

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whitlock R11466

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. 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. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina Union District: to wit

On this 11th day of October 1832 – Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for said District James Whitlock a resident of said district aged 70 years on the 3rd of July last 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.

I entered the Service under enlistment in December about three years before Peace was established, according to my best recollection, under Captain Holman Rice & Colonel Taylor, in Albemarle County Virginia, to guard the Prisoners surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga. I was stationed in the discharge of that duty at the Albemarle Barracks under the above named officers & remained in that service, till Charleston fell [May 12th, 1780], the British marched through Albemarle the Prisoners were removed, the Barracks broken up & I with all the soldiers under the above Officers & in the above service, was dismissed. I then joined Captain Thomas Bates in Colonel Will Fleming's Regiment as a substitute for Shadrach Vaughan and served as first Lieutenant. I joined the last named officers in the capacity last stated in Goochland County Virginia and marched from thence to Colonel Woodson's in the same County, thence to Richmond, thence to old Williamsburg & thence to Little York & there continued till the end of the Siege of the last named place, Having several slight skirmishes with the Enemy while there. After the close of the Siege & the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], I marched to Winchester to guard the Prisoners taken at little York, there I received a written Discharge from my commanding Officer which I have lost.

I have no documentary Evidence of my Services & know of no person living who can testify to my services.

To the Interrogatories propounded to me by the Court, I answer 1st. I was born in Virginia Goochland County in the year 1762 on the 3rd of July –
2nd. The Record of my age is in the High Church of England and my native County – Virginia.
3rd. I lived in Goochland County Virginia when called into service & have lived in Union District South Carolina ever since the revolution where I now live.
4th. I was enlisted & substituted as already stated –
5th. General Washington, & the Officers that I have named in my declaration are all that I recollect. I recollect none but the Regiments I have mentioned –
6th. I received a discharge from Colonel Taylor, when I left the Barracks & a discharge from

¹ Fold3.com as erroneously indexed this veterans filed under the Vermont veterans.

Colonel Will Fleming when I left the service – both of which I have lost – I received a Commission signed by Colonel Will Fleming which is lost.

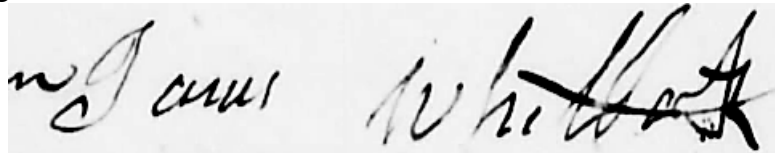
7th. I refer to [indecipherable word] Thomas S Greer & James Green to testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior & touching my serving as a soldier & officer of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open court

S/ John B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

S/ James Whitlock

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink on a light background. The signature on the left is 'Thomas S Greer' and the signature on the right is 'James Green'. Both are written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand.

[Thomas S Grier, a clergyman, and James Green [could be James Greer] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Union District: James Whitlock came personally before me & depose that he enlisted as he now believes in December 1776 in the State of Virginia for the express purpose to guard the prisoners (Surrendered by Burgoyne) at the Albemarle Barracks, which term of enlistment I served out under the officers [indecipherable word] in my declaration – I again served a Tour of 2 months duty as a Substitute for Shadrach Vaughan as first lieut. At the Siege of Little York and under the officers as set out in my declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th Jay 1834

S/ J. Rogers, Clk

James Whitlock

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 15th day of May 1784, in the name of James Whitlock, as a Soldier of Infantry for £48.8.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Morton and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
26th day of July 1847.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Virginia Goochland County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Riddle² who after having been duly sworn made the following statement to wit. That he is now 73 years of age & is now drawing a pension from the United States for his Revolutionary Services and that he was well acquainted with James Whitlock who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and formally a resident of this County – he understood that the said Whitlock emigrated to the State of South Carolina many years ago. He further states that he was

² Two veterans from Goochland County by this name claimed pensions based in part upon services rendered at the Albemarle Barracks. FPA S31931 and [John Riddle S9087](#)

acquainted with said Whitlock previous to his entering the service; but became well acquainted with him after they entered the Army. – He further states that said Whitlock and himself enlisted in the Regiment of guards and served about 4 months and then discharged. The said Whitlock then got an appointment of Lieutenant and Captain Thomas Bates' Company of Colonel Fleming's Regiment, how long he served as Lieutenant he is now unable to recollect, but feels confident that he served over 12 months he also acted as Adjutant for some time in Fleming's Regiment but what length of time he does not recollect but feels confident that said Whitlock served over 2 years in the capacity of a soldier Lieutenant and Adjutant – the said Whitlock was and Officer [several indecipherable words] and considered an [indecipherable word] officer.

Given under my hand this 31st of October 1835.

S/ John Martin, JP

Virginia Goochland County to wit

I hereby certify that I am about 75 years of age and that I am a pensioner of the United States & further certify that I was well acquainted with James Whitlock who formerly was a resident in this County and well recollect of in that Regiment I do not recollect I was there only about 21 days – Several years afterwards I marched to York Town in a Militia Company commanded by Captain Duke and there met with said James Whitlock who was then in service we were both in the engagement at York Town – after the siege I returned with him as far as Williamsburg and there we parted – he went on up to Winchester for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken at York Town – I recollect very well that said Whitlock gave me an old Gun Barrel to bring up whom for him which I done –

Given under my hand this 21st of October 1835

S/ Henry Isbell³

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Henry Isbell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[On Oct. 31, 1835 in Goochland County Anthony Layne,⁴ 77, also gave a supporting affidavit in which she states he saw James Whitlock at the Albemarle barracks and at little York.]

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: SS

On this 10th day of July 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting James Whitlock a resident of said County of DeKalb & State of Georgia aged 85 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 viz. Colonel James Taylor [sic Frances Taylor] & Captain Holman Rice & he thinks the Major's name was ___ Young that he enlisted in the month of October at the Barracks in Albemarle County & State of Virginia he does not recollect the year but he knows that he served there 2 years previous to the time the British took Charleston, at which time the prisoners

³ FPA S9359

⁴ FPA S8822

were removed from the Barracks by order of General George Washington to keep the British from releasing them & then the Troops were discharged & himself among the rest at the end of his two-year service as above stated. Captain Holman Rice was the enlisting officer under whom he enlisted and received a bounty of \$30 & a new suit of clothes and his wages was £.16 a day – he received a discharge from Colonel Taylor but it is now lost – he sold what was called his indent to a speculator by the name of Thomas Underwood for \$5, when it all to have been worth & called for 45 pounds – Captain James Slaughter was an officer at the Barracks at the same time but was broke of his commission and this declarant further states that he entered the service again as a substitute for Shadrach Vaughan in the month of October or November shortly after he returned from his service at the Barracks that he does not recollect the month and he served 2 months at this time to wit 6 weeks at the siege of Little York in the State of Virginia and the balance of the 2 months he was engaged in guarding the prisoners to old Winchester where he was again discharged his Captain's name was Thomas Bates his Colonel's name was __ Morris, this Service was in the Militia of Virginia. The French had blockaded Little York at the time of the Siege. And this declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. That he came from Union District & State of South Carolina to his present place of abode 4 years ago for the purpose of obtaining the testimony of John Humbo and Archibald Riddle by whom he expected to have proved his Service but when he came here he found that one of them had died & the other had moved away. Archibald Riddle was his orderly Sergeant – and this declarant further states that he was born in Goochland County Virginia in July 1758 – that he has no record of his age but believes it is registered in the parish where he was born – he would give the names of William McDaniel, John Hardman & William Johnson & Larkin Nash as his neighbors who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his services as a revolutionary Soldier –

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 the agency of any State or Territory whatever and that he lived in said County of Goochland at the time he entered the service both times and that he was not employed in any civil employment of the Government.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Whitlock, X his mark

[Isaiah Parker, a clergyman, and Andrew Browning gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this 8th day of January 1844, Before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Inferior Court of said County personally appeared James Whitlock who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement under oath, That about the year 1836 (but the papers in the Pension office will show the date) he made an application to the War Department for a Pension, through one John Rogers of Union District, South Carolina and was told then in answered that the Department would require positive proof of service by one or more living witnesses, – that sometime afterwards he was informed that Archy Riddle & John Humber two of his fellow soldiers were living in DeKalb County upon which information he set out for this County in order to prove his services by them but when he came here he found that Archy Riddle had left and that John Humber had died – That he then sent to the State of Kentucky to procure the Testimony of Captain Rights under whom he served but in answer to this trial he was informed that Captain Rights had then been dead about 6 months – That he then began to despair of success until lately he had been informed that the Department did not in all

cases require positive proof of service, and feeling conscious that he is entitled to a pension he felt encouraged to make one more application in hopes that the Department will reconsider his case and grant him such pension as he feels conscious he is entitled to.

S/ James Whitlock, X his mark