

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Whitfield S18281

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In Nansemond County Court 13th May 1833

Virginia, County of Nansemond Sc.

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Riddick, Hardy Cross, Edward R Hunter and Edwin B Sumner the Court of Nansemond County now sitting, Solomon Whitfield a resident of Nansemond County and State aforesaid aged 70 years 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. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered as a militia man (drafted) on his own account on the __ day of __ (time not recollected) under Captain Demsey Sumner [Dempsey Sumner] Lieutenant Michael Holland, Ensign __ Colonel Lemuel Riddick and Major Josiah Riddick: that he served only six weeks then was again called out: that he served several six weeks tours and under different officers, all not now recollected: that he served in all more than six months, that he was not far from Little York at the surrender under the command of Colonel Wills though not at the place: that he marched through the Counties of Nansemond, Norfolk, Isle of Wight and Surry &c.

That he recollects none of the officers of the regular troops except Washington and Lafayette: that he has no documentary evidence: and that he thinks he can prove this by William Boyet¹ that he has no discharge now, having lost the one given him towards the close of the war by whom it was given he does not now recollect, save it was a Lieutenant: that he was at Portsmouth when discharged, where some works were dug down: that he has no record of his age: that he was born in Nansemond County and has always lived here, [to] the present day: that he was as stated a drafted militia man: that he has stated all he knows about the regular Troops further he cannot recollect. 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed)

S/ Solomon Whitfield²

Amended Declaration of Solomon Whitfield

State of Virginia County of Nansemond

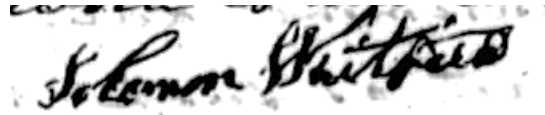
I Solomon Whitfield of the aforesaid County and State, being duly sworn according to law doth, on my oath, make the following amended declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

¹ Sic, Williams Boyt FPA W5844

² the signature of the veteran is in the handwriting of the scribe and not the actual signature of the veteran

That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot swear positively as to the length of my service during the revolutionary war; but, according to the best of my recollection, I served a period not less than 7 months, as a private in the militia, and for which service I claim a pension. – That, to the best of my recollection at this time, I and did the service of the United States in the year 1780 under the command of Captain Demsey Sumner, and during that year served 3 different tours of 6 weeks each under that officer – I again entered the service in 1781 and served one tour of 6 weeks under Captain Robert Riddick, and during the same year I served another tour of 6 weeks under Captain James McClenney – Colonels, Lemuel Riddick and Book Wills, and Major Josiah Riddick were the field officers who commanded during the time I was in service – That I was called into service by competent authority; that my service was performed in the field, in the Counties of Nansemond, Norfolk, Isle of Wight and Surry, Virginia, and that I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the performance of this service. – Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of November 1833

S/ Solomon Whitfield

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Solomon Whitfield". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Elijah Jones and Miles Howell, Senior, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran died September 19, 1836: place of death not stated]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 28 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]