

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whitecotten (Whitecotton) S30780

f18VA

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State of Kentucky – Mercer County Court May Term 1833

On this Sixth day of May 1833 – Personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County aforesaid now sitting James Whitecotton, a resident of Washington County in State aforesaid aged Eighty Two 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted for one year at Staunton Augusta County State of Virginia in Captain William Fountain's Company of Infantry and marched to Charlottesville in the State aforesaid and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford [William Woodford], our Lieut. Colonel was Charles Scott afterwards Governor of this State, to the best of his knowledge it was in the year 1776, We marched to Williamsburg and from thence to a place called the Long Bridge where we met the British and defeated them dreadfully,<sup>1</sup> from there to Norfolk, and from thence on board of their shipping with old Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of Virginia] at their head, we took possession of Norfolk where we were afterwards stationed for several weeks from thence we marched to a place called Springfield near Williamsburg where we were stationed until my enlistment expired, and at which place I was honorably discharged, and in the year 1778 as well as this Deponent can recollect he enlisted in Captain Leonard Helms' Company for a tour in the Illinois Regiment of nine months, he was enlisted by Abram Chapline [sic, Abraham Chaplin] who was then an Ensign and recruiting for that purpose at a place near Wheeling called Shurtees, we marched to Wheeling and met Colonel George Rogers Clark the Col. of the Regiment and we took boats and descended the River to the falls of the Ohio, and built a Fort, cleared 5 or 6 acres of land and planted it in corn for the people. From thence we went to Illinois and took possession of Kaskaskia and remained there until my nine months Tour expired, I immediately enlisted again in the company of Captain Joseph Bowman for a twelve months Tour, our Regiment was commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark we marched to Vincennes, and took Governor Hambleton [Lt. Governor Henry Hamilton] together with all the men in the fort Prisoners, where we were stationed until my tour of 12 months expired and at which I was honorably discharged, I will most solemnly declare that I served two years and nine months faithfully during the revolutionary War, and that I received

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<sup>1</sup> Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775 (near Chesapeake, Va., Lord Dunmore: 600-man force of British, Tories and Negroes; Col. William Woodford, 2<sup>nd</sup> VA Regt.)

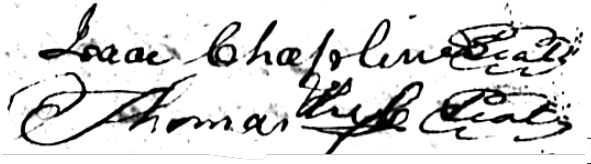
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nothing except the bounty Land that was promised, I have no doubt but what my name will be found on the rolls in the department, I James Whitecotton Do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Whitecotton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Whitecotton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Isaac Chapline and Thomas Kyle, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit. Isaac Chapline was said by the veteran to be the son of Abraham Chapline [sic] referred to in his declaration. They signed their names as follows:

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature reads "Isaac Chapline" and the second reads "Thomas Kyle". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year and 9 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to James Whitecotten (Whitecotton) S30780

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 April 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Whitecotton, James.]

To the Executive of the State of Virginia [7 June 1844]

The memoril of James Whitecotton of the County of Marion & State of Kentucky a soldier in the Army of the Revolution.

Your memorialist will respectfully represent that he was a Soldier under General George Rogers Clark and was at the taking of the several British Posts in the Illinois Country. That his service Commenced in the year 1778 under said Clark who was then Colonel. That he continued in the service occasionally not actually so until the disbanding of the Illinois Regiment. That he has received the land that was allotted to him in the Illinois Grant now opposite the County of Jefferson State of Kentucky but never has received the Land Bounty from the state of Virginia which was promised him & believing himself entitled to other Bountys he is therefore induced to make application which he would have done immediately after the war but for the reason that he has never returned back to Virginia since his leaving there in 1778 and now believing that his name is contained upon the Army Registers of Virginia as being entitled to Land Bounty he respectfully ask leave to refer to the evidence contained therein in support of his Claim and now most respectfully prays the executive of his native Commonwealth to Grant him an allowance for the Land Bounty promised to those Soldiers of the said Regiment of the grade of your memorialist & this he will ever pray

James hisXmark Whitecotton

Mr. Whitecotton was also in the Regular Continental Line of virginia and served several years was among the first troops that left the state.

Sept 2 1847 Rejected R T Daniel L Gov.