

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Whiting R11461

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State of Maryland } Sct.

Frederick County }

Declaration of Isaac Whiting to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

On this eighteenth day of December [1834] personally appeared in open Court Isaac Whiting a resident of Frederick County in the State of Maryland aged eighty four 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

That he enlisted near Monmouth [NJ], in the Regular Army of the United States, in the year not now recollected, under the command or in the company of Captain Ba[rest illegible] and served [several illegible words] eleventh regiment of the Maryland [illegible word] (he does not exactly recollect whether it was the tenth or eleventh regiment) under the following named officers – Captain Barton Lucas who was afterwards, and subsequently to the joining of the Army by the Declarant promoted to the rank of Colonel, and then he came under the command of Captain Sellman He also served under the command of Capt Trueman – having been transfered to his command – These companys were under the command of Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne of Pennsylvania]. He (the Declarant) left the service after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] after having served the term of his enlistment, (three years) and six months over that term

He resided in Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland at the time of his enlistment, but had been sent by the relations of one Lieutenant Edward Harbin of the militia, to Monmouth to see after him, and near Monmouth he enlisted as aforesaid.

He was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at the White horse [3 mi W of present Malvern PA, 16 Sep 1777], Paoli (in the night fight there) [21 Sep 1777] Long Island [27 Aug 1776], the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] where he had his thigh broken by a musket ball and many skirmishes durig the war. He was detached after the abandonment of Long Island with his company to meet Cornwallis in the South and was present at the surrender of that commander when he left the army army [undeciphered word] in service three years and six months as before stated. He was born in the year seventeen hundred and fifty as nearly as he can recollect – having lost a book which contained the date of his birth – and having no means of ascertaining it now. He was born as before stated in Prince Georges County Maryland. He was living in the said county said State when he enlisted, but was on a visit to Monmouth as he has before more particularly [one or more illegible words] army of the United States – [he was] not drafted, nor a volunteer nor a substitute. He has before stated the names of Capt Barton Lucas, Capt Sellman, Capt Trueman, Genl [Charles] Lee, Genl Wayne – Lieutenat James Burns, are others whom he recollects. He has before stated the genl circumstances of his service. He never received a regular discharge but with a number of others after the Capture of York, his term of enlistment havig expired six months before that capture, departed unquestioned in the general joy of that occasion. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court
James hisXmark Whiting

Land Office, Annapolis, Jan'y 5th 1835

Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner], Your's of the 27th ultimo, with the declaration of Isaac Whiting, enclosed, was received; I have very carefully examined the muster and pay rolls of the revolution in this Office, and his name does not appear upon any of said rolls, – the declaration is herewith returned

I am very respectfully/ Y'r. Ob't. S't./ G G Brewer

NOTES:

I could not find records of most of the officers mentioned by Whiting, which would be unusual if they were in the Continental Army.

The rules for administering the pension act of 1832 required that an applicant claiming service in the Regular (Continental) Army must either have his name of a muster or pay roll or produce the testimony of an officer or two eye witnesses. The reason given for rejecting Whiting's claim is stated as follows: "Not on the rolls of the Maryland --, nor was his colonel's (Sands) [sic] who was not a continental officer."

On 8 Nov 1852 Benjamin Whiting, only heir of Isaac Whiting, assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension.