

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Whetsell S7873

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State of Virginia Rockingham County

On this 21st day of August in the year 1832 –

Personally appeared in open Court before Davis Heiston, Joseph Cravens, George Clark, & Augustus Waterman, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Rockingham County now sitting Henry Whetsell a resident of the County of Rockingham & State of Virginia aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Shenandoah County State of Virginia May 1758 that he removed from that County to the County of Rockingham in the same State about fifty years since and that he has ever since continued to & now resides in the said County of Rockingham. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service of the United States as a Drafted Militia man under Captain Jacob Lincoln & Colonel Benjamin Harrison served under & during General McIntosh's Campaign, at & assisted in Building Forts McIntosh and Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens], served three months this tour, was regularly discharged but received no written discharge. That he entered the service of the United States a second time in the year 1781 as a drafted Militia man under Captain Geo. Huston [George Houston or Huston] & Colonel Nall] William Nall] – served at Richmond, Williamsburg, Hot Water & James River was at Battles or skirmishes at the two last named places, & at times during that tour was under the command of Generals Washington, Lafayette, & Wayne served three months this tour was regularly discharged in but received no written discharge. That he entered the service of the United States the third time during the year 1781 as a drafted militia man under Captain Anthony Rader served at Warrick's Fort & Head of Greenbrier, served three months this tour was regularly discharge but received no written discharge. That he has no documentary evidence and that he can prove all or a part of his services aforesaid by Richard Custer who is now in Court for that purpose. That 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 or agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Whetsell, X his mark

[William Bryan, a clergyman, and Richard Custer gave the standard supporting affidavit. Richard Custer¹ did not give a separate affidavit in which he gave testimony as to the specific services of the soldier.]

¹ FPA W6749

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]