

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Whitmore R11477

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State of Virginia Prince George County SS

On this 9th day of October personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Perkins, James H Belsches [?], Theren Bee and Philip N. Thweatt, the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting John Whitmore a resident of Prince George and State of Virginia, aged seventy-two 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 as well as he recollects, in the year 1780 being then 20 years old and living in the County of Surry and State aforesaid, he was a drafted militia man under the command of Captain Lemuel Cocke, and marched to William Alley's in said County of Surry on James River, that he continued there six weeks, with only about 50 or 60 comrades in arms – That there was no field officer at that place. That he was discharged but whether in writing or not, he does not recollect – That soon after returning home he became the substitute of William Whitmore of the County of Greenville, under a Captain from Greenville whose name he does not recollect – That he joined the Army at Suffolk in the County of Nansemond in the State aforesaid, at which place he was put under the command of a Captain Knott [possibly Elvinton Knott], that a Colonel Boyer commanded there – That no engagement with the enemy took place, That he was again discharged after having served six weeks, and has no recollection of a written discharge – That not long after returning home he again entered the service under the command of Captain Timothy Rives or Captain Richard Williams of the County of Prince George, he cannot say positively which – That he was at the [word written over and mostly illegible, appears to be "Chuckatuck"] in the County of Nansemond and State aforesaid – That the British were there, and had been for some time at Norfolk; That he did not meet with the enemy – That Major Boyce was the officer then in command. That he stayed six weeks in this service, was discharged as heretofore, and returned to his mother in the County of Prince George aforesaid. That afterwards he was almost constantly in the service, either in his own place, or as a substitute for others till the termination of the war – That for his brother Thomas Whitmore of the County of Prince George, he served one tour of six weeks under Captain Richard Bland at Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wight. That Major Boyce then commanded – That he was the substitute of Holmes Boipean [could be Holmes Boissean] of said County of Prince George six weeks, that he was under the command of Captain William Harrison of said County, That he was in the battle at Petersburg, that he was at Williamsburg several weeks and at Yorktown at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He furthermore says that although he does not recollect, that he served more than five full tours of six weeks each, making in all 7 months and 15 days that having acted as substitute for Gabriel Hudgins a part of a tour – part of a tour for Jon[paper torn] Williamson of

the County of Prince George aforesaid and others under Captain William Glover of said County and other officers, that his whole term of service during the Revolutionary war was more than nine months.

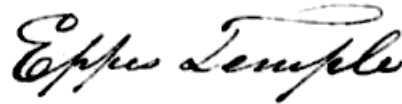
He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[Thomas B Bryant, a clergyman, and Travis Perkinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I do hereby certify that John Whitmore of Prince George County and State of Virginia was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; and that I know of his having served one tour in the said war with me at Smithfield. Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1832

S/ Eppes Temple¹



[fn p. 13: On February 9, 1854 in Prince George County Virginia, Mrs. Nancy Whitmore filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Whitmore deceased; that her husband was a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Prince George County Virginia April 4, 1832 she believes; that her husband died in Prince George County Virginia September 3, 1836 and she remains his widow.

S/ Anne Whitmore



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA W6255