

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Whitman S38464

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State of Kentucky Hart County Sct.

On this 13th day of May 1834 Richard Whitman of said County personally appeared in the Circuit court of said County, while the said court was in session before the Judge thereof and being first duly sworn according to law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832 granting pensions to the surviving officers and soldiers of the American Revolution – to wit said Whitman stated that according to the information received from his parents he was born on the 22nd day of December 1755 in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia, and that he was according to that account (which he believes to be correct) 78 years of age on the 22nd day of December 1832 and served as a soldier in the Army of the United States in the American Revolution against Great Britain at the times and under the officers here after named – He states that he entered the service on his first tour in the County of Culpeper in the state of Virginia, as a volunteer in the militia for three months, in a company commanded by Captain Rinker [perhaps Jacob Rinker] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Barber in this tour, the company was not marched from the County but were stationed in the County and exercised by the officers, expecting constantly to be marched to some other point to defend the country from the British but did not receive any orders to march from the place of rendezvous, which place was at Ephraim Rushers residence, they were discharged at the expiration of three months and paid off, when they returned home. This tour was as well as he remembers in the year 1776, and he thinks according to his best recollection it was in the month of March that he first entered as a volunteer in said company. The second tour he served as a volunteer soldier in the militia also in a company commanded by Captain Harry or Henry Hill of Culpeper in the year 1777 the Regiment to which said company belonged was commanded by Colonel Barber who commanded the Regiment to which he belonged the first tour – When he entered the first tour and the second he lived in Culpeper County – he entered for three months the second tour also and was marched from Culpeper County to the County of Fauquier where they received into their charge a number of British prisoners said to have been taken by the Americans in the battle of Saratoga with their prisoners they marched to the Albemarle Barracks and continued to serve this tour of three months as a soldier of Said Barracks guarding said prisoners until his time expired when he was discharged and returned home – he entered on this tour. Late in the fall of the year only a few weeks before Christmas.

The next tour he served was in the militia of the state of Virginia from the County of Rockingham of said State, on this tour he served as an orderly Sergeant and was drafted as such in a company commanded by Captain Coger [possibly Michael Coger] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Guy Hambleton [Guy Hamilton], one of the Majors of the Regiment he

thinks was by the name of Locker; this tour he entered on either about the last of August or first of September in the year 1781 and was drafted for three months – from Rockingham County where he lived when he was drafted he with the other troops marched through the counties of Hanover, Orange, Culpeper & other counties down to Little York at the siege there, where he remained until sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis; from Little York, he marched to Winchester, guarding & marching prisoners at which place, he was discharged, sometime after Christmas and at the in [sic] this tour he was drafted for three months he served over four months – at any rate it was not less than four months, and he claims for four months service – he was detained over his term on account of the prisoners, which they were required to guard & to convey to Winchester, where they were left by him. He was discharged from the service on each of these tours, by the captains in whose company he served, but not considering the discharges as of any service he has long since lost or destroyed them, and has no documentary evidence of his services. His messmates on this last tour were John Brumley, William Fishwaters, John Shaw & James Brewster. In the 2nd tour he remembers Jacob Lemons, Michael Sauther, James Barrel were messmates with him. He remembers the names of some of the men in the company with whom he served on the first tour, to wit, Christopher Barlow¹ was then commonly called Stuffley Barlow, several men of the names of Carpenter and Withsets [?], served in the said company also – He knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his said services unless Christopher Barlow, by him he could prove part only of his services as of his own, knowledge & a general reputation as to the rest, his affidavit he will forward with this declaration – He has a record of his age according to what he has stated above, contained in his family Bible now in his possession. He entered the service as he has stated not as a substitute, but on two tours as a volunteer and as a drafted orderly Sergeant – he did not become acquainted with any of the Continental officers in his said service except while at York he was not stationed with the Continental troops, the names of many of the officers he heard, & frequently saw some of the General officers, General Washington he saw frequently – Lafayette – and others – After the American Revolution he remained in Virginia some years, and from thence removed to East Tennessee, and lived there about two years, from there he removed to Kentucky and settled in what was then Green County, about thirty years since – from there he removed to Hart County then in Hardin & in has continued to reside in Hart since then. He is known to Littleberry Carter, William Amos, John Brooks, Edward Gardner Esquire & Aylett H. Buckner Esquire his neighbors, who can testify as to his character as a man for truth, and the reputation of his service as a soldier of the revolution and he is likewise known to William Brown & Joseph Peppers and Amos Goodman Clergyman of his neighborhood & acquaintance some of whom he will endeavor to procure to certify to his character & the tradition of his service as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim to any annuity or pension from the government of the United States except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Richard Whitman, X his mark

[Amos Goodman, a clergyman, & Phillips Devane gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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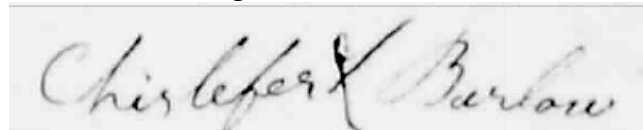
State of Kentucky Springfield Washington County Me 6 1834

On this 6th day of Me 1834 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for

¹ [Christopher Barlow W8341](#)

Washington County Kentucky Christopher Barlow, who being by me duly sworn according to law, stated on his oath, that he was 77 years of age on the first day of January 1834. That he was born and raised in Culpeper County State of Virginia, that when he lived there he was well acquainted with Richard Whitman, who now resides in Hart County Kentucky and is as he has understood, about to apply to the Government of the United States for a pension as a soldier of the revolution. He states that during the American Revolution, he was drafted to serve a tour in the militia, he is not positive as to the time but thinks it was in the year 1776. He was drafted and served in a company commanded by Captain Rucker in Culpeper County, that the said Whitman he remembers served in said company as a soldier and was discharged at the same time with himself, but whether he Whitman served as a volunteer or was drafted he does not remember – he well remembers that he was drafted by Colonel James Barber – the company to which he belonged rendezvoused and there me have been others of this he cannot speak certainly and after they had continued together some months waiting for marching orders, they were paid off and discharged by the Colonel & other officers – Colonel, Ephraim Rucker resided at the place of their rendezvous, and he cannot say certainly but he apprehends that he was the Colonel commandant of the forces, then drafted in that & the adjoining counties – nor can he remember with any confident degree of accuracy, the length of time he and said Whitman was in the company together, and stationed at the said place of rendezvous before they were discharged, but thinks it must have been at least as much as three months. The affiant afterwards enlisted & served two years in Continental service and in other tours in the militia the last of which was served at the siege of York – being so much in the Army about that time himself he does not know from his own knowledge what said Whitman was engaged about during the balance of the Revolution – He has frequently understood he was in the regular service, and that he was also in the militia at the Siege of York at the taking of Cornwallis – But this he does not know of his own personal knowledge – he should however have confidence in the statement if said Richard Whitman would so state.

S/ Christopher Barlow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Barlow". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[facts in file: reference is made to the veteran's brother, Thomas Whitman, who by 1834 was dead.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]