

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Whit (Whitt, Witt) S7889

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this day April 26 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a superior Court of record for the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, Charles Whitt aged about 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first May 1820, he said Charles Whitt enlisted for the term of 2 years on the __ day of __ in or about the year 1777 in the state of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Moore, it being in Independent Company raised for the purpose of guarding the frontier at front Seneca &c under the command of Major Tutt [Benjamin Tutt] during the term he was placed under the command of Colonel Dula [sic, John Dooly] in the State of Georgia, and towards the latter part of the term joined headquarters in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel __ the whole under the command of General Greene, near Augusta in of South Carolina in the line of the State of South Carolina (as he thinks Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until sometime in the month of June 1780 when he was discharged from said service in the State of North Carolina: that he was in the Battle at Kettle Creek in Georgia where he fought the Indians, that he was in other small skirmishes, but was in no general engagement during this service, and that he has now no other evidence now in his power of his said service except his own oath and as herein after set forth --

North Carolina Lincoln County: In pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I the said Charles Whit do solemnly swear that was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: That is to say 150 acres of poor land -- one cow & calf -- a small horse -- 9 small hogs -- 4 head of sheep -- 2 plows viz. a shovel & small [illegible] 3 hoes, 2 axes -- one large pot & small ditto -- 2 Dutch ovens one large one the other a small one -- one skillet - - one frying pan -- 6 sitting chairs -- 3 beds & furniture, 2 of them necessary -- a set of knives &

forks cost 4/6 one half dozen pewter plates -- 2 small pewter dishes & a basin -- a set of teacups & saucers price 4/-- a few bugs & pitchers -- a few pewter spoons 5 or 6 -- that this deponent has a wife aged as he believes somewhere between 40 and 50 years, much afflicted disabled by the Rheumatic Pains -- had one child to maintain the son of his wife who will be 15 years old and May next -- that the trade or occupation of this deponent is that of a Shoemaker by which he had finally hoped to maintain himself & small family, the balance of his days, until a few days ago, that hope was entirely blasted by the laws of the thumb of his right [hand] so essential to him in following his Trade -- he now feels himself incapable of supporting himself and family without the aid of his country.

Sworn to in open Court April term A.D. 1822

Test: S/ [illegible first name] Henderson, Clerk

S/ Charles Whitt, X his mark

[there follows yet another schedule (see below) this being the same property as listed above but assigning values to each item.]

North Carolina Lincoln County: Superior Court of law April Term 1822

Personally came into open Court Barnabas West¹ who being first duly sworn as the law thus requires maketh oath that he was a fellow Soldier with the within mentioned Charles Whitt in the revolutionary war that he served with him most of the time mentioned in said which declaration as within stated -- was with him at the battle with the Indians called the Battle of Kettle Creek and in some one or more skirmishes, that the facts of said declaration within the knowledge of this deponent are true, those not of his knowledge he believes to be true and that the above Schedule of property with the prices is annexed to each article is correct and just.

Sworn to in open Court April Term A.D. 1822

S/ [illegible first name] Henderson, clerk

S/ Barney West

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Superior Court of Law October Term 1824

On this 29th day of October 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record, for the said County of Lincoln, Charles Witt aged seventy-four years resident in said County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his corporal oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, That he enlisted in the Continental establishment in the month of February or March in the year 1777 or 1778 as well as now recollected, in the company commanded by Captain John Moore in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Boughney that he remained in the said service until regularly discharged at Stono, in the State of South Carolina 2 years and 4 or 5 months after said enlistment. That he was in no general Battle. That he was in several skirmishes with the Indians and Tories in the State of Georgia and was one of the guard left to guard the Baggage at the Battle of Stono.

I Charles Witt do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is

¹ I could find no federal pension application filed by a man of this name. Consequently, this may be the only record of his service reflected in the federal pension files.

contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule	
150 acres of land valued at	\$75
one cow	7
two hogs	3
2 Beds and furniture	22
	6.50
1 Dressor & furniture	2
	1
1 Table	2
5 Common Chairs	3.50
1 Loom and Gears	1
2 Ovens 2 Pots & 1 Pan	.87 ½
	.25
1 Frying Pan & two Ploughs	.77 ½
1 Shovel & pair of Pot Hooks	.50
	.62 ½
1 Pair of Trais [?] & 1 Bridle	1.25
1 Shovel and fire Irons	1
1 Sett knives & forks	1.25
1 Pair hand Bellows 1 Pot Rack	1.25
1 Big Wheel 1 Mattock & 2 hoes	.25
	.56 ½
2 Axes 1 Chest & 2 Baskets	.12 ½
	.12 ½
2 Small pails 1 Tin Trumpet	3.
1 old keg & 1 Carry barrel	.18 ¾
4 head of sheep	.12 ½
1 candle molds 1 candle stick	.12 ½
	.37 ½
1 Wedge 1 Single tree 2 smoothing Irons	1
About 25 Bushels of Corn	<u>12.50</u>
	\$164.52 ½

The Family of Charles Witt consists of himself his wife about 47 years of age afflicted with Rheumatic pains so as to render her almost incapable of work and a step son about 18 years of age Charles Whit was a Shoemaker by trade but has had the misfortune to lose the him from his right hand which renders him and entirely incapable of pursuing his trade.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 29th A.D. 1824

S/ Wm Henderson, Clerk

S/ Charles Witt, X his mark

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: On this 31st day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court Charles Whit a resident of the County of Lincoln NC aged eighty 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 provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. -- that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of February 1777 for three years with Captain John Moore, first Lieutenant John Montgomery in Regiment commanded by

Major Bowie Colonel __ and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]: That he was in the battle at Brier Creek and many skirmishes was at Seneca Fort & was afterwards marched to Brown Fort: at the time of his entering the service he was a citizen of South Carolina and district now York and for the last 40 years a citizen of Lincoln County North Carolina. That he has lost his discharge and is now unable to prove his service, by any individual living that he is aware of: some 4 or 5 years since he obtained the deposition of Barney West of his service (who is now dead) on making application for a pension under the act of Congress of 1818 & 1820 and, thinks it may be on file in the Pension office at Washington. -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Charles Whit, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the revolution.]