

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Whicker S17194

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State of Ohio County of Fayette } SS

On this 4th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas holden in and for said County before the judges thereof now sitting William Whicker resident of said County of Fayette and State of Ohio and Township of Jefferson aged 69 years last May 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, he says that in September in the year 1778 as well as he remembers, but as to the year he is not absolutely certain, he was drafted into a Brigade or detachment Commanded by General Butler [John Butler] and Regiment Commanded by Col. William Moore in the Company commanded by Capt. William Gilliam, Lieut. Henry Pertillar [sic, Henry Pattillo] & Ensign Isam Harrison, at Harrisburg Granville County North Carolina for a tour of 3 months; immediately he was drafted he was marched [to] the Waxhaws near the Catawba River there the Army lay a considerable time, while they laid there he and several others of his Company turned out under Col. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and marched about 18 or 20 miles in the night against a detachment of British and Tories under the command of Col. Rugeley, there at a place called Rugeley's Mill, that they succeeded in taking the whole detachment without any firing by converting a pine log into the appearance of a Cannon;<sup>1</sup> that they then helped to guard the prisoners from there to Salisbury North Carolina, at which place he was soon after discharged his term of service having expired. He further states that soon after he returned home he thinks within 2 or 3 months after his said discharge a requisition was made that every 15 men should furnish one, and that he & 14 others drew lots and it fell on him to go again on a tour of 12 months that he drew the lots in Granville County NC where he was raised & then resided. He further says that owing to his health having been impaired in his first tour he was allowed to procure a substitute, and that he got one Elias Pettiford, a colored [man], to take his place for \$150 which he paid him that he went as a cook in Capt. John Harris's Company. He further states that his brother James Whicker who had been drafted into Capt. Hester's [William Hester's] company at the Battle at Guilford Court-house [March 15, 1781] left the Army with a good many others and came home, that soon after Capt. Hester came to Granville County to collect those that had left the Army, and that then this applicant agreed to take the place of his

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<sup>1</sup> The incident described by the applicant occurred at Rugeley's Fort on December 4, 1780 at which the Whigs were commanded by Lt. Col. William Washington, not General Daniel Morgan as stated by the applicant. See, <http://gaz.irshelby.com/rugeley.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_rugeley\\_mills\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html)

brother and was accepted by Capt. Hester, and joined Hester's Company at Ramsay's Mill [sic, Ramsey's Mill] on Deep River, where he remained under the Command of Lieut. James Ellison (Ensign not recollected) as a guard to guard the mill, provisions and flour collected there 3 months the balance of his Brother's term then unexpired -- at the expiration of which time he was discharged and returned home to Granville County -- He further says that after his return home he does not now recollect how long, but not long before the close of the Revolutionary War -- he was hired as a Substitute by General Thomas of Granville County NC to take the place of a millwright whose name he does not recollect, in the service of General Parsons building a mill for him. He says that he entered a Regiment of Cavalry under General Butler, Col. Maben [sic, Robert Mebane] and the Company Commanded by Capt. James Blackwell and Lieut. Patillar, at Wake County NC. They then marched to Wilmington where the Army making exertions after Tories until the news of peace arrived, soon after which he was discharged having made a tour of 3 months. He says that he has no documentary evidence of his Service, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. He says that he was born in Richmond Virginia but when very young moved to Granville County NC where he resided till after the war when he moved to Stokes County NC and about 1802 he moved to Greene County Ohio where he lived till about 2 years ago when he removed to Fayette County Ohio where he now resides as above stated, that he has no record of his age -- but is informed & believes that he was born in Sept. [? he clearly says "May" below in answer to the interrogatories] 1763 -- He further says he never received any written discharge from Service, 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 any Agency of any State --

He says he was born in Hanover County Virginia but he does not recollect positively but believes in the year 1763 in May

The manner of his being called into service he has stated above, and the names of the officers & troops he has also stated

He was living where he has stated in Granville County NC when called into service -- soon after the war he moved to this State Greene County where he lived till about 2 years ago when he moved to Fayette where he now resides

He says he is known to John McCaleb, Richard Fancher, John Biddle & others of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their believes of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood.

S/ William Whicker, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ Jesse Millikan, Clerk

[John McCaleb, Richard Fancher, John Biddle and George Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 9 months.]