

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas White R11409

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia Hanover County = SS

On this the 28th day of August 1840 personally appeared before William L White a justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth White a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838: That she is the widow of Thomas White deceased who was a Captain in the war of the Revolution from Hanover County Virginia. She does not know the time of her said husband's entering the service of his country as she never knew him the said Thomas White until after the close of the war. She has heard him speak of his having the command of a company at Yorktown Virginia and was present when the British Army surrendered. That she was married to the said Thomas White in the early part of the year 1783 in the County of Hanover. That her husband the aforesaid Captain Thomas White died on the 21st day of March 1825 and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth White



[fn p. 4: copy of a marriage bond issued to Thomas White and Elisha White February 6, 1783 to secure the marriage of Thomas White to Miss Elizabeth Blackwell issued in Hanover County Virginia.]

[fn p. 5: Copy of the veteran's obituary]

Died} – At his seat (Spring Grove) in the County of Hanover, on the morning of the 21st ult. General Thomas White in the 67th year of his age, after a severe illness of twelve days, occasioned by a fall from a high pair of steps, which he bore with uncommon fortitude, leaving a disconsolate widow and nine children to bemoan his irreparable loss. He was an affectionate husband, a tender parent, a kind neighbor and an indulgent master. Thus has the last enemy cut off from the social intercourse of life, one whose services for more than forty years was devoted in a great degree to the public service of his country, commencing at an early age as a Captain in the military department of the state, and continued in a regular promotion, until he attained the rank of Brigadier General, in which station he discharged the duties for about 12 years with promptitude, at the close of which time, experiencing an almost unexampled increase of flesh which rendered him too inactive to discharge the duties of that office longer with ease to himself.

He represented his County at the most critical and trying times in the history of his country, in the General Assembly of Virginia, and as a magistrate from the earliest years of maturity until the close of his life, he lived and died a most inflexible republican: in fine [?], the deceased was a true patriot; for at the early age of seventeen years, he embarked as a volunteer in our Revolutionary struggle, and was an active participator in the closing scenes at York-Town, which resulted as gloriously in the emancipation of our country from British tyranny and oppression.

He was a true believer in the Christian faith though not attached to any particular denomination. He said to his family a few moments before his departure, with the most cool philosophy, that he was prepared to meet his fate – then turned over on his left side as though in a sweet sleep, and breathe his last, without a struggle.

A true Copy from the Richmond Inquirer

[fn p. 38: a copy]

I do hereby state that I was well acquainted with the late General Thomas White of the County of Hanover. He was a Lieutenant in one of the Virginia State regiments, I do not recollect which – he became a supernumerary, and continued as such I believe, indeed I have no doubt of it, until the end of the war. I knew him well.

Given under my hand this 23rd December 1829

William Price
Late Lieut. U. S. Army

State of Virginia City of Richmond

Major William Price of the said City this day personally appeared before me the subscriber, Senior Alderman in and for the said City and made oath that the foregoing certificate by him subscribed contains the truth. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1829

S/ William Rawlings

Virginia, Henrico County, and City of Richmond, to wit:

I John Robinson, Clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the said County and City in Virginia aforesaid do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a paper filed in the case of Clement White & William L White administrators of Thomas White deceased appellants against the Commonwealth, upon an appeal from a decision of the Auditor of Public Accounts, in which case a Judgment was rendered by the former Superior Court of Law for Henrico County in favor of the appellants, on the 10th day of November, 1830.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said Circuit Court first mentioned above, this 29th day of January 1850.

S/ J. Robinson