

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher White S30785

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia, to wit:

On this 29th of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax Christopher White a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy-five 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 may by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. This applicant states that [he] enlisted a volunteer in the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid in the year 1779 under Lieutenant John Moore for the term of eighteen months, and marched to Richmond crossing James River at that place and from thence crossing Pamunky [Pamunkey] River at New Castle and from thence crossing the Potomac [River] and joined Head Quarters in the State of Pennsylvania, and was attached to the 7th Regiment Virginia eighteen months men & served out his term of eighteen months in that and some in the adjoining States in General Lafayette's Brigade and in Colonel Green's Regiment and in General Green's Brigade and was discharged by Colonel Green before General Greene was sent on to take charge of the Southern Army after General Gates was defeated that he volunteered in February 1781 about the time Cornwallis came with his troops to Halifax and marched from Charlotte County crossing Staunton River at Cole's ferry and Dan River at Irvine's ferry, from thence crossing Haw River at the High Rock Ford and from thence to Guilford and was in an engagement on the 15th of March near Guilford Courthouse, and was in General Stephens [Edward Stevens] brigade and served three months in that expedition and was discharged near Fayetteville. That after he returned home he was called on and 3 or 4 days to serve his own tour was drafted and marched from Charlotte County crossing James River at the [indecipherable word], and from thence to Morben Hills [Malvern Hills], from thence to Old James Town and there had an engagement, and from thence to Richmond and from thence to New Castle and from thence to King William County on the Matapony river [Mattaponi River], crossing the Pamunkey River at Ruffin's ferry and recrossing, said River at Williamsburg and from thence to Little York and was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis for that tour of duty making in all two years of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was born in Mecklenburg County & State of Virginia – was a resident of Charlotte County in the time of the Revolutionary War. – That he removed to Halifax County, after the close of the revolutionary [war] – and do now live in the same. – That he knows no living Person near him by whom he can prove any part of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, that his discharge was washed in his clothes, and lost – that he has no record of his age, that he believes that his register was bond that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Christopher White<sup>1</sup>

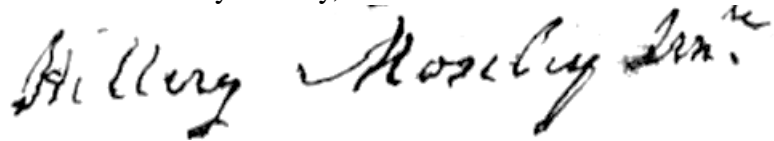
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
[John Arrington & James Willis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Charlotte County and State of Virginia: to wit

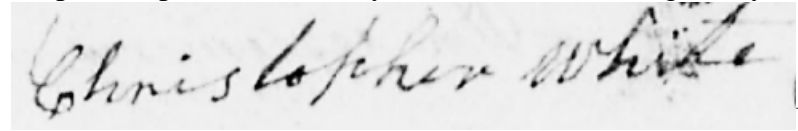
Hillery Moseley<sup>2</sup> aged seventy-three years personally appeared before me William Bacon, a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that in the year 1781; & as well as he can recollect in the month of February of that year; he volunteered his services for six weeks, with an express understanding that he was to be discharged as having served a tour of three months, and that Christopher White marched with him from Charlotte County & State of Virginia to Guilford County State of North Carolina and was in an engagement near Guilford Court House and is now a resident of Halifax County Virginia and an applicant for a pension, further that the said Christopher White is a man of Veracity and respectability

S/ Hillary Mosley, Senior



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of June 1833  
S/ Wm Bacon

[fn p. 72: a power of attorney dated June 1, 1833 signed by the veteran



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State of Virginia Halifax County SS

In addition to the declaration of Christopher White to which the following is annexed make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by a act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That the reason he did not produce the affidavit of a clergyman there was none in the neighborhood. That Joseph Faulkner, John Fitts, Drury Easley who are acquainted with him in the neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution – also Conl. Harry E. Colman who have been acquainted with him for 40 years or upwards. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Christopher White

Halifax County Sworn to and subscribed before me Thomas S. Spragins Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid as the law directs. Given under my hand the \_\_\_ day of June 1833.

<sup>1</sup> I do not believe that the signatures shown on this document is the actual signature of the veteran since it appears to me to be in the identical handwriting used to record his application.

<sup>2</sup> I could not find a federal pension application in the name of this veteran. Consequently, this maybe the only record in the federal pension files of this veteran's service

S/ Tho: S. Spragins

[fn p. 76]The State of Mississippi Noxubee County SS

On this the 16th day of July A.D. 1839, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Noxubee personally appeared Christopher White who, on his oath, declares that he is the same identical person who previously belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Wallace in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson in the service of the United States. That his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia from where he has lately removed. That he now resides in the County of Noxubee & State of Mississippi where he intends to remain & wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to Noxubee County Mississippi, viz. That he had several childrens[sic] residing at the latter place, and was by them and invited – & that he could live easier.

S/ Christopher White

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 16th day of July A.D. 1839

S/ A. W. Dabney, JP

[John White, gave a supporting affidavit. He does not state his relationship, if any, to the veteran but I suspect John White might be the son of the veteran.]

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[fn p. 11: On February 17, 1845 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefits to the agency of that State; he describes himself as formerly belonging to the company commanded by Anderson Holaway [sic ?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Greene; he stated as his reason for moving that he could by land at a lower price and thereby provide a better support for his family.]

[fn p. 8: On November 20, 1854 in Noxubee County, Keziah White made oath that she is the widow of Christopher White, late of said County and state; that her husband was a pensioner for his service in the revolution; and granting a power of attorney to Samuel M Knight of Washington City to pursue the claim she might have for any amount of revolutionary pension. She signed this document with her mark.]

[fn p. 15: facts in file: the veterans daughter Mrs. S. A. Crabtree stated that he died in 1845 and that her mother Keziah died in 1865; the date of marriage and maiden name of Keziah is not included in the file; the veteran moved to Noxubee County Mississippi in 1839.]

[Note: I did not find in this file and explanation for why the veteran was only pensioned for 6 months service when he claimed to have served for 2 years, including an 18 months term in the Continental Army.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]