

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Whitfield R11396 Mildred fn46NC
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State of North Carolina Granville County

On this the 23rd day of February 1846 Personally appeared before us Jonathan M. Stone, Thomas Y. Cook & Samuel S. Hicks three of the acting Justices of the peace & members of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the said County, John W. Whitfield a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged fifty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension that was due his deceased mother.

That he is a son of the late John Whitfield deceased of the said County who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution as hereafter set forth. That his father (from what he has often heard him say) served in the said war 3 tours of duty -- one tour in the Lite Horse [light horse] Company, one in the foot Company, & one as a Commissary. In all 9 months the declarant believes -- that his father the said John Whitfield was under Colonel Charles Eaton & others not now recollected.

The declarant also states that from the best of his information his father was married to Milly (Grimsley being her maiden name) in the year of 1774 in Halifax County NC.

That the said John & Milly Whitfield had 9 children who were born as follows – 1st child Polly, 2nd child Sally 3rd child Mary, 4th child Martha, 5th child William, 6 child Elizabeth, 7th child Nancy, aged child John W. Whitfield, 9th child George.

That he this declarant to it: the said John W. Whitfield was as above stated the 8th child of the aforesaid John & Milly Whitfield and that he is now in his 57th year and that said Polly, Sally, Mary, Martha, William, Elizabeth & Nancy, were older than this declarant.

The declarant further states that the said John Whitfield died on the 2nd day of January 1832 in the 89th year of his age.

That Milly Whitfield the widow of the said John Whitfield died on the 15th day of November 1839 and left surviving her 5 children to wit: Mary who intermarried with John Vestel, Martha who intermarried with James Hester, William Whitfield, Nancy who intermarried with Joseph Boothe & John W. Whitfield (the declarant) only surviving children of the said John & Milly Whitfield and all of lawful age.

The declarant maketh this declaration in order to obtain the pension that was due the said

Milly Whitfield at her decease for himself & the other living heirs at law of the said Milly Whitfield.

The declarant further states that his father the said John Whitfield belonged to the North Carolina militia.

The declarant here with sends a part of his father's original family record that it is in the hand writing of his father the said John Whitfield -- that the ages of the other children whose names are not on the accompanying record are recorded on a foregoing lease which has been torn out and Lossed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the date aforesaid before us
S/ J. M. Stone, JP S/ J W Whitfield

[fn p. 2: family record]

William Whitfield was born the 16th day of January in the year of Christ 1785

Nancy Kelly Whitfield was born June 20 1787

Wesley Whitfield was born December 15 [illegible]

[several other illegible entries]

[fn p. 9: Lucy Allen, 84, testified on February 24, 1846 in support of the application filed by the heirs that her husband Champion Allen¹ and John Whitfield often discussed their service in the revolution.]

[fn p. 22: certificate dated November 8th, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller general setting forth pavements made to one John Whitfield from Granville County for military services during the revolution.]

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State of North Carolina Granville County

At a County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Oxford on the first Monday of May 1853

Whereas, it appears to this Court that Milley Whitfield, died without well on the 10th day of November A.D. 1842

This is therefore to certify that administration of the estate of the said Milley Whitfield is granted unto John W. Whitfield, who has given Bond accordingly. The Administrator aforesaid is hereby authorized to take into his possession the goods, chattels, at rights and credits of the said deceased whatever to be found in this State, and a true inventory thereof return into this Court agreeable to law.

Witness Augustine Landis Clerk of our said Court at office this the 6th day of May A.D. 1853

S/ A. Landis, Clk

¹ FPA R129