

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Whitefield S38466

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State of Alabama St. Clair County Sct.

On this twenty fifth day of November 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of St. Clair, called the Circuit Court of St. Clair, by reason of its being one of the counties composing the third Judicial Circuit for the state of Alabama, & which Court hath the power of fine & imprisonment; which proceeds according to the Course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and is expressly made a Court of Record by the laws of the State aforesaid William Whitefield resident in said County aged seventy-nine years in January next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said William Whitefield enlisted for the term of one on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1789 in the State of Virginia Goochland County, in the company commanded by Captain Morris, who marched us out to Valley Forge, at which place the command of the company was taken by Captain Curtis Kendall, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey, That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension roll of any State, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: That at the time the law allowing pensions to the revolutionary Soldiers past he was in circumstances of health, which although poor, did not prevent his subsisting himself with some comfort & he determined that as long as he was able he would not call upon the Government for help; about six years ago however enfeebled by age, though in circumstances and unable to procure a comfortable subsistence, he did make an application for a pension, & have frequently renewed it, as yet however he has been unsuccessful – though, as he, in charity to the officers of the Government, believes, his own ignorance, in knowing how to make his application.

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 in any manner whatever 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

### Schedule

Necessary clothing & bedding excepted;

This exception is unnecessarily made as he has but little clothing and no bedding – the sizes close no property of any kind whatsoever.

S/ William Whitefield, X his mark

That he hath never learned any trade but followed the occupation of a farmer having raise twelve children all of whom are married save one who has lately died & living to themselves, and none of them so far able to protect or maintain him, that they would not thereby by such protection give serious inconvenience to themselves. That he has no one living with him nor has he a home, and is from age & increased debility unable to procure a living from labor & depends for a support at present alone upon the generosity of those with whom he associates.

That since the 18th March 1818 he hath made but one change of property, he had then a mare, which afterwards he swapped for a horse & gave \$10 to boot which horse, he thinks to have been worth about \$25, as he will was valued to that some – the mare might have been worth therefore \$15 – the mare he swapped to a stranger on the road his name not now known or recollected – and the horse in 1825 died, at the same [time] he had a saddle & bridle supposed to be worth one dollar – and since the death of his horse, they have been of no use to him but have hung up in a smokehouse belonging to one of his friends, unused by anyone, & as it is thought now extremely worthless.

S/ William Whitefield, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 18, 1830, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]