

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of John White S3539 [BLWt. 75041-160-55]

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[fn p. 44]

Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.
State of Tennessee, Polk County

On this 6th day of March 1838 personally appeared before me John Cass an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid John White a resident of the County of Polk and State of Tennessee Aged ninety four years Who being first duly sworn according to the law doth an his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832. That he Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Declarant says he was living in Union District in the State of South Carolina and was drafted in the United States under Captain Jolly's [Benjamin Jolly's] Company as a private horseman in a regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] in the year of 1780 in the month of January and was marched to the City of Charleston in a few days after we reached Charleston we were marched out of Charleston to a placed called the Ten mile house and was stationed there in garrison three months and was marched from there home and was discharged after serving the time of three months in said company and regiment. Declarant further says he was again drafted into the service of the United States in a Company Commanded by Captain Joseph Hughes, a private in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon in Union District in the State of South Carolina in the month of May 1780 and was engaged through the upper part of the State of South Carolina declarant says he with some Hundred others were detailed guard the House and mills of Colonel Brandon which he had taken from Colonel Flecher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] who was a Tory and was then gone to the British declarant says that he was never Engaged in any battle but was in the service of when the battles of King's Mountain,² the battle of the Cowpens³ and of Blackstock's ford⁴ was fought but was on

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² October 7, 1780

³ January 17, 1781

⁴ November 20, 1780

other duty the country he marched through was the upper parts of South Carolina and North Carolina and Georgia at one time forcing the Cherokee Indians across the Hightower [sic, Hiwassee?] river in the State of Georgia. declarant says he continued in the service in said company until the British evacuated Charleston (12 Dec 1782) or about that time declarant says by reason of old age and consequent lapse of memory he cannot say positively how long he served but to the best of his recollection he did not serve less than two years and six months and during said time he was either in a field or garrison and was not engaged in any civil pursuit declarant says he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge to prove his services by and that he knows no one but William Prewitt that he can prove his services by declarant says that William Prewett⁵ can testify to his service who was a Revolutionary Soldier and was acquainted with his service or a portion of it declarant says the reason he never claimed a pension before that he had property and enough to live on and keep him from want and could do without it. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Cass

S/ John White, X his mark

Justice of the Peace

[Henry M. Dodson, a clergyman, and Almon Gwinn [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Petition

To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives in Congress Assembled your Humble Petitioner John White now a Citizen of Polk County in the State of Tennessee now aged ninety-seven years, your Petitioner says that he was a Revolutionary Soldier and served more than 2 years in the Companies commanded by Captains Jolly & Hewes in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon in the State of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. Your Petitioner says when the law of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 was past he did not avail himself of the opportunity of presenting his claim which at that time he could have proved his service by many living witnesses as your Petitioner then fell to proud to be a pensioner, but having changed his mind in the year of 1850 your Petitioner claimed the benefit of the above mentioned law. Your Petitioner having failed of having his claim allowed by the Commissioner of Pensions your Petitioner prays the Honorable Congress of the US to take up his papers which he has presented to the Commissioner of Pensions and examined them and if in their opinion he is entitled to a pension for his toil in the Revolution to pass a law for his Relief and benefit Granting him the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and your Petitioner will ever pray.

S/ John White, X his mark

[fn p. 650: Certificate dated June 5, 1851 from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office in Columbia certifying the payments shown to a John White for militia service during the revolution including payments for 101 days of duty as a horseman & 210 days

⁵ [William Prewett R8460](#)

duty as a footman and Captain Jolly and Captain Hughes' Companies and Colonel Brandon's Regiment from Me 7, 1782 March 31 1783.]

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State of Tennessee Bradley County: On this 9th Day of March 1851 personally appeared before me John Stanfield an acting Justice of the peace for said County and State aforesaid William Prewett who being duly sworn according to law says he was personally acquainted with John White who was a Revolutionary Soldier and lived in Union District in the State of South Carolina and served to his personal knowledge in the Revolutionary War under Captain Jolly and also under Captain Hughes in a Regiment commanded by Thomas Brandon who was a Colonel in said war affiant says he saw said White after during [sic, doing] said service but does not know [how] long the said White served. He saw him at Colonel Fletcher's [sic, Colonel Thomas Fletchall] who was a Tory Fletcher was run off and Colonel Brandon had taken possession of his house and mills and the said White was there a guarding said place in Union District affiant says he is 88 years old.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ John Stanfield, JP

S/ William Prewett, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Polk County: On this 3rd day of May 1856 Personally appeared before me John Cass an acting Justice of the peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths in and for the County aforesaid John White who deposes and saith in due form of law that he served both as a footman & horseman in the war of the Revolution in the South Carolina forces from 1780 till near the close of the war under Captain Jolly Captain Hughes and Colonel Brandon that for particulars of his said Service he refers to his own Declaration and papers now on file in the pension office -- That his father's name was John White -- that his said father was in a part of the same service but only for a short time near the close of the war.

S/ John White, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.27 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 3 months service as a private of Infantry and 6 months & 24 days service as a private of Cavalry.]