

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elijah White S32592

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State of Virginia

Caroline County to wit.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Caroline County, now sitting, Elijah White a resident of the United States in the county of Caroline & state of Virginia aged seventy one, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as hereafter stated. That he was drafted in the spring of 1780 at the White Chimneys in Caroline County Va in which county he then resided to serve a tour of six months in the militia, that he marched under Captn James Johnson of Caroline, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Wm Harrison, Ensign Sam Norman [sic: Samuel Normont], from White Chimney to Richmond, thence to Hillsborough N. Carolina, & then to Guilford C H, thence to Camden [SC], where Gen'l Gates [Horatio Gates's] army to which I was at that time attached was defeated [16 Aug 1780] hence we marched to head quarters on big Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee River] thence back again to Hillsborough. here I was detached as part of a guard to carry some Tories who were made prisoners in S Carolina to Winchester Va thence I marched to Fred'bg [Fredericksburg] Va where I was discharged I did not reach the regular Army under Gen'l Gates till the night before the battle. I formed no acquaintance with any of the officers of the Continental line. In the course of the ensuing year I marched as a substitute for my brother to Maupin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County], I served only one month on the occasion and do not remember any of my officer's names. I remember that a man was tried and hung at Maupin Hill whilst I was there. The last year of the war I was drafted and marched from Caroline County under Captn Jamison [David Jameson] of Caroline to Hanover town, thence to Williamsburg where we were stationed till we were driven away by the British forces. we retreated [illegible word] the South west mountains We were joined however by the regular forces I believe commanded by Wayne & Greene [see note below], this I'm not positive, and now the British were compelled in return to retreat before us I was at this time discharged, having served the time for which I was drafted, this I know was at least two months, probably three. I should have stated that we marched from Williams burg to Richmond before crossing the South West mountains at Richmond we met with Gen'l Washington but he had no forces with him [see note below]. I positively declare that in the whole I served nine months in the Revolution - probably ten. I knew several others now living who served with me and who I know recollect my serving, but my age and debility as well as theirs render it extremely difficult to obtain their evidence I am 71 years old was born in this county in 1761 but have no record of my age

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Elijah White

The State of Alabama } SS

Franklin County }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855 personally appeared before me John Brown a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Elijah White aged ninety four years a resident of Franklin County and State of Alabama who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Elijah White who was a private in the company Commanded by Captain James Johnston in the Third Regiment of the Virginia Malitia Commanded by Col Wilkisson [sic: Holt Richardson] in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. That he was drafted on or about the year [blank] for the term of nine months and continued in actual service in said war for more than fourteen days and was honorably discharged at [blank] on the [blank] and this affiant here states that he has been and is now receiving a pension as a soldier of the revolution and here refers to the pension list for confirmation of the above declaration

he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March the 3d 1855. he also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefor  
[signed] Elijah White

NOTES:

Gen. Nathanael Greene was in South Carolina on 10 Jun 1781 when Gen. Anthony Wayne and Gen. Lafayette combined forces at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River and compelled the British to withdraw. Washington did not arrive in Virginia until Sept.

On 14 Apr 1841 Elijah White applied to have his pension transferred to Franklin County AL, where he had moved in Oct 1836 because "most of his descendants to wit, Four Children & Fifteen of his grand children had Removed to & Reside in the State of Alabama."