

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Whetstone S32591

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State of Indiana } Ss.

Dearborn County }

On this 12th day of Nov. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of Probat now sitting, Daniel Whetstone, aged 82 years a resident of Dearborn County Indiana, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7 A.D. 1832:

That he served in the Maryland militia for the term of three months; and believes it was in the year 1778, under Gen Washington, Col Davis, Maj. Charles Swearingen [Charles Swearingen], Capt Jacob Sharer, Lieut John Funk; that he marched from Maryland to N. jersey, and took up winter quarters seven miles from Morristown, which was called the Headquarters for the militia that winter; that the English lay at Trenton at the same time, that on the 19th of March, he, with the whole Maryland militia returned home; and sometime in the same month he received his discharge from capt Sharer; that he was in no battle during these three months; that he lived in Funkstown near Hagerstown, Maryland. That he has no documentary evidence, having worn out or lost his discharge; that he cannot prove his service by any body now living near him; but if Abraham Bayer were now here, who was sometime in the state of Ohio, he could establish his Service by him

That about two years after this, he the deponent, again entered the militia service in North Carolina under Gen. [Griffith] Rutherford, Col. William Grimes [sic: William Graham, pension application S8624], Capt. John Dellinger [John Dellinger, W19180], Lieut. Mike Hostetler; but was some part of the time under Col Hamright [sic: Frederick Hambright R4504]. That he entered this time about the last of Febuary and continued until after harvest; making about six months; that he lived in Lincoln county North Carolina, when col Grimes called on "all in favor of Liberty;" upon which call he turned out volunteer, and served as above stated; that at this time, the regulars lay down towards Charleston; and our business was scouring the country in quest of Tories. while in this service he was in company with Henry Dillinger [Henry Dellinger], brother to his captain John Dillinger when Able Botic[?], brother-in-law to Col. Grimes rode by, and was persued by deponent and Dellinger, and took him prisoner, and sent him to his brother-in-law: Col. Grimes sent the prisoner to Salsbury jail; but he escaped on the way, and run away toward Charleston and remained three or four months; and again returned to his family near where deponent was stationed, where he was killed in his wife's arms, by a company of light horse. That previous to this six months service, deponent was out at short intervals of ten or fifteen days at a time after Tories. That while under Col. Grimes, Col Hamright sometimes joined Grimes. That Grimes marched to the South Fork of the river Catawba to join Col. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] who lay on the other side; but did not cross over. The deponent never received any pay for this service rendered in Carolina; but did for his services rendered in Maryland

The deponent, after he left the militia service in Carolina, quit his home in Lincoln county, in company with his neighbors, and fled at the approach of Cornwallis, who in four days afterwards was on deponents farm [about 24 Jan 1781]. Deponent then made the best of his way to his old home in Funkstown, Maryland That after his return to Maryland he, the deponent, was repeatedly out with small parties ketching Tories That he was at one time employed four or five weeks in this business under Col. Shrihock [sic: Henry Shryock]. The tories taken about this time, (which were a great many in number) were put in the Hagerstown jail, and the stables in Hagerstown, and a guard was kept over them. They were afterwards marched to Fredericktown, where they had their trial. Three of them were hung at Middletown in the mountains, between Hagerstown and Frederick town.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity; except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Daniel Whetstone

Interrogatories propounded by the court to the said Daniel Whetstone, under oath, to wit:

1st Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Maryland, near Hagerstown, in the year 1750

2^d Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer. No, I have no record of my age.

3^d Where were you living when called into Service? where were you living since the revolutionary war? and where do you now live?

Answer. In Funkstown Maryland when called into service; since the revolution, in Maryland for a long time; in Ohio for 10 or 12 years in Dearborn county Indiana 7 years

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted the first time & volunteered the second

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service

Answer. I was acquainted with capt Harmer in the regular service and also knew Capt Ragan

6th Did ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it

Answer. yes I did. Capt Sharer gave me one and I wore it out or lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in you neighborhood and to whom you &c.

An. Peter Ramer, Henry Ramer, Jacob Spangler, Col. Royston, Maj Isaac Randall Philip Roland
John McPike

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Dearborn & state of Indiana, Daniel Whetstone who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his time of service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades;

In the year 1778 (in the winter (I served three months in the Maryland Militia as a private. The next term of Service (about two years after the former) I served five months in the militia in North Carolina as a private. The next term of service I served four weeks in the militia, under Colonel Shryback. During the above specified terms of service I was not employed in any civil pursuit, and for the above services I claim a pension [24 May 1833]

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