

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Allen Whitworth S6367

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State of Virginia: Chesterfield County to wit:

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Chesterfield County (being a court of record) now sitting Allen Whitworth a resident of said County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia aged seventy-four 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 entitled "An Act supplementary to the Acts for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution." – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, to wit. That he volunteered as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain George Markham in Chesterfield County Virginia in the latter part of the year 1780. The Regiment to which the said company was attached was commanded by Colonel James Monroe, ___ Mercer was Lieutenant Colonel, and Robert Goode Major of said Regiment. The troops marched in various directions in the lower part of Virginia, was at Smithfield, Mackey's Mills &c and after serving a tour of about two months, were discharged at the Town of Petersburg. That early in the year 1781 about the month of January during Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion he was called out in a company of Militia commanded by the said Captain George Markham – Colonel Bernard Markham commanded the Regiment, the troops were marched through several of the counties in the vicinity of Richmond, then to the lower part of the State and after serving a tour of about one month was discharged at the town of Smithfield. –

That very shortly after the discharge last mentioned he was again called out in a company of Militia commanded by the said Captain George Markham, was in the battle of Petersburg between Phillips' Army and the American Army; and the next day after that battle he made an exchange at Chesterfield Courthouse with his brother Thomas Whitworth and entered the Light Infantry service under the command of Colonel Archibald Dick and Majors Boyce & Hoffler [perhaps William Hoffler], the name of the Captain of the company not recollected, they marched to Malvern Hills, Williamsburg and several other places in the lower part of Virginia, was in a skirmish near Bermuda Hundred on James River, in which three or four Boats were taken from the enemy and a few prisoners, and after serving a tour of about three months was discharged. And immediately after before he returned home was called out in the Militia and joined Captain James Scott's Company at Willow which was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goode, that serving this tour he was taken prisoner of war at a post called Sudberry's [3 miles from Chesterfield courthouse, 23 May 1781] in Chesterfield County on the 23rd day of May 1781 and remained a prisoner until the latter part of the month of September following when he was exchanged and returned home. He thinks that he was in Military service during all the tours which he served (estimating the time which he was held a

prisoner) upwards of ten months; that he was always regularly and honorably discharged or exchanged. He does not remember whether he ever received a written discharge if he did he has not preserved it. This affiant further declares that he was informed by his parents and verily believes he was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 22nd day of August in the year 1757, the register of his birth has been lost, when he was called into Military service he resided in Chesterfield County Virginia in which place he now resides, and where he has resided, the greater part of the time since the revolutionary war: but a part of that time, he has resided in the State of North Carolina and sundry other places: that he is well known in the neighborhood where he resides by many persons, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution: He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year herein first written.

S/ Allen Whitworth



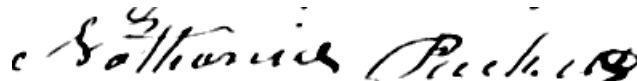
I Ezekiel Perkinson¹ residing in the County of Chesterfield do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Allen Whitworth who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that I have no doubt he is at least seventy-four years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution – that about four months of the period mentioned in his Declaration all personally known to me. I also well know that said Whitworth was taken prisoner at a post called Sudburry's [sic] by the enemy and believe that he remained a prisoner for several months and that I believe him to be a man of veracity – sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before the County Court of Chesterfield aforesaid.

S/ Ezekiel Perkinson



I Nathaniel Puckett² residing in the County of Chesterfield do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Allen Whitworth who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that I have no doubt that he is at least 74 years [of] age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution – that the tour mentioned as having been performed under Captain George Markham is personally known to me as I was in the same company, also personally know from that the said Allen Whitworth was in the affair at Subburry's [sic] and was taken prisoner by the enemy – and that I believe him to be [a Claytons brackets man of veracity. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before the County Court of Chesterfield aforesaid.

S/ Nathaniel Puckett



¹ FPA W5506

² FPA S5958

Virginia: Chesterfield County to wit,

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Allen Whitworth of the County aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, viz.: for three months he served as a private in the Militia of the Army of the United States – for three months he served as a Sergeant of the Army of the United States – and that he was taken a prisoner of war for four months, having been taken by the enemy, that he was Sergeant when taken prisoner, and for such service making altogether ten months he claims a Pension. –

That during the time he was in service he was frequently under the command of various officers belonging to the regular Army among whom were Generals Steuben, Muhlenberg, Lawson, Fayette, Colonels Monroe, Mercer, Dick, Majors Boyce, Duvall & Holt.

That he is known to many persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity particularly to his neighbors Ezekiel Perkinson and Nathaniel Puckett whose affidavits are annexed to his Declaration and here referred to.

That there is no Clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood except some young men who have not known him many years.

S/ Allen Whitworth

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 3 months service as a private and 7 months service as a Sergeant in the Virginia service.]