

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel White S7871

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State of Virginia

Ohio County Ss

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the county court of Ohio county now sitting Samuel White a resident of said county in the Town of Wheeling and state of Virginia aged seventy six 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

I was born in Haver de Grass [sic: Havre de Grace] in the state of Maryland on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1755 I moved with my parents from thence to Chester county Pennsylvania when very young and continued to reside there till the commencement of the Revolutionary war when I was drafted from a company commanded by Capt Isaac Taylor and under him marched to Kennet Square [sic: Kennett Square] twenty six miles from Philadelphia and there between the fifteenth and twentieth of August 1777 joined a Regiment under the command of Col. William Gibbon [William Gibbons] and Major [page damaged] his Christian name not recolected. The Lt. who had command in the company to which I belonged was William Lemelson from Kennet Square we marched to a place called Iron Hill having understood that the enemy had landed at the Head of Elk [present Elkton MD] about nine or ten miles from Iron Hill from thence we marched to Brandywine where on the Eleventh of september we had an engagement. I was stationed at Chads ford [sic: Chadds Ford] and there remained till about three Oclock P.M. when we received orders to march to meet the enemy who we understood had crossed the Brandywine about nine miles above us, we met them at a rising piece of ground near a Quaker Meeting house called Bromage Meeting home whe we immediately engaged them and sustained our position for about an hour when we were compelled to retreat. we lost a number of our men in the engagement and killed a great many of them [page damaged] we retreated during the night as far as old [page damaged] Chester about twelve miles from the battle ground on the delaware river we remained there a few days and marched in to Philadelphia. from Philadelphia we marched to an encampment near German Town. the British took possession of Philadelphia [26 Sep]. a short time after our marching out of Philadelphia we attacked the British near German Town took some prisoners but the enemy having received a strong reinforcement we were again defeated with great loss [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], and it was said and believed that our defeat in a great measure was owing to the improper conduct of our officers. from German Town [sic] we were marched into New Jersey, and there the company to which I belonged was attached to another Regiment we remained in the Jerseys till the battle of [page damaged, but evidently Trenton, 26 Dec 1776]. our army was divided and the division to which I belonged crossed the delaware on the night of the twenty fifth of December [1776]. Gen'l. Washington commanded, and we reached Trenton between daylight and sun rise. after a severe and fatiguing march owing to the depth of the snow and the severity of the cold, we engaged the enemy immediately[,] and after a very sharp and severe conflict, they gave way we persued them so closely that we killed and took a great many Prisoners principally Hessians, and marched from thence to Valley Forge in Chester County [sic] where we remained during the winter [of 1777-78] and till some time about the first of April, at which time I received an honorable discharge, having been drafted for six months, but consented to continue in the army till the spring recruits came in having served for seven months and a half. During the summer of 1778 I volenteered under Capt Nathaniel Vernon [page damaged] was called in to the service to serve a scouting [illegible word] to guard the settlements on the Deleware from the depredations of the British and Refugees who were in the habit of landing and plundering our people. I remained in this service for two months as the expiration of the two months I was discharged. I retained my discharge Till last Febuary 1832 at which time I lived in the Town of Wheeling in Ohio County Virginia and in the extraordinary freshet in the Ohio River I lost both discharges with nearly all the little property I possessed in the world, as the water was several feet deep in my house.

sine[?] the [illegible word] I volunteered in a company commanded by William McMechen as Capt and Zachariah Biggs leut and marched to Mingo Bottom [OH] about two miles above what is now called Wellsburgh in Broke [sic: Brooke] County Virginia and served for six months. we were stationed up the West side of the Ohio river. it was in 1792-3. I am now seventy six years of age poor and infirm I never have received a pention at any time nor has my name ever been [illegible word] as an applicant for a pention. and I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to any pension or any anuity except the present for which I am now an applicant.

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[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

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this Pensioner is dead. I was unable to ascertain when he did die - from all the information I could collect I am inclined to think that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. but how long he served as such I could not ascertain.

W G Singleton July 4, 1835