

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of John Whitehead S42065

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North Carolina So. [?]

On this 9th Day of March 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in and for the State of North Carolina personally appeared at New Bern in the County of Craven and State of North Carolina John Whitehead aged seventy-two years resident in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 John Whitehead enlisted sometime in the month of March and to the best of his recollection in the first or 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord 1776 at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina in the 5th Regiment under the North Carolina line of the regular Continental Army, and in the company of said Regiment commanded by Captain William Caswell, that he continued to serve in that company and in the service of the United States until the 12th day of July 1777 when he was discharged from service at Halifax in the State aforesaid; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn to and declared before me on the day and year above at the place aforesaid

S/ F. Nash, JSCLE

S/ John Whitehead

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 16th of June 1819

I hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, that John Whitehead<sup>1</sup> was mustered as a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment in the year 1782 for eighteen months but how long he served is not stated, neither is it believed that this is the same John Whitehead who makes this declaration.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary Of State

United States of America North Carolina District: United states District Court for the District of [illegible word, looks like "Pumptin"], October Term A.D. 1820

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<sup>1</sup> The veteran to which this statement applies is undoubtedly John Whitehead (Whited) W6495.

Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said district, enacted as such by act of Congress John Whitehead aged 74 years, resident in Craven 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, that he enlisted in the month of March A.D. 1776 in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe as well as can now recollect and in the Company commanded by Captain William Caswell, in the line of Continental troops, that he was in active service sixteen months and was discharged at Halifax in North Carolina in July 1777 and that his discharge he delivered to Captain Davis soon after the war & has not seen it since that he has heretofore received a pension & that his Certificate is numbered \_\_. And 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

Two pots  
One spider  
One skillet  
Three Iron spoons  
Three Pewter do  
half a doz. plates  
one Anz [?] (broken)  
Two Chests  
One bushal [?]

twenty [?] dollars was allowed his wife for provisions after the death of her former husband, part of which she says has [indecipherable word or words] how much is due & whether any thing can be recovered is unknown to deponent.

S/ John Whitehead

The declarant is by occupation a farmer, and from bodily infirmity & old age is altogether unable to pursue his calling, that his family is composed of himself and a wife named Zilphia aged 40 years & that she is not able to contribute to the support of the family.

Sworn to & declared on the 23rd day of October 1820 before

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

[the clerk of the court certified that the property of the veteran is valued at no more than \$8.]

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On this first day of March 1819 at Greenville in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina personally appeared before the undersigned James Sheppard Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid John Anderson<sup>2</sup> of the said County and to the said undersigned well known as a man of character and veracity who being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that this deponent was in what was termed the minute service at Wilmington in North Carolina in the month of March 1776 when John Whitehead an applicant for a Pension and now residing on Brice's Creek in

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S6511

Craven County did to the knowledge of this Deponent enlist as a regular soldier with Captain William Caswell commanding a company in the 5th or Colonel Buncombe's Regiment of the North Carolina line of the regular Continental Army: that the said John Whitehead enlisted for the term of twelve months, and this Deponent doth believe that the said John Whitehead served out the whole of said term -- and this Deponent particularly saith that he knows that in the month of December following Lieutenant Long of the same Regiment was sent with a detachment of regulars taken out of said Regiment (to which this Deponent then belonged having enlisted in May 1776 with Captain John Inlow [sic, John Enlow]) to conduct a parcel of prisoners from New Bern to Halifax, and that in the said detachment the said John Whitehead was then acting as a Corporal and after the arrival of the detachment at Halifax a furlough of ten days at least was granted to each of the members of it to visit their homes -- this Deponent saith that after leaving the Continental Army in the year 1781 or 82 he met with the said John Whitehead in the militia service at Beaufort in North Carolina where they renewed their acquaintance and this Deponent then learned that the said John had served out his full term of twelve months in the regular service according to his enlistment, and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> March 1819

S/ James Sheppard, JP

S/ John Anderson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 9th, 1819 4 one year service as a private in the North Carolina line.]