

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Whitehurst S7878

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: SS

On the 9th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting, Arthur Whitehurst Senior a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-two 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 of June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: That he was born in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina: that he was living in said County when called into service and has resided in it ever since. That he entered the service about the last of May or first of June 1780, under command of General Caswell, was drafted in the second class, he was engaged first in the battle fought against General Gates at Camden the 16th of August 1780 and the Army being defeated he made his escape and returned home being absent three and a half months. That he remained at home about seven months and volunteered he believes under the command of Colonel John Salter in Captain Godfrey Stancil's Company and marched towards New Bern in this State, but the Army had no engagement and he returned after an absence of seven weeks. That in the year 1781 he volunteered in the Continental service State Regiment and went up to what was then called the old Bute Court House, he volunteered for twelve months, remained for seven and then hired a Substitute to remain the balance of the year, he was in no engagement during that time, and does not recollect any other officer's name except the Captain who was named Nicholas Long.¹ Soon after which time peace was proclaimed. That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can establish it now living. That he is known to John Anderson and William Spain who can testify as to his character for veracity &c. not present. And the said Arthur Whitehurst 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ RS Blount, DC

S/ Arthur Whitehurst

¹ A Nicholas Long served as a deputy quartermaster general of the Southern Department of the Continental Army from May 7, 1776 until lately 1781. It is possible that during the 12 months service claimed by this veteran that he was serving in the quarter master general corps under this Nicholas Long.

[William Clark, a clergyman and John Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 12 months and 4 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia and/or Continental Line.]