

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Whitt S7880

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State of Virginia Logan County to wit

On the 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared before the Court of the County of Logan Robert Whitt citizen of said County in the State of Virginia, 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 the 7th of June 1832 –

That he was born in the month of October 1756 in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia and that he enlisted about the middle of the Revolutionary War on Holston River into the company of Captain James Shelby under the orders of Col. Montgomery [John Montgomery] & General Clark [George Rogers Clark], we marched from Holston River to Kaskaskia that he was stationed some time after which he was marched to a Fort on the Wabash River where he remained near six months and was marched down to the Iron Bank, near the mouth of the Ohio River, his first enlistment having terminated, He again enlisted for three years or for the War and served in the said Regiment and in the company commanded by Capt. John Bailey until the peace during which service he aided in erecting the Fort at the falls of the Ohio. He received 100 acres of land as bounty for his first enlistment, & was promised several hundred acres on his second enlistment, but never received any; he was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State of the Union.

Sworn & described the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Whitt, X his mark

[James White gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated he has known the veteran for 40 years has always understood he was a soldier of the revolution and was entitled to bounty land for his services. White signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Also appeared William Elkins, a "licensed preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church" and gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Tazewell County [Virginia]

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Low Brown¹ and made oath in due form of law that in the year seventy nine he became acquainted with Robert Whitt at the Long Islands of Holston River in the State of Virginia at

¹ [Low Brown S5299](#)

which time he was in the service of the United States and served in Capt. Shelby's Company under the command of Col. Montgomery from which place he the said Brown marched and served with said Whitt at Illinois from which place they marched to Opost [Vincennes Indiana] on the Wabash River and from that to the Iron Banks on the Mississippi River &c. Subscribed July the 8th 1833.

S/ Samuel P Davidson, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service in the Virginia Continental line as a private.]

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Addendum to Robert Whitt S7880

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Logan County Va Sept 23^d 1834

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia

The petition of Robert Whitt of the County of Logan in the State of Virginia humbly represents that your petitioner enlisted into the Regiment, commanded by Colo. Montgomery and served with said regiment in the company of Capt James Shelby [R17781] for one year, commencing in the Spring of 1779 at the end of this service, he again enlisted, near the mouth of the Ohio river, for three years or during the war, and served in the company commanded by Capt John Bailey, under the orders of General Clark was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians and employed on the erection of a large fort near the falls of the Ohio river untill the end of the war; your petitioner further represents that for his services during the term of his second enlistment he never received the bounty in Land, promised by the state of Virginia, and therefore prays, that you will take into consideration his claims, to said bounty Land and allow him the quantity due by law, and as in duty bound he pray &c &c. Robert hisXmark Whitt

Witness/ John Chambers/ Anthony Lawson Sr

The affidavit of John Lasley [S30687] aged 74 years of age – States that he became acquainted with Robert Whitt of Logan County Virginia in the year 1779 in the Revolutionary War under the command of George R. Clark who commanded the Illinois Regiment and under the Command of Col Montgomery. The said Whitt after having served his first enlistment which was for one year he again enlisted for three years which enlistment ended the War, the Company to which I belonged marched [illegible] blue stone river on the 22nd day of March 1779 and descended the Holston [undeciphered] to the Ohio River and down the same to [illegible] and further that altho I [undeciphered] at the time with the said Robert Whitt yet I believe that he Served his enlistment faithfually to the end of the War. Given from under my hand this 16th day of May 1834

