

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Whittington S9527

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of South Carolina, Marion District } Court of Common and Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the tenth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the District & State aforesaid Daniel Whittington a resident of the Same State & District aged Seventy years on the 7th February 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.-- That he was drafted at or about the beginning of the Revolutionary War & entered the Service of the United States under Captain Tristram Thomas in Marlborough District South Carolina. Colonel Simmons [sic, Maurice Simons] was an officer of the highest rank he at present recollects. Under him this Deponent marched from Marlborough to Orangeburg – Black Swamp & to Purysburg about fifteen miles from Savannah Georgia. At one of these last mentioned places he was stationed some time as a guard but was compelled to retreat on the approach of the British from Georgia & fled to Charleston South Carolina where his time expired & he returned home. He was out at this time three months ten days. He was drafted again for a month at a time at different times & served under Captain Morris Murphy [sic, Maurice Murphy]; with whom he went to General Francis Marion's camp in the Swamp of Santee River about Thirty miles from Charleston South Carolina. At one time he was stationed at Watboo [sic, Wadboo] Bridge (as he believes) to prevent the British from passing up the Country. Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] was stationed at the same time about three miles from Charleston. Marion sent out a party under Colonel Mayam [sic, Hezekiah Maham] to reconnoiter Tarleton's Camp. This party consisted of about thirty men & they succeeded in getting so near to Tarleton's camp that they killed the Sentinel. Tarleton rushed out upon them & they were compelled to recross Santee River & go on back to Wadboo Bridge. At this place the British Scouts fired on Marion's picket guard & drove them in. Marion's men were placed behind a fence on each side of the road where there was a lane & as the British rushed through, Marion fired on them & killed four or five men & horses. Upon this the British retired. Deponent does not recollect any other engagement or anything else which occurred when he was out at that time worth mentioning. When the time for which he was drafted had expired, deponent returned home & was drafted again under the same Captain (Maurice Murphy) under Colonel Lem Benton [sic, Lemuel Benton]; he marched down to Scott's Lake Fort about forty miles from Santee River, which was in possession of the British about 9 hundred in number. The Americans under General Marion & Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], in number about sixteen hundred, attacked the Fort & were repulsed with the loss of Thirty or Forty men killed. The Fort was only accessible on one side – This side Marion entrenched & put Colonel Lee's regulars to fire on the Fort, through the Port Holes made in the

mound of earth thrown out of the Ditch. He also made a rolling battery & when the British refused to Surrender, he moved up his Battery to the Fort, & as the British showed their heads outside the Fort, Lee's regulars picked them off. In this manner the Americans succeeded in getting up to the Fort & taking possession of it.¹ After this engagement, deponent returned to Marlborough & soon afterwards was drafted again, marched under the same Captain to Birch's Mill about three miles below Mars Bluff on Pee Dee River, in Marion District where he rejoined General Marion – Marion then moved up the River to Cashaway ferry [sic, Cashua Ferry] & crossed over to Boling Green [sic, Bowling Green?] in Marion District where he proclaimed free Pardon to all the Tories who would lay down their arms. To this proposition many of them acceded & joined the Americans. Deponent was drafted at other times under Captain Hinson, Moses Pearson, ____ Standard. He can't tell whether he ever received a discharge, if he did, he has lost it. He was always under Marion & if he ever received a discharge it was from him. He has no documentary evidence of his Service and knows of Samuel Cox² & William Cox³ of Marlborough District now alive who can testify to his services. He was born in Marlborough District South Carolina the 7th day of February 1762 – his age is recorded in a Family Bible at the House of Betsy McTyer in Marlborough District. He has lived in Marlborough since the Revolution except during the last twenty years which he has spent in Marion where he now lives. He is known to David S. Harllee, Samuel Bigham, Thomas Godbold, Thomas Evans & many other gentlemen of respectability who can testify as to deponent's character for veracity and their belief of his services as stated in his declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Nathaniel Whittington, W his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in the year & day aforesaid.

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge in open Court at the court of Common Pleas & Sessions for the District aforesaid at Marion CH.

[Edward B Wheeler and Michael Ross, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 10 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Nathaniel Whittington
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8475

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[The top of the form is illegible except for "April 1785"]

Nathaniel Whittington his Account of 29 days duty done as Private in the Militia in 1782

Amounting to £2.1.5 Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S [identity unknown]]

¹ April 16, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

² [Samuel Cox S21705](#)

³ [William Cox S21704](#)

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina to Nathaniel Whittington

To 1 Certificate for Twenty Nine Days as a private

in General Marion's Company at 10/

To 1 Do for 25 Days Do 29 days at 10/ [10 Shillings old SC currency per day]

14.10 or £2.1.5

South Carolina

Chs. District [Charleston District]} Nathaniel Whittington made oath before me that the above account is a Just and True account and that he never has Received any Part thereof & also Declares that the above mentioned Certificate for 25 days he has lost or mislaid where it cannot be found

Sworn to before me

this 6th January 1784

S/ Moses Pearson, JP

[Undeciphered words] District

Gentlemen

You'll Please to [illegible text] Colonel Morris Murphy an Indent for my public Account & oblige

Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant

S/ Nathaniel Whittington, X his mark

The Commissioners of
the Treasury

Test

S/ Moses Murphy November 25, 1785

I assign my [illegible word] Nathaniel Whittington's order to Francis Brown for Value Received March 8th, 1786

S/ Morris Murphey



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Received 23 June 1789 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 610 Book O by an Order

S/ Morris Murphey