

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Whitfield R11397 [Nancy] fn13NC
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[Note: There is no application in this file. Also, there is no note in the file explaining what happened to the application although there are several letters making references to it.]

[fn p. 4: certificate dated October 31st, 1846 from the Guilford County North Carolina clerk of court stating that he has made diligent search in his office for a marriage license bond for the marriage of Willis Whitfield to Nancy Raiford, but found no such bond.]

[fn p. 8]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Willis Whitfield¹ a private soldier in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 1782 for the term of 18 months

Given under my hand this 23rd day of September 1846

S/ Wm Hill, Secry. of State

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State of Illinois Clark County: SAS: On this 19th day of November 1846, personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Amos Wells and John Rockwell both credible and respectable citizens of this County which I certify from my personal knowledge of them, who upon oath severally state that they knew Willis Whitfield from the year 1828, and that he died in the year 1835, that he has always been since they knew him, reputed as a soldier of the Revolution, that they firmly believe him to have been such, and that they know of his having had a conspicuous station assigned him at the celebration of the 4th of July 1832 as a Revolutionary Soldier which celebration took place in this County in that year at a place called Red Grove, and that at all public gatherings when they have seen him he has been looked upon and generally considered as a soldier of the Revolution.

In scribed & sworn to this 9th Day of November A.D. 1846 before me

S/ J. F. Pound, JP

S/ Amos Wells

¹ I believe this certificate relates to another veteran named Willis Whitfield whose file is FPA W1013.

S/ J. Rockwell

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Marshall Illinois June 17, 1846

Sir:

Enclosed I send you the Declaration of Mrs. Nancy Whitfield for a Pension, -- Mrs. W supposes the evidence of her marriage which is submitted with the Declaration, to be sufficient -- and relies upon the records in the War Department for evidence of service --

I am very respectfully

S/ T. S. Brant

Hon. J. L. Edwards

Comr. Pensions CC

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Terre Haute Indiana March 26, 1847

Sir:

Enclosed I send you the deposition of Messrs. Wales & Rockwell, the certificate of the Clerk of Guilford County North Carolina showing that no record evidence exists there of the marriage of Willis Whitfield to Nancy Rayford and a certificate of the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina in support of the claim of Mrs. Nancy Whitfield.

These papers have been mislaid by Mrs. Whitfield's late attorney (T. S. Brant, Esqr.) who died on the 29th day of November 1846, and not recovered until recently and are now offered.

Will you please direct to me at this place --

I am very respectfully your friend etc.

S/ John Whitfield

Hon. J. L. Edwards

Comr. Pensions

Washington City DC