

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Michael Whatley S7876

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State of Georgia } On this Seventh day of February in the Year one thousand eight
County of Stewart } hundred and thirty five personally appeared before the Judge of
the Superior Court of the Chattahoochy [Chattahoochee] Circuit Michael Whatley a resident of
the thirty first district in the County of Stewart aged Eighty five on the fifth day of July ensuing
who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.
That he enlisted in to the army of the United States in the Year of Gates defeat 1781 [sic: defeat
of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] (month of May) under the
following named officers. And served as herein stated. He entered the service in the month of
May same Year under Brigadier Genl John Butler Col ___ Moore Major John Nalls. Company
officers Capt. ___ Thompson Lieutenant ___ Murray Sergeant Jno Stevens, and left the service in
the month of Oct recollected That he was in the engagement at the defeat of Gates By Cornwallis
in the month of August 1780 and served as a malitia-man six months to the best of his
recollection under the before mentioned Company officers; That he recd a regular discharge
from Genl Ramsey which has been destroyed. That he resided in Orange County N Carolina when
he entered the service. That he was drafted and served as a light Horse Man three months and
served under Capt ONeal & Capt Hodge That he was in several skirmishes whilst serving as a
light horse man; That he started from Orange County and marched through Chatham County by
Cheraw Hill on Pee dee to South Carolina when he fell in with Genl [Francis] Marion. That he was
in the Engagement when De Kalb was shot down [Battle of Camden]. That on the night previous
to the fall of De Kalb the 7th Regiment Came to their assistance. That he believes Col [Charles]
Porterfield was a Regular officer wounded in the Engagement & the only one he now remembers.
That he has no other evidence besides the annexed affidavits relating to the time and service. He
further states that he was drafted a third time & served three months and served under Genl
Butler & Col Taylor and was employed as a spy and started from Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] in
Orange County to go to Wilmington. That before he reachd the latter place he was taken by the
Tories under the command of Capt Rick Edwards [Richard Edwards], that he was paroled which
has been lost, That he was in the Battle when De Kalb was wounded which was on the morning
after the seventh Regiment came to their assistance
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.

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- 1 Where and in what year were you born
- A I was born in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Virginia in the year 1750
- 2 Have you any Record of your age and is so where is it
- A I have no record of my age and know it only from my parents
- 4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a
substitute & if a substitute for whom
- A I was drafted three several times
- 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served:
such Continental and Malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstance of
your service
- A The last Question is answered in the general statement
- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what
has become of it
I received two discharges. One from Genl Ramsey the other from Col Oneal which have both
been destroyed together with my home
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in in your present neighborhood and
who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your services as a
soldier of the revolution

A Samuel Williams Kennady Penward Uriah Perkins E C Beard

Int 3^d Where were you living when called into service where do you now live Where have you lived since the Rev war

A I am now living in the 31st Dist of Stewart Co Geoa I was living in Orange County NC when called into service I have lived in Geoa ever since the date of the [illegible word] Pass[?]

NOTES: Daniel Whatley, brother of Michael, made a supporting deposition in Marion County GA. A Treasury-Department document states that John H. Whatley, administrator of Michael Whatley, was given the final payment up to the date of the pensioner's death on 22 Aug 1840.