

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Brite (Brite) S41459

f10NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

10/5/10: rev'd 3/17/22

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 7]

District of Edenton SS Camden County

On this third day of November 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law for the said district Personally appeared Willis Brite aged 69 years resident in Pasquotank County in said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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." That he the said Willis Brite enlisted for the term of three years or during the war on the __ day of __ in the year 1775 – in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Goodman of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gideon Lamb in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the termination of the war when he was discharged from said service in Cross Creek State of North Carolina that he was in the Battles of Stono [June 20, 1779]¹ & Briar Creek [March 3, 1779].²

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ F. Nash, JSCE

S/ Willis Brite, X his mark

[p 9]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 7th December 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State that Wyllis Bright a private in Lt. Col's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered 22nd May 1778 for three years, and was mustered in February 1779.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill Secry.

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

[p 4]

Schedule

District of Edenton: SS: Pasquotank County North Carolina

On this 7th day of March 1821, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County, Willis Brite, aged 62 Years resident in Pasquotank County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the 6th Regiment Captain William Goodman & Colonel ___ Lamb that he has a pension certificate No. 16,698. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 of my property

One mare & colt, 2 cows & 2 yearlings, one feather bed, one chest, 4 chairs, one pot, and a little crockery ware, my occupation is a farmer, generally [indecipherable word],³ my family consist of three, myself, my wife aged 48 years who now is, and has for 12 months then confined to her bed and my daughter Eliza 6 years old.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Wm T. Muse, Clk

S/ Willis Brite, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3, 1819, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

secretly
3 sickly [?]