

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Whitledge S7868

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State of North Carolina County of Jones

On this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court in the Superior Court of Law for the said County of Jones before the Honorable John R. Dennell Judge of said Court now sitting Ambrose Whitledge Senior a resident of Jones County aforesaid in the State aforesaid aged eighty-five 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: to wit, that he volunteered in New Hanover County under Captain Roach in the Militia of North Carolina during the month of March 1779 for term of three months "out of the State", that from New Hanover his company was marched to Fayetteville in this State where they joined the rest of the Regiment. That this Regiment was commanded by Colonel Jonas Johnson [sic, Jonas Johnston] from Fayetteville they marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County in this State where they were encamped for some short time from whence they were marched into South Carolina near Augusta; from thence they marched to and crossed the Savana or Savannah River -- where they joined the Regular Troops under General Lincoln they then went down the River in search of the Enemy into the State of Georgia. In the meantime the enemy crossed the River and took the road towards Charleston -- Whereupon the American troops also crossed the River and went in pursuit -- as far as a bridge called as this declarant recollects Bacon's Bridge. The British did not enter Charleston but returned and fortified an Island (the name of which he cannot now remember) and built a battery on the side next the main land: Here they had a fight² with the American troops but declarant was not in the Battle -- but was absent under a Major's command below Charleston to watch some Boats of the enemy passing and repassing from their shipping to & from the Island in order to prevent their landing on the main land & to cut them off if practicable. After the battle spoken of in a short time the

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² Veteran appears to be describing the Battle of Stono ferry which occurred on June 20, 1779.
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

British went on board of their ships and returned to Savannah and the Regiment in which declarant served was marched to North Carolina to the discharged, there tour of duty and service having expired but this declarant with several of his neighbors from New Hanover County prayed for and obtained a discharge in South Carolina and took a short way home. This discharge was given declarant by Colonel Jonas Johnson on the 8th day of July 1779 and is herewith sent. On this service the declarant was engaged between four and five months -- The second time declarant served was in the latter part of the year 1780 when he again volunteered for three months. The British entered the mouth of Cape Fear River and he volunteered under Captain Thomas Lloyd in the artillery company raised in Wilmington from which place they repaired to Bluford's Bridge and joined the Troops under Colonels Young and Bloodworth [sic, Blutworth], they stayed at the Bridge some considerable time and from thence marched to Rutherford's Mills in Holly Shelter district; after encamping here for some time they marched to Limestone Bridge in Duplin County where they again in camp for a short time and from thence declarant was marched under General Lillington to Kinston in Dobbs County (now Lenoir) where his time expired and he received from his General on the 28th day of April 1781 a discharge which is herewith sent. 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J J. Houston, Clk

S/ Ambrose Whitledge

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. In the State of Virginia near a small town called Hampton -- during the years 1748

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have not my father with his family removed from Virginia to Bertie County in this State and I left them at an early age and have not seen the family record since --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I was living in New Hanover County when I entered the service; Since the war I have lived part of the time there a part in Onslow County and the residence in Jones County where I now reside

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. I volunteered both times as stated in my declaration --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Anrs. General Lincoln was the commander -- there were regiments commanded by Colonel Johnson and others whom I do not now remember and the circumstances are those set forth in this declaration --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. Yes in the 8th day of July 1779 received one from Colonel Jonas Johnson and on the 28th April 1781 on the other from General Lillington both of which accompanies this declaration --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. Emanuel Jarman, Henry Rhodes George King

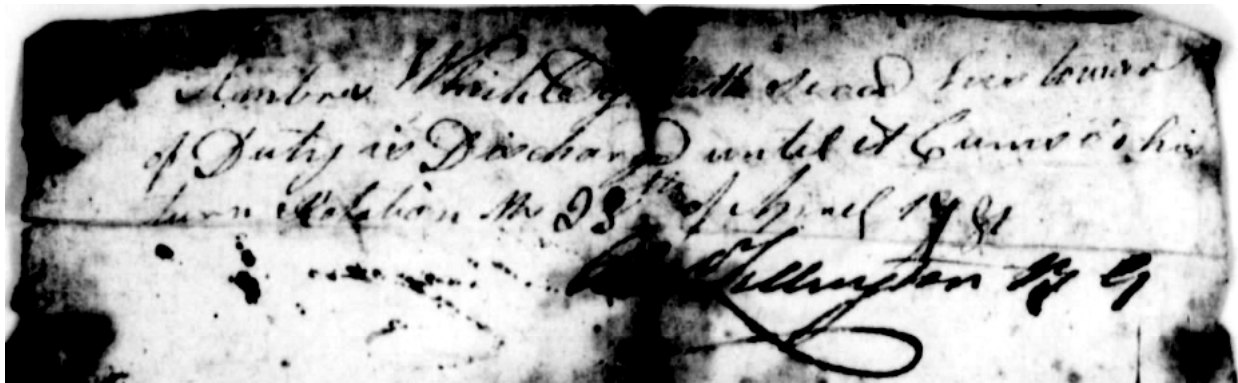
[Emanuel Jarman, Henry Rhodes and George King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Jones County: SS

Personally appeared on this 10th day of June in the year 1833 in open Court in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Jones County Ambrose Whitledge named in the annexed Declaration & other proceedings and being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth on his Oath of men the said declaration by stating the facts. That his service named & set forth in said declaration was as a private, that in the first tour he served [indecipherable word written over and blotted out] months one of which was in the State of North Carolina & the other three out of the State; That in his second tour he served three months and that during the whole seven months he was not employed in any Civil Pursuit -- Declarant further swears that he does not know of any witness living by whom he can prove his service and begs leave to refer to his discharges here with as the only proof he can make of the fact.

S/ J. Bryan, CC

S/ Ambrose Whitledge



[I did not find the discharge signed by Jonas Johnston in this file.]