

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Whitworth S7874

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State of North Carolina Stokes County

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting John Whitworth a resident of the County of Stokes aforesaid, and State of North Carolina aged seventy-two years the 9th day of March last, 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, and served as herein stated, that he entered the service in the County of Guilford and for the term of six months as a volunteer in the year 1779 some time in the fall of said year, month not recollected, in the company commanded by Captain John Davis Lieutenant George Pearce, and Ensign \_\_Moore, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley [John Paisley] that he marched to South Carolina and joined the Main Army at Gurdes [?] Ferry on Savannah River, he recollects that General Butler [John Butler] commanded the North Carolina troops, that General Lincoln was the highest officer in command, that from Gurdso [?] ferry they marched down the River Savannah to Sumner's ferry, that he is term of service expired shortly after he arrived at Sumter's ferry, that when his term expired he received a written discharge from Captain John Davis which discharge is lost, that during a great part of this tour he was compelled to take charge of a wagon and haul for the Army, that he recollects that he received his discharge some few days before the battle of Stono.<sup>1</sup> That some time in the latter part of the summer, or the first of the fall of 1781, he volunteered for the term of three months in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Smith Moore, Lieutenant Paisley and Ensign Chesley Barnes,<sup>2</sup> who is now alive and residing about four miles from this applicant in the County of Rockingham, and who can and will testify to his services during this tour that he marched from Guilford as far south as the South Carolina line and spent a good part of the time in the County of Richmond in pursuit of the Tories, that his company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Isaacks, and Colonel Paisley, that he served out his three months and received his discharge a short time after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown;<sup>3</sup> that

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<sup>1</sup> June 20, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [Chesley Barnes W4877](#)

<sup>3</sup> October 19, 1781 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810928.htm>

he received a written discharge from Captain Smith Moore, in the County of Guilford or Randolph, does not recollect which, that said discharge is lost, that he served for 5 or 6 weeks again under Colonel Hunter and Colonel Samuel Henderson on an expedition against the Tories, did not enter the service at this time for any definite period, that he this tour was spent in the counties of Surry and Rowan in the State of North Carolina.

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.

He states that he has no record of his age, but that he has seen one some years since in the possession of an aunt of this applicant it was in a Bible that once belonged to his father where it is now he does not know. That he continued to reside in the County of Guilford where he was born until the year 1796, when he removed [to] South Carolina where he resided until 1807, when he removed to the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina, that he has resided in said County and the adjoining counties Stokes, that he now resides, ever since 1807.

S/ John Whitworth

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Hill, CCC

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Chesly Barnes maketh oath that he became acquainted with John Whitworth an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress 7th of June 1832, that he has been acquainted with him from his boyhood, that during the revolutionary war, he served with said Whitworth for the term of three months that said Whitworth enlisted under the command of one Captain Smith Moore; that this Regiment in which said Whitworth served was commanded by Colonel Isaacks, and Colonel Paisley, that this affiant knows that said Whitworth served out [said] term of service, he further swears that he knows the fact that said Whitworth was in the service afterwards, but how long he served this affiant does not know. This affiant states that he was himself and Ensign in the company of Captain Smith Moore in which said Whitworth served. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court September 13th, 1832

S/ John Hill, CCC

S/ Chesly Barnes, X his mark

[fn p. 302: affidavit given by the Reverend John Wilson and Hugh Martin in support of the application of Whitworth as to his age, character and reputation.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]