

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Whatley R11370

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State of Georgia County of Dooly: SS

On this Eighth day of November personally appeared in open court before the Superior Court now sitting Daniel Whatley a resident of the County of Talbot in the State aforesaid aged ninety-five years and ten months 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a drafted man for three months in the company of Captain Trousdale [probably James Trousdale] of Orange County of North Carolina and which company was attached to the Battalion of Colonel O'Neal and under the command of General Butler [John Butler] and declarant served in this company three months as a militia soldier. His next service was from the same County of Orange and State of North Carolina under the command of Captain Christmas (he thinks Nathaniel Christmas) under Colonel O'Neal and Colonel Mabin [sic, Robert Mebane] and General Butler. This tour also was to have been for three months, as a volunteer, but when the three months expired he found it unsafe to return home on account of the troubles of the times and remained in the service until the close of the war. The particular years in which declarant served he is unable to state being aged and illiterate but it was during the time that the battle or skirmish took place at Lindley's Mills² on Haw River and also that at Ramsour's Mills³ on the waters of Deep River and also at Kirk's⁴ with a body of Tories in all of which engagement he fought. Also declarant was at the battle of Guilford and fought through from the beginning to the end of that battle under General Greene and although declarant remained in service until the end of the war he was in no battle after the battle of Guilford. Claimant has no documentary evidence of his services or discharge. He had several

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² September 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

³ This is more likely a mistaken reference to the engagement at Ramsey's Mill, which is on Deep River. That engagement was fought March 24-25, 1781. Ramsour's Mill is located close to the South fork of the Catawba River. The engagement at Ramsour's Mill was fought on June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

⁴ The engagement at Kirk's may be the skirmish at Kirk's Farm on New Hope Creek south of Hillsborough, 12 Sep 1781

discharges or certificates of services but they were burnt in the house of his uncle John Whatley about the close of the War, his said uncle then residing either in Orange or Chatham County State of North Carolina, he residing near the dividing line between those two counties. Claimant knows of no person who can testify to his services, indeed he does not now know of anyone that served with him, he once [knew] a number of but he believes they are now all dead.

As a reason for not making his application in the County of Talbot where he resides claimant can only say that none of the clergyman who knew him resided in that County and that he had to come over to the counties of Macon and Dooly where they lived to get the benefit of their testimony and claimant asks leave to add that on account of his poverty, decrepitude and advanced age he has found it very difficult indeed to find any who were willing (amidst the press of other engagements) to attend his importunities and to submit to the laborer of preparing his declaration.

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 the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and interlined before signed

S/ Daniel Whatley, X his mark

[application filed November 8, 1847]

[Benjamin Webb, D. D., a clergyman, and Angus M. D. King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Macon County: Personally came into open court Daniel Whatley who after being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that he is an applicant for a pension to the pension office, or the Commissioner of pensions, for the United States, and that the lateness of his application has been given as an objection to the granting his application for said pension, and deponent states further that his first application was made and forwarded to the pension office some 8 or 10 years ago and that the same has never been returned to deponent, nor to anyone else for him, so far as he knows or believes, and deponent states further that his first application was delayed only on account of his old age feebleness and poverty and the difficulty which he found in attending court and procuring the assistance of any competent person to prepare his application. Deponent states that the last person that he has been able to learn the residence of that served with him was Joseph Herndon⁵ late of Walton County in this State and that he deponent started to procure the deposition of said Herndon and that before reaching the place of his residence was informed that he was dead and deponent states that at the time of his first and second application he was wholly ignorant of the residence of said Herndon or of any of the others that served with deponent in the Army; He states also that the very next year after the close of the war he removed from North Carolina to Georgia and that he never returned any more to North Carolina, That he never made any application for pay to that State, he lived at a distance of several hundred miles from his former residence in that State and never knew nor heard that any provision was made to paid the troops of that State until a period of time comparatively recent; that is to say in the year 1834 and at which time deponent was a citizen of Houston County Georgia. Deponent after leaving the service looked on all prospects of pay or compensation as hopeless and this was the cause of his making no application and also was the cause of his not keeping himself informed as to particulars relating to the matters of compensation or pay. Deponent states that his old age and want of strength and as well as his poverty have been the cause of the lateness of both his

⁵ [Joseph Herndon S31740](#)

applications and of his inability to procure collateral corroborative proof other than that of general reputation with those to whom deponent has long been known and among whom he has resided from the close of the revolutionary war down to the present time. Deponent states that he is now near one hundred years of age and that he does not know of a single person now living with whom he was acquainted during the war of the revolution and is unable to add further proof to that given by the clergymen who have made their depositions in this behalf, or at least the only further proof would have to be of the same character with that already furnished to the department.

S/ Daniel Whatley, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before the Superior Court of the County aforesaid now in session this April 5, 1849

S/ Lott Warren, Judge