

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Whitlock S17195

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[Virginia Henrico County]

On this day personally appeared John Whitlock a resident of Henrico County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the aforesaid County where he has always continued to reside on the 17th July 17__ [paper damaged, last 2 digits missing] that he entered the Militia Service in the County & State aforesaid in the war of the revolution, in the year 1779 as a private soldier under the command of Captain Samuel Price in the first Regiment Virginia Militia and served out a full tour of duty; After that he entered the in the same service in said County of Henrico, as substitute in place of Ezeahiah [sic, Zachariah?] Warner under the command of Captain Joseph Price and served to the end of that tour.

After that he entered the same service in said County under the command of Captain George Brook which will more fully appear by a discharge hereto enclosed marked one & dated on the 31st July 1781.

After that he served the full tour of duty as a substitute in the place of Archibald Austin under the Command of Captain William Carter of the said County of Henrico.

After that, he was again called into service under the Command of Lieutenant W. Slaughter [William Slaughter] and served to the end of the tour which will more fully appear by a discharge hereto enclosed dated the 26 day of May 1782.

After that he entered as a substitute in Charles City County in the place of Henry Finch, under the Command of Captain Major Willcox under whom he continued to serve to the end of the war, how long the different tours were he does not recollect but is very certain that he was in actual service, more than two years, during this period he held himself always ready to march when ordered order to enter as a substitute, he was quartered at various places during the several tours viz. Sandy Point & Barrett's Ferry in Charles City, Little York, Hampton &c he does not recollect the various regiments he was attached to but remembers that he was under General Nelson Colonel Innis Colonel Pleasants Colonel Holt Richeson and many others whose names he does not now recollect in the various Tours he served the full term and in every case was honorable discharged he was in no Battle and only one skirmish when they took a flat bottomed boat and Charles City County during the Siege of York Town he knows of but one person and that is Samuel Warner by whom he can prove his Services, the reason why he has not applied for a pension before this was that he was under the impression that he had lost all his discharges until very recently he had been good fortune to find the 2 hereto annexed 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.

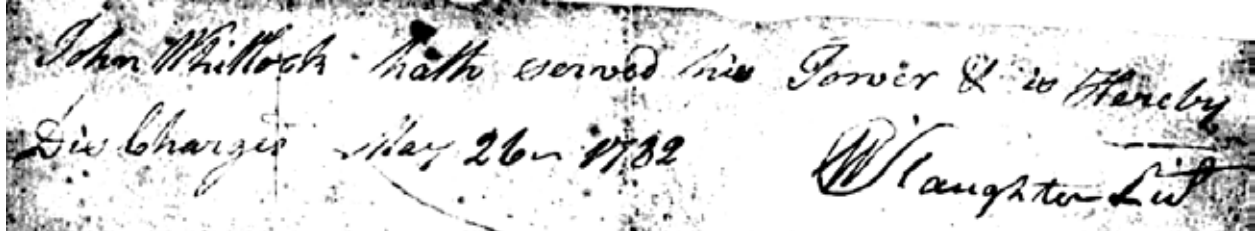
S/ John Whitlock

John Whitlock

[Attested July 8th, 1834 in Henrico County Virginia.]

John Whitlock hath served his Tower & is Hereby discharged May 26 1782

S/ W. Slaughter, Lieut.

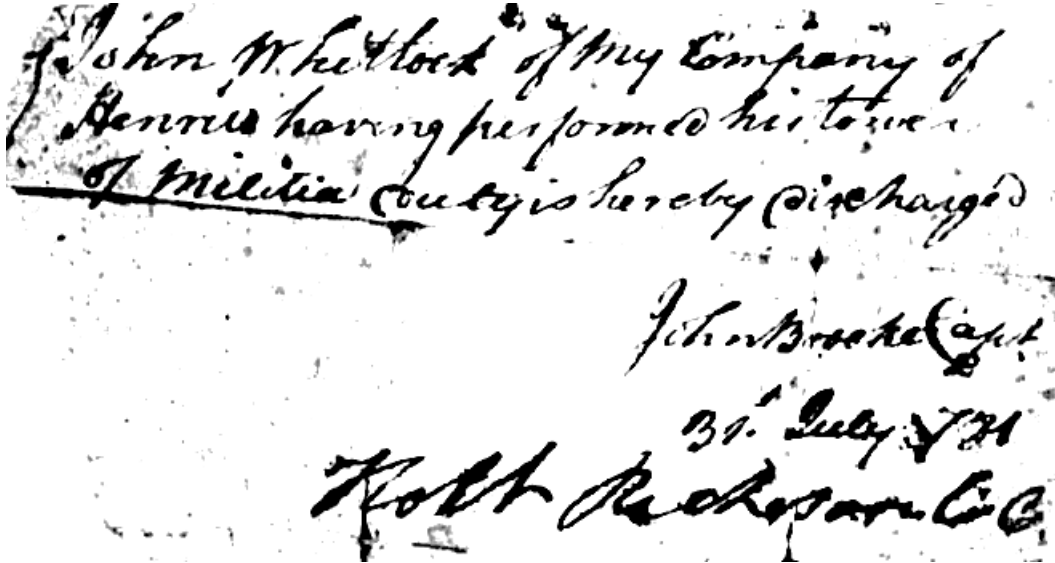
A scan of a handwritten document on aged paper. The text reads: "John Whitlock hath served his Tower & is Hereby Discharged May 26 1782 W. Slaughter Lieut". The handwriting is in cursive and somewhat faded.

John Whitlock of My Company of Henrico having performed his tower of Militia Duty is hereby Discharged

S/ John Brooke, Capt.

32st July 1781

S/ Holt Richeson CC

A scan of a handwritten document on aged paper. The text reads: "John Whitlock of My Company of Henrico having performed his tower of Militia Duty is hereby Discharged". Below the text are two signatures: "John Brooke Capt." and "Holt Richeson CC", with the date "32st July 1781" written between them.

The affidavit of Samuel Warner taken this 21st day of June 1834 having been first duly sworn for that purpose deposeth and saith that he is now sixty-seven years old and resides in the County of Henrico, that he has been acquainted with John Whitlock all his life and the said Whitlock served as a private soldier under the command of Captain Samuel Price in the first Regiment Virginia militia in the war of the revolution and also served as a substitute in place of Ezebhia Warner under Captain Joseph Price, he also served a Tour under Captain George Brook, he also served as a substitute in place of Archibald Austin under the Command of Captain William Carter, he also served a tour under Lieutenant William Slaughter and lastly he became a septic you in the place of Henry Finch in Charles City County under Captain Major Willcox further this deponent sayeth not.

Full faith and confidence can be placed in the affidavit. Given under my hand the date and year 1st above written.

S/ John Haley, JP

State of Virginia Henrico County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid John Whitlock who being first duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & 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 & in the following grades – viz.

For three months I am positive, though to the best of my recollection longer, I served as a private under Captain Samuel Price in the 1st Virginia Regiment of militia entering the service in the year 1779 for which I claim a pension.

For six months I served as a private of militia under Captain George Brooke & was discharged the 31st July 1781 (as see my discharge of that date here file). Of the period of service of this tour I am positive.

For three months, at the [indecipherable word or words] but to the best of my recollection & belief longer I served as a private & as a substitute for Archibald Austin under Captain William Carter of Henrico County. The 3 foregoing tours of duty I performed in the County of Henrico.

For three months certainly but I believe longer, I served on my own account in a militia draft under Lieutenant William Slaughter in the County of Henrico & was discharged on the 26 day of May 1782 (see discharge hereto annexed).

For 3 months positively but to the best of my recollection longer, I served as a substitute for Elzekiah Warner under Captain Joseph Price and Henrico County.

For 3 months I am certain & positive, but to the best of my recollection longer, I served as a substitute for Henry Finch of the County of Charles City under Captain Major Wilcox under whom I continued to serve until the end of the war. My service in this tour was performed in the County of Charles City & at other points already mentioned for these several tours of service I claim a Pension. I served no tour less than 3 months – 1 for 6 months as already stated, but I am positive I was in service a longer time than the aggregate amounts of the terms of service positively stated. How far my period of service over does the time which I have stated with precision, I am unwilling from old age & loss of memory now to say, but what I can't state positively, I have accordingly so stated.

S/ John Whitlock

Sworn to & subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid this 19th day of August 1834

S/ Jacob Mordecai, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the Virginia service.]