

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whicker (Wicker) R19003 Mary Whicker f23NC
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State of North Carolina Forsyth County } SS

Be it known, that on this 13th day of August A.D. 1858, before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, personally appeared Mary Whicker aged 89 years, and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit, of the provisions made by the several Acts of Congress, granting Bounty land, pensions or half pay to widows of deceased soldiers. That she is the widow of James Whicker (sometimes written Wicker) who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. __ in the Regiment commanded by Col. __ in the War of the Revolution.

That she has often been informed by her late husband and many other persons, and verily believes, that her late husband, the said James Whicker entered the service of the United States in Granville County NC in the year 1779, or 1780, as a drafted man he then being 16 years old. -- That she is of opinion that he served one or 2 other tours of 6 or 3 months, as she has often heard him tell of different expeditions in which he was engaged after Tories & Indians. That he was engaged as one of the North Carolina Militia under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the battle of Guilford C. H. in March 1781 [Battle of Guilford Court House March 15, 1781] -- which time she well remembers -- she does not know when or where her said husband was discharged from the service -- she having in vain made search for his discharge -- That she intermarried with the said James Whicker in the month of June the 15th day in the year 1792 as she believes. The marriage was celebrated by William Dobson Esquire a Justice of the Peace in the County of Stokes NC -- her maiden name was Mary Dean: She was born and brought up in Stokes County (that part that is now Forsyth) where she has resided all her life -- and of which County Forsyth she is still a resident. She believes that she can prove the marriage by one Conny Crews, who is yet living, but does not know of any person living by whom she can prove her said husband's service and she has no documentary evidence thereof -- That she verily believes & swears that he was in the service of the United States at least 9 months --

That her said late husband departed this life on the 30th day of September 1830 in Forsyth (then Stokes) County NC. And that she has ever since remained his widow -- that she has never made application for Bounty land or Pensions -- she being illiterate -- and having been told that she could not succeed unless she could produce her husband's discharges; -- that she believes that her said late husband did not apply -- because she heard him say that he could not draw land because he had not enlisted for 5 years, -- nor money because he had not been wounded in battle -- he died before the passage of the Pension Act of 1832 -- Applicant further swears that she is not, and never was on the Pension Roll of the US or any State, Territory or

District or Agency thereof.

S/ Mary Whicker, X her mark

Witness: S/ Elijah Hester

Attested before: S/ R. Murchison, JP

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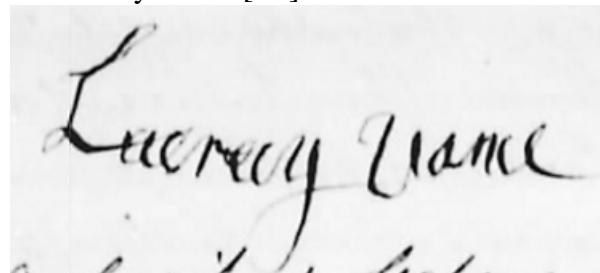
Be it known that on this 14th day of August A.D. 1858, before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for Forsyth County above named, personally appeared Lucretia Vance, aged 86 years, on the 7th day of August Instant, who being first duly sworn before me, doth certify & swear, that she is well acquainted with Mrs. Mary Whicker who has sworn to and subscribed the annexed declaration; that said Mary Whicker was the lawful wife of James Whicker deceased and is now his widow. That she (this affiant) is the sister of the said James Whicker, who was drafted as a soldier in the County of Granville NC where the family then resided -- she does not recollect the date -- but that she was 8 or 9 years old -- that her said brother James Whicker went into the service when very young, and served a tour in the Army, at a place that she thinks was called Ramsey's Mills -- not far from Hillsboro NC -- that she well remembers her said brother starting to the Army -- & that he came home 2 or 3 times with a paper from a Capt. and would stay a day or 2 and then go back -- that after his first tour, he was again drafted or volunteered, she does not know which -- and served another tour she thinks of 6 months or until the Guilford battle that she can safely swear that her said brother James Whicker was in that battle, as she verily believes and swears, (although she was not present) -- because, she has so often heard him and other men who were in the battle tell how they were stationed in front -- and how that after the first fire, they could not see each other

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that her said brother often spoke of one of his comrades having been shot down by his side in the battle that this affiant remembers the day of said Battle -- and that she heard the guns & thought it was thunder -- that immediately after the battle, she heard that her brother James aforesaid was killed, & that she remembers how his mother & the family grieved about it -- that sometime thereafter her said brother James Whicker reached home and they all rejoiced to see him alive -- she verily believes that he was gone in all at least 9 months -- that she does not remember the names of the officers under whom her brother served except General Greene -- she further swears that she is not in any way interested in this claim.

Witness: S/ Thomas Solomon

S/ Lucrecy Vance [sic]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucrecy Vance". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The word "Lucrecy" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Vance".

Sworn to and subscribed before made this August 14th A.D. 1858

S/ R. Murchison, JP

[p 7—part of the affidavit of Conny Crews—I cannot find the introductory portion of this

affidavit on Footnote, [but found it on p. 5 of the HeritageQuest version](#)]

State of North Carolina County of Forsyth

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1858, before the subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for the County of Forsyth above named, personally appeared Conny Crews, a resident of the County of Forsyth and see aged 86 years, who first being duly sworn, according to law, deposes & swears that she is intimately acquainted with Mrs. Mary Whicker who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that she has known her from childhood, they, to wit, the applicant & this affiant, were children and girls together, living only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile apart -- that she, to wit, this affiant, was present at the marriage of James Whicker and Mary Dean, now Mary Whicker, the applicant, and saw and heard the ceremony -- which took place at Dobson's cross roads (now Kernersville) by Com. Dobson a Justice of the Peace in and for Stokes County, NC that this affiant & her late husband Matthew Crews, and one Betsey Swain, went together with the groom and bride to the wedding that the said persons were all dead except this affiant & Mary Whicker the applicant -- who is well known to me to have been the lawful wife of said James Whicker, and has remained his widow ever cents; that she remembers the battle of Guilford, and heard the big guns that it was currently reported and believed that the said James Whicker was in that battle -- that she well remembers that about that time the Tories came to her father's house and took her father John Whicker, prisoner and carried him to the British camp -- they also killed all his cattle. She has been acquainted with James Whicker, from the time he came to Stokes County until his death, that she always heard that he was a soldier in the War -- and never heard it disputed that he was in the war & served as stated by his widow in the foregoing declaration. Also swear that I am not interested in this Claim.

Witness: S/Mary M. Fulp

S/ Conny Crews, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed August 13th, 1858 before me.

S/ R. Murchison, JP