

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George White R11436

Rachael

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State of Kentucky, Owsley County: Sct

On this 23rd day of December 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Piece of Owsley County and State of Kentucky Rachael White a resident of said County, aged 87 years old who being first 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 the 4th March 1848.

That she is the widow of George White deceased who she states was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and that he entered the service as a regular soldier and to serve during the war, and that he entered as such in the year 1778 and she thinks he was discharged in the [year] 1783, and as to his discharge she knows nothing of. That he was a resident in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service. She thinks that General Ash [sic, John Ashe] was one of his officers, heard him speak of Colonel Armstrong and Captain Lewis, and he also claimed Colonel Clark as one of his officers. That he claimed to have been in the battle at Briars Creek [sic, Briar Creek<sup>1</sup>] where General Lincoln was defeated<sup>2</sup> and spoke of Gates defeat at Camden<sup>3</sup> and the great slaughter that took place at both places and that he claimed to have been in the siege of Yorktown<sup>4</sup> and often spoke of Washington and called one of his sons after him. That he claimed to have been Drum Major a short time while in the service the precise time she cannot say and she thinks he only acted in the place of the Drum Major as he had been wounded she don't think he was commissioned. That he spoke of so many officers, and so much of the events of those times that she can't now relate all. That he was very often before his death requested by persons to apply for a pension, but he always refused positively, and she states that she would not now apply, but she has been reduced to extreme poverty and want. That her husband left the State of North Carolina and went to the State of Maryland to live, and from thence to Kentucky. That her children that she had us by White has all gone to the West, and that

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<sup>1</sup> March 3, 1779

<sup>2</sup> Sic, the American forces under General John Ashe were defeated at the battle of Briar Creek. Benjamin Lincoln was not at that battle.

<sup>3</sup> August 15-16, 1780

<sup>4</sup> September 28-October 19, 1781

the family record kept by her husband White is or was last in the possession of his children. That she first married Alexander Wilson after his death she married White. That she was born in our mall County State of Virginia in the year 1767, and that her husband White was born in the year 1760 State of North Carolina. She states that she is wholly unable to give full and correct circumstances of her husband's services, and the events that he was connected with as her mind is greatly impaired, but she relies upon the muster rolls at Raleigh NC to prove her claim, nor does she know of no one now living to prove his services --

That she further declares that she was married in Madison County Kentucky by John Pace a Methodist minister to her husband the aforesaid George White on the 27th of August 1799, and that the said White died on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year of \_\_\_ and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

In the presence of  
S/ Simeon Portwood  
S/ Silas Gray

S/ Rachael White

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State of Kentucky Breathitt County: Sct

Personally came before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of Breathitt County Alexander P. Patrick and made oath in due form of law that he is now the clerk of the Breathitt County & Circuit Court of said County that he is the grand son of Rachael White of Owsley County Kentucky and that he has not saw her for the space of 11 or 12 years that from the time he can recollect his grand father George White has been acknowledged a Revolutionary Soldier and had served the most of the war & that he believes belonged to Colonel Thomas Clark's division or Regiment State of North Carolina and that he was a soldier from that State that he advised the Agent who took & preparing her papers that her case would be an easy one gotten and to go and attend to it that he has no interest in the Claim of his grand mother and if she should recover he could not be induced to take one cent and that his grand father George White died in Madison County Kentucky the time I do not recollect.

S/ Alexander P. Patrick

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of October 1854 etc.

S/ Wm McCombs, JPBC

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"Madison County Sct

I do hereby certify that I have celebrated the rites of matrimony between the following persons, to wit

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On 23rd of August 1800, George White and Rachel Wilson.

Given under my hand this 31st day of December A.D. 1800.

S/ John Pace"

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State of Kentucky Owsley County

Solomon Portwood personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace this 27th day of May 1854, being first duly sworn according to law, states that he is a resident of said

County and is now nearly 67 years of age and was born and raised in Madison County Kentucky and was raised in the same neighborhood of George White, the husband of Rachael Wilson. He has known White ever since he can recollect, and that he always claimed to have been a soldier of the revolutionary war for 6 years and was a native of North Carolina and enlisted from that State. That he claimed to have served part of his time as Drum Major, but he don't recollect whether White ever claim to have been commissioned as such, he don't think he was, but filled the vacancy of the Drum Major, he being killed or wounded. That said White was [one or more indecipherable words] of Madison County during his life. He recollects perfectly well when he was a boy that widow Wilson & George White had been married by John Pace a Methodist Richard. He can't state the precise time of their marriage, [indcipherable word] he was a small boy. He states that White always claimed to have enlisted as a regular Soldier and to serve during the war, always contended that he had so serve.

He states that the children that Whitehead by Rachel his wife are all at this time so far as he can learn residence of Missouri, Indiana and Illinois, and none in Kentucky. The names of the children are as follows to wit Mariah, Katherine, Polly, Hannah, George W. and Irvine White, and all are now over 21 years of age.

He has very often heard White speak of Thomas Clark, George Washington, Morgan and Marion and that he claimed to have been wounded in the leg, which there was a bullet holes through and through. That Rachael White who last winter filed a statement for a pension first married Alexander Wilson, and Wilson coming to Kentucky got grounded on the Ohio River near Limestone, and she then married George White. Her maiden name was Arnold. That said White died in the town of Richmond Kentucky in the year 1828 as near as I can recollect. That said Rachel White is now living at his house and is in a very helpless condition and extremely poor. She is now single and has not married since White's death. That he has no interest in her claim more than it would supply her wants, in other words he don't expect to gain anything if it is allowed more than her board & clothes --

He further states that there is no papers or books in his possession or in hers that showed the births, deaths and marriages of her family.

S/ Solomon Portwood

[fn p. 38: home March 6, 1858 and Owsley County Kentucky, Samuel Brandenbergh filed an affidavit in which he states he is the administrator of the estate of Rachael White deceased.]

[fn p. 51: Samuel Brandenburgh gave testimony that the widow died October 1, 1854 in Owsley County Kentucky at the house of Solomon court would and left the following children by her husband George White: George Washington White, Irvine White, Silas White, Moriah White, Katherine, Polly, Hannah & Sally.]