

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John White R11425

fn7NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

7/3/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Roane County: SS

On this 28th day of October 1834 personally appeared before the justices of the court of pleas & quarter Sessions for Roane County (it being a court of record) John White aged about 74 (having a record 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he was drafted in Shanadore [sic, Shenandoah] County Virginia in the year 1777 under Captain Rider, marched to Fort Wheeler on the Ohio River for the purpose [of] guarding the frontiers against the inroad of the hostile Indians where he served three months and received a written discharge went back from Fort Wheeler to Shenandoah County Virginia & in the fall of the same year moved to Watauga N.C. now in Tennessee remained there until October 1779 when the Indians became troublesome when applicant was again drafted in Captain Young's Company, but was transferred to Captain Sams Company, marched to a place called Greasy Cove in the capacity of spies or Rangers, killed a few Indians where we were again discharged after serving three months. Applicant received a written discharge but has lost it, returned home & remained there until the 1782 when applicant volunteered under Captain Young in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier against the hostile Indians passed the Tennessee River at or near old Chota called by the Indians the beloved Town from thence crossed Hiwassee River about eight miles below what is now called Calhoun from thence to Vans Town which we burnt from thence to Bulls Town on Chickamauga Creek where we took some prisoners & burnt said town from thence our course was towards the Junction of the Coosa & Hightower River on our way to the last place at an Indian village our advanced guards surprised & took a white man prisoner by the name of Flemins or Clemins but he attempting to make his escape was shot by one of our company & died immediately, from an examination of his papers he appeared to have been a Sergeant in the British service, from thence we proceeded to destroying the Indian Town & villages on the Coosa River &c we believe burnt & destroyed every Town & village on said River killed a number of Indians & penetrated in the Indian country to a place called the tal [?] King Rock marched from thence by way of [indecipherable word, looks like "Consisanga"] burned some villages on that River came back by way of Hiwassee Tennessee & returned home after serving six months when applicant received a written discharge but has lost it. Knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the two first

Towers but my service in 1782 he can prove by Jesse Byrd whose affidavit is here with annexed, but states the names of the following persons who know him & can certify as to his veracity to wit John Jackson, James Winton, William Winton, Anthony Dicky, John Montgomery & Colonel James Preston from Watauga he removed to Knox County Tennessee from thence to Roane County Tennessee where he has resided for 33 years & where he yet resides -- he was born in Virginia Culpeper County in the year 1760 & has a record of his age, &c He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the [present] & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 28th of October 1834

S/ H. S. Purvis, DC

S/ John White, X his mark

I Jesse Byrd aged 70 years a citizen of Roane County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the above applicant John White in the year 1782 that he knew him when in said campaign the account he has given is correct he believes that said applicant served at least six months affiant & him having both served at the same & was discharged at the same time.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 28th 1834

S/ Jesse Byrd¹

[John Jackson and Anthony H. Dickey gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition they stated that the resident clergyman in the neighborhood could not get to court.]

¹ FPA R1574