

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry White R11410

Esther or Hetty

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State of North Carolina Forsyth County: SS

On this 20th day of September 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace Esther White, a resident of the County of Forsyth in North Carolina: aged sixty-four years, 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 Acts of Congress passed for the benefit of the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. That she is the widow of Henry White who was a private in the North Carolina Militia during the revolutionary War. That he never drew a pension. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry White on the 30th of August 1809, that her husband the aforesaid Henry White died on the 2nd day of September 1818, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place at the time above stated; to wit; on the 30th of August 1809. She further swears that she is now a widow, that she has never married again since the death of her said husband Henry White and that she has never before made any application for a pension

S/ Esther White, X her mark

State of North Carolina Forsyth County: SS

On this 20th of September 1853 personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace Peter Barneycastle & Francis Barneycastle, who after being duly sworn according to law doth on their oath saith that they both are brothers to Esther White, widow of Henry White, who was a Revolutionary soldier, that they have often heard the said Henry White say that he served in the Revolutionary war, that he enlisted or was drafted, they do not remember which, in said war for seven years. And that the said Henry White was married to their sister Esther Barneycastle on the 30th day of August 1809 at their father's house Frederick Barneycastle in Davidson County, then Rowan County [North Carolina], that they were married by a Wiley Ellis a Justice of the Peace, who is dead, some ten years ago. And these affiant's both swear that they were present at the time said marriage took place between the said Henry White and their sister Esther Barneycastle & they were lawfully married & lived together as man and wife, and raised a family of four children, -- that these affiant's do not know of any record of said marriage either public or private, that their sister, the aforesaid Esther White is now a resident of Forsyth County in North Carolina, and she is yet the widow of the said Henry White & that he the [said] Henry

White died some time in the year 1818.

S/ Peter Barneycastle, X his mark
S/ Francis Barneycastle

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date aforesaid
S/ J. M. Vawter, JP

[fn p. 5: copy of the marriage bond issued to Henry White and Daniel Brinkley in Rowan County North Carolina on the 29th day of August 1810 to this secure the marriage of Henry White 2 Heathey Barnecastle.]

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State of North Carolina Forsyth County

Henry White and Jackson White after being duly sworn on oath declare & say that they are the sons of Henry White deceased and his wife Estor or Hetty White. That their father who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War died upwards of 50 years ago leaving the said Ester or Hetty his widow surviving: That she was upwards of eighty years old at the commencement of the late rebellion if she had been alive: That they are the only two surviving children and they hereby authorize and empower Daniel Houser of said County & State as their attorney to collect & received the Pension which their said mother was entitled to at her death and for which her attorney the said Daniel Houser forted her papers & made application for prior to her death: and they further authorize & empower said Daniel Houser etc. [boilerplate power of attorney language]

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Witness our hands & seals the 20th day of July 1866.

S/ Henry White, X his mark

S/ Jackson White, X his mark

[fn p. 12: in a letter dated October 22, 1858 transmitting the widow's application, her attorney states the following:

"His brother [the veteran Henry White's brother] Philip White¹ was in the service and drew a Pension & his widow after him drew a pension during her life. It is understood that the said brother's Philip White & Henry White served in the same Company and for the same term."]

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State of North Carolina County of Forsyth

On this the 30th day of November A.D. 1859 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace within and for Forsyth County above named personally appeared Elizabeth Brewer aged ninety years who being by me duly sworn according to law, and she is well known to made to be a woman of truth and a credible witness, deposeth and saith that she was well acquainted with Henry White, the husband of Esther, or as she has often called "Hetty" White, who is trying to get bounty land and pension. That he is the identical man who served in the war of the Revolution -- that at the beginning of his service he resided in the County of Halifax, but afterwards removed to Granville County NC where he claimed his residence about the time of the battle of Guilford C. H. -- That after the war of the Revolution the said Henry White and this deponent with others removed to the County of Rowan (the part that is now Davidson) where the

¹ FPA W6478

said Henry White intermarried with Esther (or Hetty) Barnicastle now his widow.

William Griggs aged sixty years being duly sworn deposes that he was at work with Henry White when he, White, was killed in Daniel Hoffman's well -- on Muddy Creek near the village of Clemmons town then in Rowan now Davidson County -- he thinks that it was in the year 1818 and that Henry White at the time of death was 65 years old. Both of these deponents well remember the marriages of Henry White and Esther Barnicastle -- and no that the applicant is the widow of the said Henry White -- and they consider it certain that he served in the war as above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ J. J. Groger, JP

S/ Elizabeth Brewer, X her mark

S/ Wm Griggs

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State of North Carolina Forsyth County

On this 20th day of October 1858 personally appeared before me R. Murchison one of the acting Magistrates in and for the aforesaid County Easter White a resident of Forsyth County aged 84 years 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 the 7th 1838.

That she is the widow of Henry White deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war was drafted in the State of North Carolina County of Rowan and served South under General Greene as she has often heard her aforesaid husband say. The other officers under whom he served she cannot recollect. And he served in the said Revolutionary War over twelve months and served as a private Soldier during that time. That she was married to the said Henry White on the 31st day of August in the year 1796 and in the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina and her husband the said Henry White died in the County of Rowan -- On the 4th day of September 1818. That she has not married since the death of her husband but has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Henry White, witness

S/ Easter White, X her mark

S/ R. Murchison, JP

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Winston North Carolina January 25th 1859

Sir

In reply to yours of the 12th Instant I would state that as regards the Christian name of Mrs. White widow of Henry, Esther & Heathey (among the old Germans about here) are considered the same name -- she is now & ever has been called Heathey by her relations & neighbors, but Esther is considered the more correct & it is generally so written.

As regards the difference of age -- the error was committed by the JP before whom she made the last declaration, & who filled out the same -- she having no record of her age the JP had to rely on certain statements that she made in relation to past events, which she seemed to remember -- even that occurred about the close of the Revolution.

In fact it is probable that there was an era and her age as mentioned in 1853 -- she to all appearances must be 75 or 80 years of age.

The same magistrate made the mistake as to the time of her marriage in this way, the old lady having no records of her marriage -- but having a statement in her Bible of the times of the births of her children she produced that -- which only gave the Christian names -- and she said her marriage was about nine months before the birth of her first child -- counting from the birth of Wm [William] -- whose name headed the list of children -- the marriage would have been the time stated: but it turns out, that she had two children before the marriage, the said Wm being 12 or 14 years old at that time. The JP was ignorant of the fact of children before the marriage -- but states that he does not believe that Mrs. White intended any imposition, but intended by her first child -- the first after her marriage.

I can easily make parole proof the marriage, and have heard of an old man by whom it is saith a part of Henry Whites service can be proved. It will be remembered that the names of all the children born before & after the marriage part in the list.²

The old lady, although poor and needy, is of good moral character & has been for many years. She is entirely illiterate -- & in other respects not intelligent.

Very respectfully

S/ Daniel Houser

Honorable
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington DC

² I did not find this list in the file.