

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas White S31474

MD [NC]

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } SS.

County of Monroe }

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Monroe County Court Now sitting Thomas White a resident of Monroe County and state of Kentucky Aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officer He Enlisted for four month but served six before discharged under Capt Jacob Goodman of Frederick County Maryland where me the claimant resided his Lieutenant name not remembered and his Colonel of the name of Shihawk [sic: Henry Shryock] We march to Annapolis and thence to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] Thence to a small town on the Delaware River and went to Philadelphia there the clothes of the Regiment was coloured black and was called the Black Hunting Shirt Regiment in the flying camps but the Number of the Regiment the claimant does not recollect Thence to Trenton New Jersey Thence to New York thence to York Island where we had an engagement with the British Resen Bell [sic: Reazin Beall] was commander of the day and we defeated them [Battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776] Thence to White plains where we under arms the whole night expecting an engagement Thence to Fort Lee across the North River where we remained until after the surrender of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] The claimant saw the americans march out of the fort from Fort Lee we then abandoned fort Lee [20 Nov 1776] and marchd to Philadelphia where we remained in Barracks until money was received to pay off the soldiers and was discharged having served six months which discharge is entirely worn out The claimant further states he was a daily labourer and travelled in to the state of Pennsylvania and substituted in the place of a drafted man for two months but the mans name he has forgotten his Capain name was Ferguson who was killed a few days before the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] in a small skirmish the claimant was in the Battle of Brandywine and then retreated to Philadelphia thence we were ordered out towards Lancaster where we expected to meet the British We had an engagement with them near the sign of the White Horse [3 mi W of present Malvern PA, 16 Sep 1777] we were marchd to the schuylkill River above Philadelphia and crossed and soon as we got across, the English came to the other shore where we remained between the Schuylkill & Delaware rivers above Philadelphia we had no other engagement in this he was acquainted with Gen'l Washington & [Benedict] Arnold he was discharged by his Captain

The claimant farther states he volunteered under Captain Moses Cavet [sic: Moses Cavett] from the County of Sullivan [sic: Sullivan] in the Territory of the united states south of Ohio River (now Tennessee [then part of North Carolina]) and Colonel [Isaac] Shelby We marchd through North Carolina and into South Carolina to General Marions [Francis Marion's] Camp on the Santee River where we remained a few days and went to a house [house] surrounded by logs &c where we took upwards of one hundred prisoners [probably invalids in a hospital at Fair Lawn Plantation, 17 Nov 1781] and returned to his encampment having travelled nearly all night until near day the prisoners was sent across the River Santee as we expected the enemy to follow us which they did until they came to the swamp and sounded a charge which we lay in ambush waiting for them they retreated back toward their post but the claimant now being old and infirm and badly crippled he cannot recollect the year in which he served this tour but is of the opinion he served two months and returned home

And the claimant further saith he volunteered under Captain Vincent [probably Thomas Vincens] from the County and Territory aforesaid under Gen'l Martin [sic: Lt. Col. Joseph Martin] as an Indian spie but the year he cannot recollect against the Cherokee Indians The march to the Lookout Mountain in the nation near the Tennessee River there they met the Indians where the Indians fired on us and three

Captains was killd and Capt Vincent was wounded [20 Sep 1782] – The Indians was defeated We only killd two Indians that we saw then we returnd home haveing performd a tour of two month The claimant farther saith he has no documentary evidence in his possession and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services without too mutch expense and inconveniency

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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