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Pension Application of John Whitman S2023

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State of Tennessee } Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions Sep'r Term 1832
Campbell County }

On this 10th day of September One thousand Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Justices of this said Court now sitting John Whitman a resident of said County aged About Eighty two or three 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 provision made by 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 at that time a resident of Hampshire County in the State of Virginia – that he was there drafted to serve Eighteen months – that he entered the service under the Command of Captain [Henry] Bedinger commanded by Genl. Stoubon [sic: Steuben] – was marched to Winchester from there across the blue ride [sic: Blue Ridge] to Fredericksburg thence to Albemarle Barracks from there to James River to point fork upon James river [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] there we met the British and retreated [6 Jun 1781] up the Country into Halifax County upon the Roan Oak [sic: Roanoke] river from there we marched back and Joined Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne and the Marquis Delafayette [Marquis de Lafayette] remained with them until I was taken sick and sent to the hospital. I had served half my term of service and hired a man to serve the balance of my time, as will more fully appear by reference to my discharge which is hereunto annexed this service was performed in the year 1782

Two years previous to that time I served a four months tour under Captain Swearingin [sic: Joseph Swearingen] of the Eighth Infantry crossed Ohio thirty miles below Fort Pitt & built Fort McIntosh at the mouth of big Beaver [at present Beaver PA], then to the head of Muskingum and built fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River in OH, completed Jan 1779] and then returned home to Hampshire County upon the Potomack [sic: Potomac] river Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh and Gen'l. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] was with the troops. If he ever obtained a discharge for the last mentioned service it is lost; after the war he moved to Tennessee where he now lives 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
John hisXmark Whitman

Frederick County Jan'y 29th 1782

John Whitman a draft for eighteen months from Hampshire County having already served half his time & being rendered unfit for (personal) service by Sickness has produced a man to serve in his stead During the War & as soon as James Ramsay the man who is to serve in his stead shall produce a Certificate, that he has actually joined the Virginia Troops at or near Cumberland Court House, then the said John Whitman shall be entitled to a full discharge & according to Law will be exempted from all Draffts, except in an actual invasion, as having furnished a Man for the War.

[signed] P. Muhlenberg BG

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Carter's Ferry near present Cartersville in Cumberland County lists the following: John Whitman/ age 28/ height 5' 9¼"/ black hair/ black eyes/ fair complexion/ weaver/ born in Augusta County/ residing in Hampshire County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 11 Apr 1781.