Col Thomas Thomas. That this deponent was ordered into the service as First Lieutenant of the said Detachment that David Hobbie their Major in the said Regiment had the command of the said Detachment.

That this deponent entered the service of the United States with the said detachment & was stationed & had headquarters at the house of one Anthony Trip in the said town of North Castle—that this deponent continued in the service of the United States & as first Lieutenant of the detachment last mentioned for the term of three months & was regularly discharged.

That in this Spring of 1779 & according to the best of this deponents recollection in the month of April, there was again a detachment ordered to be taken from the Regiment of the said Col. Thomas & he put under the command of Richard Sacket a Captain of one of the companies he belonging to the said Regiment—That this deponent was assigned to the said detachment in his capacity as first Lieutenant—That the said Detachment entered into the service of the United States & this Deponent as First Lieutenant thereof & were stationed at Wrights Mills in the Town of North Castle aforesaid & continued in service for two & half months & were regularly discharged.

That in the spring of 1780 & about the first of April as near as this deponent can recollect a Detachment was again taken from the said Regiment of Colo Thomas pursuant to an order for that purpose. That agreeable to the said order.

The said Detachment was furnished & this this [sic] deponent in his capacity as First Lieutenant was assigned to Command the said Detachment. That he took the command of the said Detachment & went into the service of the Untied States & was stationed at a place called & Purdys Ridge in the said Town of North Castle & continued in service for the term of one month & half when he regularly discharged.

That in the fall of 1780 a detachment was again taken from the said regiment of Col Thomas Thomas & ordered in the Service of the United States. That the said detachment consisted of twenty privates & the command of the said detachment was assigned to this deponent he then being or holding the Commission of First Lieutenant in the said Regiment.

That on the First of October 1780 he took the command of the said Detachment & was stationed in the Town of North Castle near the lines he [?] the American & British armies & continued in the service as Commandant of the said detachment until the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 7, 1781 when he with thirteen men of his detachment was taken prisoner by the enemy & carried to Long Island & there detained as a Prisoner of War for Ten Months & was discharged some time after the surrender of Cornwallis.

That he has no documents [?] in his possession nor has he any written memorandums by which he can state with more precision the dates & times of service than is stated in his declaration aforesaid. That from the commencement to the close of the war he was almost constantly engaged in some kind of service for defence of the country – he was at different times [???

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.  
(Signed) William Wright

Sworn & subscribed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 before me. Dorrance  
Kirkland first Judge of Greene County.