

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Whetmore S11739

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North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term, 1836

On this the 25th day of May 1836, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Charles Whetmore a resident of the aforesaid County, about 72 years of age, 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.

1 Tour -- This Declarant states that on or about the 1st December of the year 1780, there was a call upon the militia of Greenville County Virginia for three months men to guard the Town of Norfolk in that State, that at that time this Declarant was about sixteen years of age and was bound to one Parr, & that Thomas Parr, son of the Parr to whom he was bound was drafted, and this Declarant substituted for said Thomas Parr: -- The Company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain Andrew Jeter, John Williamson was Lieutenant -- that he marched from Hick's Ford on the Meherrin [River] to Norfolk -- and was in Colonel James Moore's Regiment and that under the above named officers he served his said Tour of three months in Guarding the said Town of Norfolk -- at the expiration of his tour, he received a discharge from Captain Jeter therefore -- And in a few days after the expiration of his first tour, not liking the treatment of his master, Mr. Parr, he volunteered for a

2nd Tour of three months on or about the 10th day of January following, as recruits were needed for further guarding the said Town of Norfolk, that in this second Tour, Jesse Butts was Captain & John Woodruff was Lieutenant -- Moore he thinks was still his Colonel: and that during all of said three months tour, this declarant devoted to guarding the Town of Norfolk -- and during this tour, he states that his Lieutenant Woodruff with a small party had a skirmish with some of the enemy in which skirmish Woodruff was killed -- that in this tour as in the first he was in a duly organized Corps -- and for both he received discharges from his respective captains -- that upon his return to Parr, Parr wanted him to surrender the discharges to him, but this he would not do, but preserved them for years but they are now lost.

That these two tours amounting to six months were all this Declarant served in the War of the Revolution & that in both he served as private.

That he was born in Greenville Virginia, in the fall of 1764, as he has understood. That he has no record of his age.

That he was living in Greenville Virginia when he entered the Service, that after the war he lived in Virginia about five years and then removed to Orange (this County) where he has been living ever since;

That when he entered the United States Service the first time he substituted: that when he entered the second time he volunteered.

That the reason why he did not apply at an earlier day for a pension was that he did not previous to this spring know of anyone living in this Section of the Country, that was privy to his serving in the war.

That in the war of the Revolution he knew Captain Moore, Colonel James Moore, Colonel James Monroe, Colonel Lee -- General Lawson, general Stevens Lafayette & others --

That his first discharge was received from Captain Jeter, and that his second discharge was received from Captain Butts. --

That he is known in his neighborhood [to] Thomas Reeves, clergyman and to John Walker -- whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

S/ Charles Whetmore, X his mark

[John Jeffreys, 76 and a resident of Orange County, NC, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he was a resident of Greenville County Virginia at the time of the revolution and knew Charles Whetmore and that it was generally understood that Whetmore served six months in the revolution guarding the town of Norfolk.] [Brittain Bowers. 74, gave a similar affidavit.] [Thomas Reeves, a clergyman, and John Walker gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Supplemental to Charles Whitmore's declaration
State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 12th day of September 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice in and for the County aforesaid Brittain Bowers a resident of the said County now in the 73rd year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the War of the Revolution he lived in Southampton County Virginia, and was acquainted well with Charles Whetmore (then of Greenville County Virginia) now of this County, and an applicant for a pension, and well recollects of seeing said Whetmore as private in the war of the Revolution Guarding the Town of Norfolk -- the precise year he does not remember but thinks it was the winter after Cornwallis' surrenders -- this affiant was then Norfolk at that time on "furlough." Said affiant saith he saw Charles Whetmore after the Close of the war and remembers it was so understood that Whetmore served six months in beauty at that place as private of militia.

Sworn and subscribed this the 13th day of September 1836

S/ A. Watson, JP

S/ Brittain Bowers, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 16th of September 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Charles Whetmore about 73 years of

age, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that in the war of the Revolution, say in the year of 1781, he was an apprentice to one Thomas Parr of Greenville County State of Virginia, and that Thomas Parr, his master, had a son drafted in the United States service for the Term of three months, the precise year he does not remember, but from further inquiry and reflection he is led to believe it was in the first of the winter of the year 1781 when he substituted for young Mr. Parr -- and that after the expiration of said three months as Substitute for young Mr. Parr, this affiant in a week or two afterwards volunteered for a three months tour in the militia -- and was retained this last three months as well as the first three in Guarding the Town of Norfolk. In his first tour Andrew Jeter was Captain, John Woodruff was Lieutenant, Moore Colonel (he thinks)

2nd Tour. Jesse Butts was Captain -- John Williamson Lieutenant -- at the expiration of my first tour I got a discharge from Captain Jeter -- my second discharge from Jesse Butts, Captain -- (both now lost)

This Declarant states that he is illiterate, can neither read nor write, and may not be by a year or so correct as to his age, from the best of his recollection and information [he] was born in 1763, and was perhaps eighteen years when he substituted for Thomas Parr, Junior: if so, he is now about 73 years of age. He thinks it was about three years after his last discharge before he was 21 years of age.

And this affiant in conclusion states that he cannot (that he knows of) render a more complete account of his age and services than he has in the above supplemental statement.

Sworn and subscribed the 16th day of September 1836, before me

S/ Frederic Moize, JP

S/ Charles Whetmore, X his mark

[fn p. 17: on October 19, 1837 and Orange County North Carolina, the veteran gave yet another statement as to his services substantially identical to the prior declarations. This declaration is supported by the affidavits of Thomas Jeffreys and Drury Jeffreys, both former residence of Greenville County Virginia, and neighbors of the veteran giving supporting affidavit as to his having served in the revolution.] [Reuben Jeffreys gave a similar supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the North Carolina militia.]