

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Whitehurst R11456

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State of North Carolina Pitt County} SS

On this 10th day of August [year not stated] personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting, Richard Whitehurst a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy Seven years, 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 was a resident of this County drafted in Captain John Salter's Company under the command of General Nash [Francis Nash], the Colonel was Colonel Armstrong -- and marched immediately to Wilmington through Craven County and so on. That he was on a three months Tour and was [at] Wilmington when the Declaration of Independence [July 4, 1776] was proclaimed; from which place he was discharged and returned home. At the time General Craig [sic, Major James H. Craig, the commander of the British forces occupying Wilmington, NC]<sup>1</sup> was passing through this Country he volunteered his services under the command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] & Colonel Gorham [James Gorham], he does not recollect what Captain's company he was then at this time. They pursued Craig's Army over the Trent River and towards Wilmington but did not overtake the Main Army, were engaged in a little skirmish with some of the outskirts. That time he was absent only about four weeks and was discharged, for which service he did not receive any pay.

In 1781, he again volunteered and went to Kinston, but was in no engagement -- and was not absent longer than two or three [weeks, months or years? most likely weeks] which was at the time Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was passing through the Country.

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 any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Arch. Parker, Clk

S/ Richard Whitehurst, X his mark

[Giles Mathews & Arthur Whitehurst Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Archibald Parker Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Pitt and

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<sup>1</sup> The British occupied Wilmington from January 1781 to November 18, 1781.

State of North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of application of Richard Whitehurst. –

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832

S/ Arch'd Parker, Clk

[This veteran's application was rejected because he does not allege that he served the required minimum of 6 months in order to qualify for the pension awarded under the 1832 pension act.]