

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David White R11406

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State of North Carolina }

Orange County } SS.

Superior Court, September Term 1832.

On this the 14th day of September A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in this Court before the Superior Court for the County and State aforesaid, now sitting (the Hon James Martin Presiding) David White a resident of the Hawfields in the County of Orange aforesaid, in 71st year of his age, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered as a private in the service of the United States about the first of June 1780 for a Tour of three months. That the company to which this applicant was attached was commanded by Thomas Farmer. One Walls was Lieutenant and Robert Nelson ensign. That it rendezvoused at Pittsboro in Chatham County by order of General [John] Butler, where it remained some five or six days till the arrival of some companies there under the command of Col. Stephen Moore. We all under Col. Moore were marched to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville], there crossed Cape Fear [River] near Campbleton, and joined Gen'l. [Richard] Caswell's Troops which were encamped there. From there under Gen'l. Caswell we marched up the Cape Fear, near to where Haywood now stands, and crossed s'd. river at a Ferry, this applicant thinks that was called "Strolls" or Sproll's. From this Ferry (still under the command of Gen'l. Caswell) we marched to Drowning Creek, thence to the Cross Roads in Randolph County, and remained there about one week. From thence we took a Southern direction, crossed the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] above the Cheraw in South Carolina, marched down the river, passing through that Town. We advanced to Rudgley's mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill]: before however reaching Rudgley's mill we were joined by certain Continental Troops & at said mill we were joined by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] with Virginia militia and were now all under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. And was under his command when defeated in August [16] 1780 near Camden in South Carolina. And after s'd defeat this Applicant like many of the militia at that defeat returned home. However after staying but a short time at home, he rejoined the army under General Butler near Bells mill in Randolph County. From Bells Mill was marched under Butler to Salisbury where he remained till the expiration of his Tour, and received a discharge there for from Gen'l. Butler & returned home.

This applicant some time in the month of march following (viz) 1781 was engaged by Gen'l. Butler as "bearer of dispatches." In which capacity he acted for three months, and for which service he received a certificate from Gen'l. Butler, and was promised by Butler it should be accounted and avail him as a three months Tour in the militia. That some time afterwards, his discharge for his three months tour & his certificate for his "bearing dispatches" were both laid before the board of Auditors in Hillsboro' [Hillsborough] by this Applicant; were accepted and he received compensation therefor.

That he has now no documentary evidence of his services, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except that of Joseph Whites [Joseph White, younger brother] & William Cummings

That he was born in may 1762 as appeared from his family record which is now lost.

That he was living in the Hawfields in this County, when called into service, that he lives there now and has been ever since the War of the Revolution.

That when he entered the service he volunteered.

That in the s'd. War of the Revolution he was acquainted with that is knew by sight Gen. Gates, Baron De Kalb, Gen'l. [William] Smallwood, Gen'l. Caswell, Gen'l. Butler, Colonel Ramsey [Ambrose Ramsay], Lieut. Col Moore Et. Cet.

That he received a Discharge from Gen'l. Butler and also a certificate, but now knows nothing of

them.

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 & year aforesaid [signed] David White