

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jarratt (Jared) Whittington R11491

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Original Claim

United States Mississippi District: SS

I Peter Randolph Judge of the District Court of the United States of America for the Mississippi District; by authority of an act of Congress passed the 25th day of April 1812, entitled "an Act to revive and continue in force an act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes" do hereby especially authorize and commission Gabriel Felder of the County of Amite and district of Mississippi to take evidence pursuant to the rules and regulations of the said act for substantiating the claim of Jared Whittington of the County of Amite and district of Mississippi, to be placed on the pension list of the United States by reason of known wounds received in said war or since (as prescribed by the 4th section of "an act concerning invalid pensioners" passed the 25th of April 1808) while in the actual service of the United States, and in the line of his duty. And when the same shall be completed, to returned evidence, affidavits, certificates and proceedings had here upon, together with this commission, to the Secretary for the Department of War.

Given under my hand and seal at Woodville and the District aforesaid this 11th day of August in the year 1827.

S/ Peter Randolph, District Judge Mississippi District

State of Mississippi and in the County: October 15 1827

It is hereby certified that Jorord Whittington formerly a private in the company of Claiborne Hinson and Colonel Samuel Benton's Regiment of South Carolina Militia is rendered him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier by reason of a wound inflicted while he was in the service aforesaid and in the line of his duty.

By satisfactory evidence & accurate examination it appears that in time of the Revolutionary war being engaged at or near a place called Lytle Pedee in the State of South Carolina he received in his right foot a wound the Ball from the (Os Colcis) or heel bone passing in an oblique direction so as to come in contact with several of the smaller bones employed in making up the ankle joint occasioned their removal by the ordinary process of suppuration a permanent lameness ensued as a necessary consequence of such injury and he is thereby not only incapacitated for military duty but in the opinion of the undersigned is one half disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor.

S/ W. Lea

[Attested by Gabriel Felder]

State of Mississippi Amite County: I Gabriel Felder, appointed by the Honorable Peter Randolph

Esquire District Judge of the United States for the district of Mississippi, Commissioner to take evidence on behalf of Jared Whittington as revolutionary Soldier claiming a pension from the United States by virtue of the several acts of Congress making provision for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary War etc. do hereby certify that William Lea who made and subscribed the above certificate and affidavit is a reputable physician & surgeon and is entitled to full faith and credit. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of October 1827

S/ Gabriel Felder, Commissioner etc.

To the Honorable E. Randolph District Judge of the United States of America for the District of Mississippi

Respectfully sheweth unto your Honor your petitioner Jared Whittington of the County of Amite & District aforesaid that he was and has ever since continued to be greatly disabled from performing bodily labor by a wound in the heel & side of the right foot which wound was received in a battle fought during the revolutionary war in the State of South Carolina & which your petitioner was fighting on the American side against the common Enemy. Your petitioner further states that he is extremely poor & unable to obtain a subsistence without aid from others.

He prays your Honor to appoint a commissioner with full power to inquire into he is case & make a report there of to the United States authority that he made their by be enabled to receive the benefit provided by an act of Congress for the relief of persons disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war.

& to do such other & further acts in the premises as may be deemed necessary.

6th Aug^t 1827

S/ Samuel B. Mark

& is in duty &c

S/ Jarratt Whittington

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to me for the half year ending on the third day of September 1828 under the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved 15th of May 1828, I, Jarratt Whittington of Zion Hill Settlement, in the County of Amite in the State of Mississippi Do hereby declare, that I was a private soldier in the South Carolina Infantry (or Troops) of the Army of the Revolution in the Continental line (as was more fully set forth on my application for the benefits of the Said Act) and that I have been found entitled by the Secretary of the Treasury under that act, to the pay of a private soldier in the said line.

Witness my hand this fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

S/ Jarratt Whittington

Sworn to before me the fifth day of December 1828.

S/ Isaiah Cain, J. P.

Before me Isaiah Cain as Justice of peace for the County of Amite in the State of Mississippi Personally appeared this day Rich^d Whittington and Grief Whittington of said County who did severally make oath that Jarratt Whittington, by whom the foregoing declaration was made and subscribed, is well known to them to be the person therein described, and that he is generally Reputed and believed, to have been a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated, and that the said declaration was made and Subscribed, by the said Jarratt Whittington in their presence and on the day of the date thereof.

Which is my hand this day of December in the year 1828.

S/ Rd Whittington

S/ Gr Whittington

Sworn to before me the fifth of December 1828

S/ Isaiah Cain, J. P.

The testimony of Grief Whittington taken before me the undersigned commissioner duly and specially authorized to take evidence in support of the claim of Jared Whittington, who is desirous of being placed on the pension list of the United States of America.

Grief Whittington being duly sworn saith that he is a cousin to the applicant, and also to Richard Whittington the other witness on behalf of the said applicant. We all lived in the State of South Carolina at the commencement of the revolutionary War, and lived there until about eighteen years ago when we moved to this country and settled within six miles of Liberty in the County of Amite and State of Mississippi, where we have resided ever since and where we now reside. I entered the service of South Carolina militia as a private when the revolution first broke out; in the course of about two or three years afterwards Jared Whittington joined the service; at first we were relieved every two months but after a while we were kept out almost constant[ly]. In a battle fought at Rouses Ferry on Little Pee Dee [River] against some British and Tories, Jared Whittington the present applicant while fighting against the common Enemy was shot in his right heel about the first fire with a ball, it disabled him & he was taken from his horse & after we whipped the British & Tories, he was carried to his father's in Cheraw District where he was confined a long time with his wound and was not able to march or ride a horse well, during the war and did not serve any more; his term of service was out long before he was able to go about. I know that he has ever since & is now greatly disabled by said wound from walking well or working; his life has been very orderly at all times, he has always been a poor man and is not able by his labor to support himself. The principal work that he does is at the cooper's trade. I do not remember at what time the battle was fought in which the wound was received, but it, was not long after General Gates [Horatio Gates] & DeKalb were defeated at Camden on Wateree [River] in (1780) for after this battle the Tories were very saucy and we were obliged to be going from one swamp to another pretty constantly & whenever we could hear of a party, we just dashed upon them. From the weather being warm & corn first beginning to get hard in the field, I think the battle must have been fought in September or early in October. Jared Whittington & myself at the time Jared was shot belonged as privates to Captain Henson's company in Colonel Lemuel Benton's Regiment. We all had horses, who were together at the time of this battle. Colonel Murphy, who was second in command, commanded on the day of the battle on Little PeeDee where Jared was shot.

S/ Grief Whittington

Examined, sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of September 1827.

S/ Gab^lFelder, Com.

The testimony of Richard Whittington taken before me the undersigned the commissioner duly authorized by a commission from the Honorable Peter Randolph, District Judge of the United States of America for the District of Mississippi in support of the claim of Jared Whittington who is desirous of being placed on the pension list thereof.

By virtue of the powers in me vested, I have caused Richard Whittington to come before me, who states as follows: I embarked in the war immediately after the War of the revolution commenced, as a private; after Gates'es defeat [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden], I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Captain Claiborne Hinson's company. Our company belonged to Col. Lemuel Benton's Regiment, Jared Whittington, the applicant for a pension from the United States Government, is a cousin to me, and was in the company to which I was attached for a considerable time in the capacity of a private soldier. We were attached to the South Carolina Militia, until the year eight [1780] soon after Gates' defeat at Camden. We were engaged on Little PeeDee [River], where we were then encamped, by the British and some Tories (our common enemy). During the engagement Jared Whittington, while sitting on his horse, received a wound in his right heel which has ever since disabled him in a great measure, he was immediately taken from his horse and carried off the field, and I went with him to his father's house where he was confined with said wound for a long time. In the

engagement our side whipped our enemies. Jared was not able, on account of his wound, to perform any other military duty during the War. And has been unable to perform ordinary manual labor in consequence of it ever since. I do not recollect the date of the battle, but the disaffected began to hold up their heads after Gates was beat at Camden and this wound was received soon after. I know it was before the cold weather commenced and after the battle of Camden but I cannot state the month the battle was fought at Rouses Ferry on Little Pee Dee [River] about five miles from the North Carolina line. I lived in South Carolina and so did Jared Whittington for twenty years after the War when we both removed to this country and have always lived neighbors, except one year, on my way to Mississippi, which I lived on Tombechee [Tomabechee ? River]. Our place of residence in South Carolina was Cheraw district, Cashwaw Neck [sic, Cashua Neck?]. And since reaching this County have ever since lived within six miles of Liberty in the County of Amite. Jared Whittington has generally followed farming by the work of his children. The principal work that he does himself is coopering.

Jerrod Whittington now lives six miles from Liberty on the upper Nathez road.

S/ Rich^d Whittington

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of September 1827.

S/ Gabl. Felder, Comm.

[fn p. 272: On August 30, 1855 in Caddo County Louisiana, Polly Whittington, 75 a resident of Caddo Parish Louisiana gave testimony that she is the widow of Jarrett Whittington; that she married him in Hancock County Georgia in March 1797 or 8; that they were married by one Reverend Thomas Mercer; that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Rhodes; that her husband died in Amite County Mississippi December 15th, 1830; that she is now his widow; and that she is filing this claim for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary veteran.]

[fn p. 491: certificate dated April 21st, 1860 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office listing payments made to Jarrett Whittington for services during the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$4 per month commencing October 15, 1827.]