

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose White S31471

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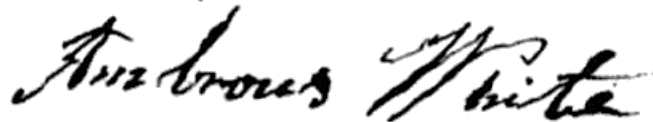
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State of Kentucky County of Franklin: Sct.

On this 24th day of February 1830 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for Franklin County & by virtue of his office one of the Judges of the County Court of Franklin Ambrose White, a resident of said County of Franklin aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the several acts of Congress concerning persons disabled in the Revolutionary War or in the actual service of their country. That he the said Ambrose White enlisted under the late Colonel Richard Calloway, then of the County of Bedford and Commonwealth of Virginia, somewhere about the 15th day of July 1779 for the purpose of guarding powder, lead and other ammunition from the said County of Bedford, to Boonesborough in the now state of Kentucky a distance of some hundreds of miles that he enlisted for a term sufficient to effect said object, and did whilst he so enlisted & in said service accompany the said Colonel Calloway to the said point called Boonesborough as one of his said Guard as aforesaid, and whilst he was in said actual service he with two others of his comrades whilst hunting for provisions for the said Guard under the orders of the said Colonel Calloway were attacked by a party of Indians then at open war & enmity with the Government of the United States, being a party of Wyandotty [Wyandot] Indians who fired on him the said White and his said Comrades wit Moses Muckliwain [Moses McIlvain ?] and __Smith, his Christian name now forgotten, he believes however his name was James, and that he the said Ambrose White was by said fire of said Indians shot and wounded in his left arm just above the elbow, the ball from said fire passing through his arm bone and breaking the same, by reason of which he was utterly & wholly disabled in said arm and have remained so ever since. The Indians being an over match in numbers ^{being seventeen}, they took the said White and Mucklewain prisoners, Smith made his escape & returned to the Fort as he has since been informed. The said wound & capture was received & took place in the month of August 1779 the day of the month not recollected. That the said party of Indians took him the said White & Mucklewain across the Ohio [River] as prisoners aforesaid and detained him the said White in captivity for the space of four years and about four months – the said Mucklewain made his escape from the Indians and about eighteen months after his capture. The said White being unable to make his escape in consequence of his disability from said wound: he ultimately made his escape through the aid of James Gray, Adam Shoemaker & others who had been in captivity with said Indians but who were later long after him the said White – he the said White after his captivity returned to the State of Virginia, to the said County of Bedford where he remained until about the year 1791 or 2 – then he removed to the State of Kentucky to the now County of Franklin, in which County he has resided ever since. His only occupation since he received his said wound or rather since the

date of his captivity has been that of farming & having it carried on. That the reason he never applied for a pension before was on several grounds first that in consequence of his captivity & the death of his Commander Colonel Calloway who was killed by the Indians during the captivity of the said White, he was never able to procure a discharge, Secondly most of his companions in said service had dispersed, were killed or had died before him the said White could see them and that now he does not know of one single one of his said companions being alive, and lastly, he never knew until recently that he was entitled to a pension although he was conscious he was entitled to his pay which he has never to this day received because of his inability to procure his discharge as aforesaid. He further maketh oath that he hath never before applied for and that his name has never been placed on the pension list of the United States for any services whatever, nor is he on the pension list of any of the states of the Union: he further states that until recently he hath been enabled to make his living by the superintendance of a small farm, but that now he is old & infirm & that he his said arm is altogether useless he is constrained to ask of his Country that bounty which it has provided for those in his situation.

S/ Ambrose White

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ambrose White". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

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... Also the Deposition of John Reading Senr¹ taken at the same time & place, The Deponent being in his seventy first year of age & duly sworn Deposeth & saith, that in the year 1780 he was taken prisoner by the Indians at Riddle's Station, then in Virginia now in the County of Harrison & State of Kentucky & that they took him to Upper Sandusky North West of the Ohio River. There in the fall of that year he became acquainted with Ambrose White who has made the foregoing Declaration & statement hereto attached – that at that time the said White was a prisoner with the Wyandott Indians, he then informed this Deponent that he had been taken prisoner the year before near Boonesborough by the Indians, that he had been wounded in the arm and his arm broken, his arm then was in a crippled condition, he further deposeth that in the latter part of the year 1781 he went from the Indian Towns to Detroit leaving the said White still a prisoner among the Indians. In the year 1781 whilst this deponent was a prisoner with the Indians he was told of the escape of Moses Mucklewain, from among them, and some years afterwards he was made acquainted with the said Mucklewain in the State of Kentucky, who related to this Deponent the circumstances of his and the said Ambrose White's being taken prisoners by the Indians near Boonesborough and of White's being wounded by the Indians at that time. Some years afterwards he met with the said White also in the State of Kentucky which was at least as early as the year 1795 or thereabouts. Upon meeting him he recognize him as the same person he saw with the Indians as aforesaid and has been well acquainted with him ever since, from his knowledge of White & the other circumstances he this affiant does not Doubt the statement made by the said White – this Deponent knew James Gray & Captain Adam Shoemaker referred to in this statement of White, and knew they were prisoners with the Indians – that the said White is a man of good moral character and responsibility, and has lived in Franklin County Kentucky ever since 1795 to the best of his knowledge that he has pursued the business of Farming – the said Moses Mucklewain has been dead many years since. And further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ John Reading, Snr.

¹ FPA W579

John Readinger

[attested February 24, 1830 by James Shannon, JP]

[fn p. 15: certificate dated February 27, 1830 given in Frankfurt Kentucky by Patrick Major and Allen F. Macurdy, two physicians stating that they have examined Ambrose White; that his left arm has "...the marks and appearance of an ancient wound just above the elbow joint which appears to have been inflicted by a musket or other ball from a musket or rifle which ball appears to have passed through the arm bone obliquely upwards from the point of this entry, whereby the bone was broke and the arms greatly destroyed, there being much of an enlargement of the said bone at the place of the said wound – the muscle of the arm are contracted and its natural action destroyed and a great decay in the whole arm and its immediate members...."]

Patrick Major
A. Macurdy

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Sct.

On this first day of January 1833 Came in person before James Shannon a Justice of the peace in & for said County Ambrose White a resident of said County aged 77 years who before me made oath that as follows in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1828.

That in the month of July 1779 he the said Ambrose White then lived in the County of Bedford State of Virginia, that in said month he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Army of the revolution for and during the war aforesaid, under Captain Thomas Dulin that after the enlistment aforesaid and therefore Captain Thomas Dulin's Company joined to any Regiment, Colonel Richard Calloway was ordered to take 25 men out of Captain Dulin's Company first choice and take command of them and with them set out to Boonesborough in Kentucky County to bring ammuniton to said Station or Fort on the frontiers, that in conformity to said order he said Calloway did march to said Fort at Boonesborough having first chosen this affiant as one of his men that in the month of August 1779 he said Calloway landed at said Fort Boonesborough with him said White in company that they ran out of provisions by the time they arrived at said Station, that in three days after this affiant arrived at said Fort he went out in Company with others under orders to get provisions by hunting buffalo, that on his return to said Fort he was shot through his left arm and badly wounded and was taken prisoner by the Indians at the same time, and that he continued as a prisoner aforesaid until peace was made in 1783 when he made for his home in Bedford County State of Virginia to his wife and children, having been absent from them four years and five months, this affiant states that on the day he enlisted his father Stephen White his brothers, James & Thomas White likewise enlisted and each of whom served during the whole war in Captain Thomas Dulin's Company until he was killed when some other person was appointed to command said company the name of whom not recollected, that all his

relations aforesaid received discharges, from the commander, but this affiant did not receive a discharge because he was in captivity at the time the war closed as before stated. This affiant states that his Colonel Richard Calloway was killed before he left the aforesaid Fort as he was informed, this affiant states that for the wound he received at the time he was taken a prisoner aforesaid, he was placed on the Pension Roll of the United States as an invalid petitioner, that he is the identical person who is now receiving a pension under the certificate issued to him on the 15th day of March 1830 – he therefore refers to the proof taken in said case to substantiate the present application.

He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension except the present for his services as a soldier but not that to which he is entitled as an invalid aforesaid, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the United States or any agency thereof except as an invalid aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Ambrose White, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct personally appeared before me E. H. Blackburn one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for said County Daniel Trabue² 73 years old Resident in Adair County and State aforesaid and made oath that he became acquainted with Ambrose White in Bedford County Virginia in July 1779. That whereas Colonel Richard Calloway and myself went to Virginia to pack out powder and lead for the use of the Garrisons and soldiery in Kentucky and the said Colonel Calloway was authorized to procure men and horses for said expedition & 35 men turned out volunteers to guard and pack out said powder and lead and said Calloway promised said volunteers that they should have pay until they returned to Virginia and they were to rest a reasonable time in Kentucky every one of those volunteers furnished himself with a horse saddle & bridle & gun & accoutrements and was to be paid accordingly for it but I have forgot what they was to have for it the pack horses was procured we started out and went on to the lead mines on New River and got they had we had 40 pack horses to packed powder & lead on we got safe to Boonesborough with the said powder and lead I was at the time Deputy Commissary in Colonel G. R. Clark's [George Rogers Clark's] Regiment I went on to Logan's Fort with some of the said powder and lead and in a few days I heard that Ambrose White and Moses Muckelwain was taken or killed by the Indians sometime after this Moses Muckelwain made his escape and informed me of the whole affair and told me A. White was yet with the Indians and when he was taken by them he was badly wounded and shot in the left arm and broke all to pieces. I do further state that the said Ambrose White did faithfully do his duty in guarding and packing the said powder and lead to Boonesborough agreeable to his engagement he was actually was a soldier when taken prisoner by the Indians in August 1779 and had furnished his own horse saddle bridle gun &c for said expedition. I do further state that I am now present with the said White now in Woodford County Kentucky and he is the same man as I have spoken of above which did the said services. The said White now is a Resident of Franklin County with his lame arm which was broken by the Indians and the said White is at this time much afflicted with his wounded arm – more so now than when he first came home as his fingers hand & arm is drawn up more than when he first came home and more perished away this 13 day of May 1833

S/ Daniel Trabue

² FPA S14727

Daniel Trabue

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Ambrose White S31471

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State of Kentucky

Franklin County Sct

This day Came in person before me Ambros White who before me made oath that in the month of July 1779 he enlisted as a private soldier in the army of the revolution for and during the war, under Captain Thomas Dulin. that at the time of his enlistment as aforesaid he resided in the County of Bedford State of Virginia, that a few days after his enlistment as aforesaid, the Company of said Dulan's was on the march to join some Rigrant, when Richard Calloway who was an officer was commaned to take 25 men out of Captain Dulins Company, and march to Boonsborough in Kentucky County, that under said order he Calloway Chose this affiant as one out of s'd Company – and 24 others, all of whom marched to Boonsborough, and laid there in the month of august 1779, that three days there after this affiant was taken prisoner by the Indians after having been wounded in his left arm, and remained in Captivity untill 1783 when peace was made when he returned home to his family in Bedford county VA after having been absent four years and five months, he states that on the day he enlisted his father Stephen & his Brothers Thomas [Thomas White] and James White alo enlisted all of whom served during the war, and were discharged from the service by writings signed by their Commander, but that this affiant did not receive a discharge because he was in Captivity at the time the war ended for which he enlisted as aforesaid. he Swears he never has received any land bounty for his service from the State of Virginia or the United States, and that he has not sold or transfered his right to the Same to any one living nor has he ever made any application before, that he is now on the Pension Roll fo the United States under the act of may, 15th 1828, at the rates of \$96 a year, that his certificate bears date March 15th 1830 he relies of the fact of his having been placed on the Pension Rol as conclusive of his services in said war, and begs this to be considered as a application for his bounty land, to his excellency the Governor & his Hon'le Counsel of Virginia

Sworn to and subscribed this day of January 1st 1833. Abraham hisXmark White