

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Whicker S3551

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### Original Declaration

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension List under the act of 18 March 1818 –  
The State of Ohio Warren County } SS

On this 7th day of November 1826 personally appeared in open Court (being the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Warren) William Whicker a resident of the County of Warren aforesaid aged Sixty-Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain that he provision of the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 that he the said William Whicker enlisted for the term of one year some time in April 1780 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Pearce [George Pearce] & served as first Sgt. in said company, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Pressly [sic, John Paisley] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the military Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps for some time when he transferred or attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. John Armstrong under whose command he fought in the battle at the Shallow Ford on Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] and continued to serve in said Regiment until the latter part of the succeeding winter when he was detailed to attend to the duties of hospital steward at Steel Creek where he remained until his term of service expired when he was Honorably discharged from the service at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina; And that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension he lives near Waynesville in a neighborhood of Friend Quakers by whom the subject of the military service or pensions are seldom or never spoken of and that he never heard that a provision was made by law for the support of the indigent revolutionary soldiers until recently, when he immediately applied.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever nor have I any property other than my wearing apparel and one old bed.

My occupation is that of a common farmer which I am unable to pursue in consequence of Rheumatism pains, and other debilities and infirmities which are usually concomitant to old age. I have six children living all of whom have been of age seven or eight years ago -- my wife after a long & tedious sickness died last spring.

The amount of my property in 1818 did not exceed \$200 which nearly all expended in supporting myself and wife during her sickness.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 7th day of November 1826.

S/ J. K. Wilds, Clk

S/ W. Whicker<sup>1</sup>

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The State of Ohio Green [sic, Greene] County

Before me John Ozburn one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County personally appeared William Whicker who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he the said deponent did A.D. 1780 Serve a 3 months tour of duty at New Providence in the State of North Carolina as first Sergeant in Capt. Pearce's Company Col. Peasely's [sic, John Paisley's] Regiment and General Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Brigade of North Carolina Militia and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Wm Whicker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Whicker", written in dark ink on a light background.

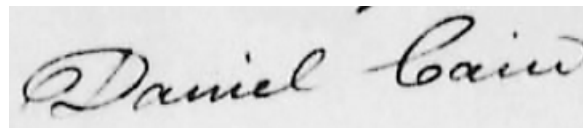
Sworn to and Subscribed before me at my office this 10th day of June A.D. 1831

S/ John Ozburn, JP

The State of Ohio Greene County

Before me John Ozburn one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Daniel Cain who being duly affirmed as the law directs deposeth and saith, that the above named deponent did serve a tour of duty of three months at New Providence in the State of North Carolina in the said Company that he this deponent did serve in, at the same time this service being rendered by the above named deponent some time during the revolutionary War and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Daniel Cain

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Cain", written in dark ink on a light background.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me at my office this 10th day of June A.D. 1831

S/ John Ozburn, JP

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The State of Ohio Warren County Court of Com. [Common] Pleas Sept. Term 1832 SS

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<sup>1</sup> Not the veteran's actual signature as the declaration sent to the War Department is a copied certified by the county clerk of court to be a true and complete copy of the documents in his files.

Personally appeared in open court on this 3rd day of October 1832 in the County aforesaid William Whicker a resident of Warren County aforesaid aged 72 years 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 7th, 1832. That he was born in the year 1760 in Hanover County Virginia that he has a transcript from the record of his age as his parents informed him which is now at his home in Warren County Ohio that after the revolutionary war he lived in Guilford County North Carolina until the year 1819 [could be 1809]<sup>2</sup> when he removed to this County and Ohio where he has lived ever since. That he entered the service of the United States & served under the following officers as herein stated. That. In [sic] the year 1777 or 1778 which he cannot recollect in Granville County North Carolina he was called on by one Capt. Hutson [Cuthbert Hudson] of the last named place to march under General Richard Caswell to suppress a body of Tories said to be in the force he thinks in Anson County North Carolina, the place he recollects was called the black Swamps. That he served as a 1st Sergeant under said Capt. Hutson in a Regiment of militia commanded by Col. Taylor<sup>3</sup> he recollects one Hester<sup>4</sup> was a Lieut. in said company & that he was about two months engaged in this service. That said Tories were dispersed by General Caswell & he was near the engagement with their tone or more indecipherable words] in it, after his discharge from this tour, in the succeeding year he volunteered under one Capt. Pearce to attack & disperse a body of Tories in North Carolina who were embodied in Randolph County in the State last aforesaid who were said to be commanded by one Col. Piles [sic, Dr. John Pyle],<sup>5</sup> he was marched to the place aforesaid under said Pearce & a severe engagement with the Tories took place which terminated before his company arrived on the ground in this last tour he was engaged for about three months & was verbally discharged. He was called out again as a private soldier as a volunteer as he understands though it was called appointment [?] this was about one month before the battle of Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780 ] where General Gates [Horatio Gates] commanded the American forces. He marched again under said Capt. Pearce they were now attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Peaseley [sic, John Paisley], and Moore was Lieut. in his company & he thinks a brother of said Moore was Ensign -- that his Regiment was on their march to join Gates Army when about 1 1/2 miles from the battleground at Camden they were met by the Virginia troops retreating. His Regiment retreated before them & made a stand at a place called New Providence on the Catawba River where General Davidson commanded. He was then marched under General Davidson to the big Yadkin [River] at a place called Sloan's ford or ferry. Whilst the troops lay at this latter place 300 of the troops were detached with orders to attack & disperse a body of Tories at the Shallow Ford<sup>6</sup> on the Yadkin River. He was in this expedition commanded by Col. Armstrong. They met the Tories about 300 strong & had a severe engagement in which the Tories were finally routed. He was then discharged verbally having served three months in this last tour. In the next year he was called out by draft to serve

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<sup>2</sup> 1809  
<sup>3</sup> JD Lewis lists three possible candidates for this officer: Lt. Col. John Taylor; Lt. Col. Philip Taylor and Col. Joseph Taylor, all of the Granville militia. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_lt\\_colonels.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_lt_colonels.html)

<sup>4</sup> JD Lewis lists three possible candidates for this officer: Lt. Benjamin Hester, Lt. Robert Hester and Lt. William Hester, all of the Granville militia. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_lieutenants.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_lieutenants.html)

<sup>5</sup> If applicant is referring to the engagement known as Pyle's Defeat, it occurred on Feb. 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

<sup>6</sup> If applicant is referring to the Battle of Shallow Ford, it occurred on October 14, 1780. See, <http://bellsouthpwp.net/w/h/whigkid/shallowford/battle.html>.

one year in the State troops for one year. He was then in Guilford County North Carolina he went into this service in April under Capt. Pearce again was marched from Guilford to a place in South Carolina & attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Armstrong said Regiment was amongst the troops at that time commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] he remained at the same place last aforesaid in the service as first Sgt. till sometime in October of the same year. Whilst he was in this service the battle at the Eutaw Springs<sup>7</sup> was fought deponent was not engaged in it being at that time sick & was discharged in consequence of sickness before his time expired & received credit as he was told for a twelve months tour. He remembers to have seen General Greene whilst in this last tour & does not recollect any other of the regular officers. That he has no written discharge & never received but one which was from Col. Armstrong which he has lost. That he has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no one who knows anything of his services except Daniel Cain a resident of Greene County Ohio & W. Whicker<sup>8</sup> Junior a resident of Fayette County Ohio whose attendance at court he cannot procure but whose testimony he produces herewith.

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

Sworn & subscribed in open Court 3 October 1832.

S/ J. K. Wilds, Clk.

S/ Wm Whicker

[Jacob Pearson, a clergyman and John Satterthwaite gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Additional Statement of William Whicker an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. This applicant being sworn says that in consequence of his age & infirmity being now 73 years of age he cannot recollect with precision the dates of his services but he is certain that he did serve in the revolutionary war as follows.

First he served under Capt. Hutson in the North Carolina militia under General Richard Caswell in the year 1778 in an expedition to the black swamp for 2 months.

Secondly. That he served in the same year under Capt. Pearce in an expedition against the Tories at Randolph County North Carolina for the term of 3 months in the North Carolina militia.

Thirdly that he served in the year 1779 in the North Carolina Militia under the same Capt. Pearce in a Regiment commanded by Col. Taylor for the term of 3 months & so stated in his first application.

Fourthly That he served as stated in his first application as an enlisted soldier from the first of April to the last of November 1781. That he acted as first Sgt. for 3 months of the aforesaid service under Capt. Pearce & from first of April to the last of November 1781 under Capt. Pearce under his enlistment as stated in his original application, & at the balance of the time above specified he served as a common soldier always in the field making in all 15 months actual service in the revolutionary war for which services he claims a pension from the government.

Sworn & subscribed for me at Lebanon Warren County Ohio

S/ Wm Whicker

31st of October 1833

S/ Benjamin Blackburn, JP

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<sup>7</sup> The Battle of Eutaw Springs occurred on September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

<sup>8</sup> [William Whicker S17194](#)

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The State of Ohio Warren County L. S.

Personally appeared before me a list Stokes a Justice of the peace of Wayne Township in said County William Whicker Jr who being duly affirmed according to law doth depose and say that he saw William Whicker Senior in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war acting as a militia man from Granville County State of North Carolina under the Command of General Butler [John Butler] and he is satisfied that he was in two expeditions.

Affirmed to and subscribed to before made this 12th day of September 1832.

S/ Ellis Stokes, JP

S/ William Whicker, Junior, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and as a sergeant for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]