

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel White S3531
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State of Tennessee, Williamson County: November Term of the Chancery Court 1832 held at Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee.

On this 13th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court now sitting before me, William P. Ruise, one of the Chancellors in and for the state of Tennessee, Samuel White a resident of said county and state aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration so as to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

I was born in the year 1755 in North Carolina, Iredell County where I was raised and lived till after the Revolution. In my 25th year I was drafted into Capt. John Sloan's company attached to Col. Walter Sharp's regiment, George Niblet was the Ensign, and William Boanes Sergeant, in Capt. Sloan's company.

I entered this company three months preceding the 24th of March 1780, as will appear by my discharge signed by Capt. Sloan of that date. We were marched from Iredell under Col. Sharp to South Carolina to Charleston which the British were about to attack. After serving until the 24th of March 1780; I was discharged as aforesaid which discharge is here exhibited marked (A).

I was next drafted a second three month tour while living in Iredell County, N Carolina into Capt. Fletcher's company attached to Col. Francis Lock's [sic, Francis Locke's] regiment. I entered this company three months prior to the 5th of December 1781. We were marched from Iredell County to Salisbury, N Carolina where we remained guarding the Tories¹ during the whole tour. Gen. Davidson¹ commanded while we were at Salisbury.

I know of no officers except those stated who were with the troops where I served. I know of no person in the country who can prove my services as stated.

I am acquainted with Esqr. McCrady, Riley Ragsdale, John Ragsdale &c who can certify to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services in the Revolutionary War. I have no record of my age, but I recollect pretty well I was 25 when I was first drafted which was in 1780.

I lived after the war in Iredell County, N Carolina until 1812, when I moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. I was discharged in my second tour on the 8th of December 1781, signed by Captain William Fletcher, and Colonel Francis Locke. I here annex my second discharge marked (B).

¹ The reference to General Davidson indicates that the applicant was wrong either as to the dates of his service or the command of Davidson. William Lee Davidson was killed at the battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781. However, the discharge included with this application is clearly dated December 8, 1781 and makes reference to Genl. "Davison." Were there two General Davidsons in the NC militia? Is it possible that this applicant served his three months not in successive months but in services split between early 1781 (when William Lee Davidson was still alive) and late 1781?

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Samuel White, S his mark

[John Ragsdale, a clergyman, and Andrew McCrady and Riley Ragsdale gave the standard supporting affidavit. Andrew McCrady also gave an affidavit that his father (not named) was a Revolutionary Soldier who served with Samuel White. McCrady also says he is familiar with the handwriting of Capt. Sloan and that exhibit (A) is in Sloan's handwriting.]

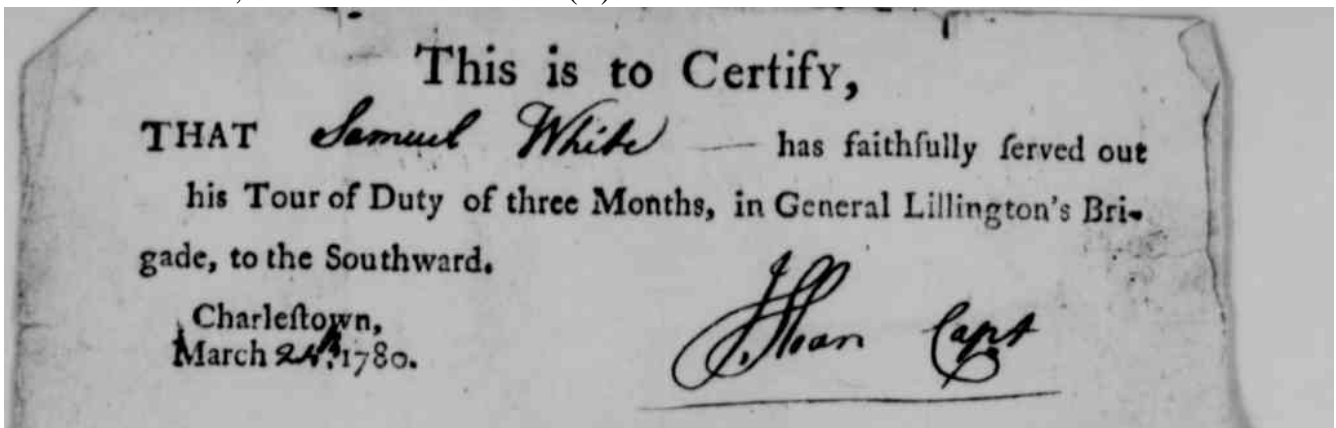
[Printed form discharge—handwritten portion in italics.]

“This is to Certify

That *Samuel White* has faithfully served out his Tour of Duty of three Months, in General Lillington's Brigade, to the Southward.

Charlestown,
March 24th, 1780”

S/ J. Sloan, Capt.
(A)



“Camp at Salisbury December 8th 1781

This may Certify that Samuel Whight [sic] has Served his three months tower of Duty including twelve Dayes that he served Ordered by General Davison in my Compy under the Command of Colo. Lock [sic] as a good and faithfull Soldier and is hereby Dis Charged [sic].

S/ William Fletcher, Capt.

S/ Francis Lock, Colo.

(B)”

Camp at Salisbury December 8th 1791
This may certify that Samuel Wright has served his three
months term of Duty including twelve days
that he served ordered by general Davison in my company
under the command of Colo Lock as a good and faithful
Soldier and is hereby Dis Charged. William Fletcher Capt
(B) Francis Lock Colo