

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whitlock S11742

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[State of Virginia, King William County]

On the 23rd day of December 1833, Personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of King William, now sitting James Whitlock a resident of said County (of King William) & State of Virginia, aged 70 years the 21st day of March last, who being 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 militia service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated – That he was drafted for this tour from the County of King William, of which he is a native and where he has always lived, under Captain John Catlett in 1779 – he marched directly to Williamsburg where he joined the Army at an encampment called the new Barracks and joined a Regiment under the command of Colonel Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson] marched thence to Sandy Point on James River, where he was under the command of Major George Stubblefield, thence returned to Williamsburg, thence to Little York (or as it is now called York Town) where he was relieved and discharge, he was out on this tour 2 months – was drafted for a second tour from King William under Captain Owen Gwalthmey in 1780, he marched directly to Williamsburg where he joined the Army encamped at new Barracks – Thence he marched through New Kent to Camp Holly thence back to Williamsburg, York Town and thereabouts, was discharged at Williamsburg and was out in this tour 2 months, Colonel Ennis commanded his Regiment – He was drafted for a third tour from King William under Captain James Waide [James Wade?], and marched to Williamsburg where he joined the Army, was stationed there some time, marched thence to the neighborhood of Hampton, thence up James River gradually to Camp Holly marched again from thence, down the River to the Sandy Point, on to Hampton, thence to York Town to Williamsburg, where he was relieved and returned; the enemy's fleet had disappeared for a while, Colonel Ennis commanded the Regiment – out on this tour 2 months – He was drafted for a fourth tour, in 1781 under Captain William Terry from King William, and stationed at Ruffin's ferry in said County on Pamunkey River for one month, thence marched to Bacon's ordinary, in the County of New Kent, thence to Malvern Hills in Charles City County, where he joined the Army, General Lafayette, Colonel John Taylor and Major Campbell were there – marched thence to York River crossed over to the King & Queen County side at the Brick house just below the confluence of the Mattaponi & Pamunkey rivers – thence marched down to Gloucester County & encamped for a time at Hubbard's Field, was marched & countermarched to & fro in Gloucester for some time; – thence to the Dragon bridge in Middlesex County, where he was relieved and discharged and returned home about the last of September – he has no documentary evidence, nor never had a commission being solely a private soldier and in all this tours 3 [sic ?] months, – Hes [sic He] Hereby relinquishes any 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ James Whitlock, X his mark

Questions to applicant by the Court –

1. When & in what year were you born –

Ans. I was born 21st day of March 1763

2. Have you any record & if so where is it

Ans. I have one at home, in my Bible

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live –

Ans. I was living in King William [County] where I have ever lived till now.

4. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service,

Ans. I served at sundry times under Colonels Richeson, Ennis, Matthews, Hickman, Taylor and Major Ragsdale

5. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it –

Ans. I never received any written discharge, being verbally discharged by our captains when relieved by other companies.

6. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and can testify as to your character for veracity and the belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Captain James Jones, Mister John Roane Senior & Junior

7th. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, if so for whom – Ans. always drafted

[Dudley Atkinson, a clergyman, and William Burke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

King William to wit

George Toombs¹ of the County of Hanover made oath before me Phillips Azlett a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County of King William that he is in the 78th year of his age since the 15th day of January last – That he is well acquainted with James Whitlock of this County (King William) who he believes to be near seventy years old. That the said Whitlock has always resided in the said County of King William as far as he knows or believes – That he & Mr. Whitlock went into service together, first to Holt's Forge in New Kent County on Chickahominy Swamp, from whence they marched to the Green Springs on the way to Williamsburg, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Sandy Point in Charles City County on James River, and thence back to Williamsburg, making a tour of about six months – That they first marched under Captain Liston Temple who died in service, after which they were commanded by Captain Owen Gwathmey, and next by Capt. Cowne.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1832

S/ P. Azlett, JP

King William County to wit

Captain James Jones² of this County, made oath before me a Justice of the peace for the said

¹ FPA W3476

² [James Jones S5624](#)

County

That he is in the 84th year of his age since the 1st of July last. That he is well acquainted with James Whitlock of this County who he believes to be nearly seventy years old & that the said Whitlock has always lived in this County. And that he has deliberately examined the above affidavit given by George Toombs as to the services of the said James Whitlock under Captain Terry, Gwathmey and Cowne, and knows it to be accurately stated, as he was with him and performed the same service.

Given under my hand this 23rd of August 1832

S/ P. Azlett, JP

[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.]