

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac White S11757

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State of New York } SS

Washington County }

On this 20th day of August personally appeared in open court before the court of the common Pleas of the county aforesaid now sitting Isaac White a resident of Greenwich in said County aged seventy years & three months 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 he was borne in New Port R. I. At 13 years of age went to Charleston SC. where he arrived on the 5th Nov. 1774. in the summer of 1777 [sic] volunteered into a company of volunteers commanded by Cpt. Philip Praylor Lieut Thomas Parker attached to no particular regiment was on duty 2½ months and through the first seige of Charleston [11 - 13 May 1779]. was under the command of Maj. Gen. Wm Moultrie. held ready to duty at any time. Did garrison duty as often as once in nine days for 18 months The militias were obliged to do garrison duty in consequence of the regular troops being elsewhere engaged. was so engaged till the fall of 78 when he enlisted into a company of artillery raised in Charleston. Capt Anthony Toomer. Benj Wilkinson 1st Lieut. Charles Norm[?] was 2^d Lieut. Daniel Stearns[?] orderly Sergt The company was joined to a Battalion of Artillery commanded by Maj [Thomas] Grimball The Battalion consisted of three companies. One company commanded by Capt Edward Rutledge and the other by Capt Robard who was a celebrated Lawyer. He served three months and through the 2^d Seige of Charleston Gen. Benj Lincoln commanded at that seige This deponent received a severe wound in the thigh. After the capitulation of Charleston [12 May 1780] and on the 12th of April the deponent was paroled according to the terms of capitulation for 12 months and had not the privilege of a citizen while on the parole by the British he was not permitted to go without the Lines which were established by the American army and which had come into the possession of the British by the surrender of the Town under penalty of forfeiting his parole [see note below]. After the expiration of the parole all that would not take the Oath of allegiance to the British King were put on board a prison ship [see note below]. This deponent was of the number and was on board of the prison ship four months. he was then exchanged. The cartel was settled [the agreement for exchange of all prisoners, proclaimed 22 June 1781] and he was put ashore at Jamestown Va. in the summer of 1780 [sic]. He was in the service in all Three years and four months. He has followed the sea at different times for seven years. then came to this county in 1792 and has resided here since He has no Documentary Evidence and knows of no Person by whom he could prove his service has a record of his age in family Bible taken from his fathers. He did not receive a regular discharge when he left the service

he was born at Newport Rhode Island in 1762.

He hereby relinquishes every 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 and subscribed the 28th day of August 1832

[signed] Isaac White

[Certified by Moses H. White and Nathan Skinner.]

State of New York

Washington County Ss.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County - Isaac White who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For two months and a half I served as a private in captain Praylor company under the command of Major General William Moultrie. For two months out of eighteen months he did garrison duty as a private in Captain Phillip Praylors company under General Moultrie at Charleston.

For three months I served as a private in Captain Anthony Toomers company in a batallion of artillery commanded by Maj Grimbball through the second siege of Charleston

For twelve months he was a prisoner at war on parol, during which time he was not allowed the privilege of a British subject - nor permitted to perform any labor - confined within the British lines at Charleston. If he went without the lines or performed labor he forfeited his parol. These were the terms of capitulation.

For four months he was on board of a prison ship - which was anchored in Charleston Harbor as a prisoner of war.

And this deponent farther saith that the reason that he did not name a clergyman, was that he he that there was no one that was sufficiently familiar with his reputation as a soldier to testify to it, he now resides so far distant from where is services were performed, that he has not so frequently comenced upon the subject except with his particular friends.

Answers to the questions which were put by the court

He was born in 1762 at Newport Rhode Island

He has a record of his age in a family bible in his possession

When he was called into the service he lived at Charleston South Carolina. Since the Revolutionary war he lived at Newport Rhode Island and followed the sea for seven years. After that he moved to the Town of Greenwich County of Washington & State of New York where he still resides and has resided for rising forty years.

He was a volunteer when first called into the service

Amongst the officers belonging to Continental army were General [James] Hogun - he thinks he was acquainted with as many as twenty - but has forgotten them, of the State officers he recollects Captain Scott of the Second Regiment - he recollects Col Ellett who commanded the first regiment at Fort Johnson [on James Island] - in the first of the War Moultrie was a Colonel of the Second South Carolina Regiment - commanded Fort Moultrie [then called Fort Sullivan] when the British fleet was defeated [29 June 1776]. he knew Col Thompson commanded the 3^d Regiment of Rangers at a place called ninety six [Ninety-Six SC] besides the officers stated in his first declaration.

He never received a regular Discharge from the service.

The persons to whom I am known in my present Neighborhood and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution are Moses H White, Nathaniel Skinner, Benjamin Remington & Amos Lamphere. Calvin Skinner & others — and further this deponent saith not [signed] Isaac White

Sworn this 1st day of January 1833

NOTE: "The Lines which were established by the American army" may refer to the defensive trench across the Charleston peninsula just north of present Calhoun St. The name Isaac White is found on a letter dated 18 May 1781 listing prisoners aboard the prison ship *Torbay*. See pension application W8352 by the widow of Edward Barnwell.