

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen White S3542

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court August Sessions 1832

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared before Henry Trott, Varner D. Cowan & James C. Mitchell Esquires worshipful justices of the court of pleas & quarter sessions of the said County of Rutherford now sitting, Stephen White resident in said County of Rutherford State of Tennessee aged sixty-nine years & upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, by being accepted in the place of one Thomas Parham in the year of 1781 in the month of April, with Captain Armstrong, he thinks his name was William, in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment under the following named officers, __Armstrong was the name of his Captain he does not recollect the names of the Regiment or of the Colonel who commanded it -- the name of one of his lieutenants was Dixon as he believes. At the time he enlisted he was a resident of Granville County & entered the service at Frowhawks [sic, Frohock's] Mill in the neighborhood of Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina -- he there continued, to guard the magazine at that place & to do the other duties of a soldier, until late in the fall of that year when he was transferred to Salisbury & put under Edmund Gamble, a quarter master at that place -- he there continued to do the duties of a soldier until the expiration of twelve months from the time he entered the service, he was discharged from the service by Edmund Gamble¹ in the quarter masters department, on the 5th day of April 1782 in the town of Salisbury, & a certificate was given him by said Gamble, certifying that he had faithfully discharged his duties, and served his time out & recommending him to any field officer, belonging to the Continental line to discharge him, He never saw a field officer afterwards & never applied for a regular discharge -- His certificate he has lost long since: but has seen his name of what was said to be a copy of the North Carolina roll at Nashville in the Clerk's office of the federal court, some years ago -- Before, he entered the Continental service he served two tours of three months each in the militia of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War -- In the County of Granville in the month of August he believes in the year 1780 -- shortly after Gates

¹ Edmund Gamble [Gambell] was an officer in the NC Continental army and was acting as a quartermaster from 1778 until after the close of the war.

defeat at Camden,² he volunteered as a militia man for three months in the company commanded by Captain Charles Yancy he does not recollect the Regiment, marched to Hillsboro in Orange County, there we met the flying remnants of Gates Army, & his baggage wagons, which our company guarded into the State of Virginia Mecklenburg County at a place then called the magazine, near the Roanoke, where we continued to guard the public property until our time had nearly expired, when we were marched back to Granville Court house & then discharged, I Captain Yancy. He does not recollect the names of any Continental field officers or others in said service, he saw but few continentals. The wagons were guarded principally by the militia. He believes in the month of December 1780, he again entered the militia service as a substitute for one Joshua Bullock at Harrisburg near Granville Court house North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Richard Harrison -- he does not recollect the Regiment Colonel Joseph Taylor he believes commanded it -- There we continued guarding the public stores until the month of February following -- when we were marched to a place not far from Hillsboro North Carolina there we joined General Butler of the North Carolina militia, he heard of Cornwallis & Tarleton approaching Hillsboro when he marched with his small force towards Warrenton where we got a reinforcement of militia from several Counties below -- then we marched back to Hillsboro. Thence to the high rock Ford on Haw River where we joined the Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], at that place our term of service expired a few days before the battle of Guilford when this declarant was discharged having served a three months tour. He does not recollect the names of any of the Continental officers, he had no connection with them & was young when he entered the service. This declarant from the information of his family was born in the month of November the 25th 1762 in Granville County North Carolina where he lived until 1784 when he removed to Madison County Kentucky -- there continued till 1805 when he moved to Rutherford County Tennessee where he has resided ever since. He has no record or register of his birth to refer to that he knows of, -- He has long since lost his discharges -- And he has no person that he knows of whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service -- And he has no documentary evidence of his services, except the roll of the Continental troops will show his Continental services -- He is known to Robert Miller, Stephen Lynch, John McClure & George Jones his neighbors, living in his immediate vicinity who can testify as to his character for veracity & that they believe he served as a soldier in the revolution.

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

S/ Stephen White

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk

[George Jones, a clergyman, Robert Miller, Stephen Lynch and John McClure gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the list of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Stephen White was allowed for his services in said line, the sum of twenty-five pounds sixteen shillings (£25.10.0) that the same was drawn by Charles Partee and that the voucher on which the said claim was drawn is said to be missing.

² August 15-16, 1780.

Given under my hand this 24th day of March 1834
S/ Wm Hill

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Raleigh 20th of February 1834

Sir

I have carefully searched the muster rolls in my Office for your name, but find only the name of one Stephen White, who was a Sergeant in Captain Reed's Company of the first Regiment, enlisted for three years and died the 28th day of June 1778.

I have (if I am not mistaken) had your declaration sent to me by the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington, when I did everything I could for you.

I do not find the name of Zachariah Wellborn on the rolls.

Yours respectfully

S/ Wm Hill

Mr. Stephen White

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Raleigh 1st May 1834

S. R. Rucker, Esqr.

Sir.

Your letter on the subject of Stephen White's claim for military services performed in the revolutionary war is received. I find on the list of settlements from which I made the certificate you hold in favor of Stephen White, that there were two Stephen White's allowed; one £25.26 -- the other £53.10.1. But I have nothing to show for what time these allowances were made, or by which I can ascertain whether they were made for a dead or a living man. I am of opinion the larger sum was allowed for the services of the dead man, and the smaller for the living, but I cannot say positively.

Yours etc.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court August term 1834

On this 21st day of August 1834 came into open court, before the worshipful justices John Fletcher, Henry D. Jamieson and William Vinson, holding said court Stephen White (who heretofore applied to the war department for a pension which was allowed him for his militia service; but his claim for twelve months service as a Continental soldier being rejected) who after being duly sworn according to law, makes the following statement -- He is dissatisfied with the decision made by the department, & knowing that he performed the service stated in his original declaration, which is a re-examination & to be allowed an increase of pension in proportion to that service. He says he may have been mistaken as to the kind of service; but as to the main fact of having served twelve months he cannot err. He says the way he entered the service was this. He was a substitute for one Thomas Parham, a militia man who had run home to Granville County North Carolina from the battle of Guilford & was afterwards returned to the Army, by order of a court martial for twelve months, for his misconduct at Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in North Carolina. He was then sent off to Salisbury guarding some prisoners & before he reached that place, this affiant went on & at Salisbury was entered in as his substitute

& was received by Captain Armstrong at Frohawks mill in the neighborhood -- Armstrong he understood was a regular or Continental officer. He was transferred in a short time to Captain Langam's [?], who he also understood was a Continental officer. At the mill he had a company dressed in uniform, he remained with that company under Langam for several months, from spring until the fall season, when he was informed by the Captain, that his company had orders to march to join General Greene at what was called the round O in South Carolina & that the Quarter Master of Salisbury had sent to him to furnish a man & persuaded him to go as it would be a good birth for him. He went accordingly & was at Salisbury put under Captain Edmund Gambel, who he understood was quarter master at that place & continued under him performing all the duties of a soldier until the 5th day of April 1782 when said Gambell gave him a certificate recommending him to any field officer to discharge him. He was fifteen or sixteen years old at that time & small for his age -- & believes that was the reason why Langam persuaded him to enter into the quartermasters department. He believes this was Continental service & was always of that opinion; but still he may have been mistaken & the service may have been of a militia character -- The circumstances now occurring to his recollection which would tend to show that the service might have been of the latter character are these. There were 2 kinds of soldiers in that department regular & some militia man who had deserted & were returned to the Army -- those of the first-class drew clothing. This affiant (being a substitute for one of the deserters as before stated) & those of the latter class did not draw clothing, as he now recollects. He also recollects that clothing was laid out for the latter class; but Gambell stated they could not draw. He knows of no witnesses now living who can prove this service.

S/ Stephen White

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: Circuit Court October term 1834

On this 6th day of October 1834 appeared in open court in the circuit court of Rutherford County before it James C. Mitchell Esquire residing circuit judge of said County (the same being a court of record) Stephen White aged seventy-one years & made oath in due form of law to the following statement of facts -- That to the best of his recollection, he entered the service as a substitute for one Thomas Parham a militia man in the revolutionary war on the 21st day of April 1781 & served until the 5th day of April 1782 as stated in his former declaration & affidavit now on file in the war department. In all he served in this service 11 months & 15 days for which he claims an increase of pension.

Subscribed & sworn in open court 6 October 1834

S/ Richard Ledbetter, Clerk

S/ Stephen White

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$\$58.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]