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Virginia Half-Pay records for Thomas White VA16

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Va White, Thomas N. A. Acc. No. 874

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Half Pay

No pension file identified for this veteran

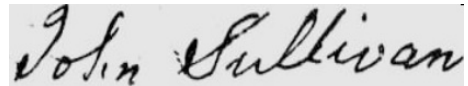
Virginia to wit

At a court held for Halifax County the 26th day of May 1834, Alva Oliver [S8907] a resident of Halifax County aged about 70 years appeared in open court, and being sworn proved to the satisfaction of the court that Thomas White was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. that he was well acquainted with him and that he died in this County about the year 1827. That the said Thomas White removed from Prince William County to this County many years ago & about the close of the Revolutionary War. That he left the following children all of whom he well knew Vizt Garland White a son who now resides in the state of Tennessee [undeciphered] a daughter who resides in the county of Person North Carolina, Mary another daughter who intermarried with Wm Taylor and removed to the state of Tennessee, Fanny another daughter who intermarried with Joel Watkins and removed to the State of Tennessee, another son Turner A White who resides in this county and his son Patrick White who removed to the State of Indiana and his son Presley White who also removed to the State of Indiana, James H. White a son who resides in Milton North Carolina, Nancy R White a daughter who intermarried with Allen Hastin and who removed to the State of Indiana, another son Thompson White who resides in Person County North Carolina, and that these are all the children of the said Thomas White. That he the said Alva Oliver has been informed that the said Mary Taylor died leaving five children but he [illegible] acquainted with them, the said Alva Oliver further proved that the said White also left a widow Margaret White and that he the said Alva Oliver was a soldier of the Revolution.

William Sherfield[?] of Lawful age, appeared in open court and being sworn proved to the satisfaction of the court that Thomas White died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1827

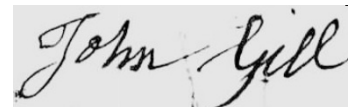
State of Virginia Prince William County To Wit [1 July 1833]

I hereby certify that I am now in my seventy fifth year of my age and that I served one year in the first Virginia State Regiment in the Revolutionary War and that I was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Charles Ewell [W9432], Lieutenant Thomas White and Ensign William Broaddus the said Thomas White entered the service in the Revolution in September[?] 1776 and was in actual service in 1780 about the time I left the service and that I believe the said Thomas White remained in service until the close of the war. John Sullivan [S38410]



State of Virginia Prince William County to Wit [1 July 1833]

I John Gill [W7520] in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of my age do Certify that I was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and that I was well acquainted with Thomas White who was a Lieutenant in the first Virginia State Regiment the said Thomas White was a resident of this County and resided near Greenage in said County and after the conclusion of the War removed to the South of Virginia. The said Thomas White entered the service in the early part of the Revolution as a Sergeant but was afterward promoted to a Lieutenancy in the said first Virginia State Regiment and continued in service until the Close of the War or until he became a Supernumerary.



State of North Carolina } This day [26 May 1834] personally appeared before me Wm G Jones a  
Person County } justice of the peace and of the County Court for the aforesaid county  
James H. White & Thompson White sons & heirs at Law of Thomas

White deceased, James H. White being first duly sworn, disposeth & sayeth as follows That he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Thomas White deceased formerly of Prince William County, Virginia and afterwards of Halifax County in the same state who died sometime in the year 1827 aged about 75 years. That his said father was reported & believed in the neighbourhood in which he resided to have been Lieutenant in the army of the Revolution, and belonged to the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment That he has heard him say that he belonged to the Regiment aforesaid and that he entered the service in the county of Prince William Virginia. That he has heard his father say that he was Lieutenant in the army aforesaid and that he removed from the County of Prince William shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War That he has seen his father have in his possession a land warrant described as having been given for his services as a Lieutenant aforesaid but he cannot tell what disposition was made of it he further states that he has a brother by the name of Garland White who now resided in the state of Tennessee, a sister by the name of Louisy who resides in the County of Person North Carolina Mary another sister who intermarried with William Taylor and removed to the State of Tennessee, Fanny another sister who intermarried with Joel Watkins and removed to the state of Tennessee, another brother Turner D White who resided in the County of Halifax Virginia, another brother Patrick White who removed to the state of Indianna, another brother Presley White who also removed to the state of Indianna Nancy R White a sister who entermarried with Allen Hastin and who removed to the state of Indianna another brother Thompson White who now resides in Milton No. Carolina that he the said James H. White has been informed that the said Mary Taylor decd. leaving five children but he never knew any of them that his father left a widow by the name of Margaret White who is now alive and resides in the County of Halifax Virginia and further this deponent sayeth not. [signed] James H. White

[Margaret White, Thomson White and Turner D. White made similar statements.]

State of Virginia Prince William County to wit

I hereby certify that I married James White who was either a Soldier or Sergeant in the Revolutionary War and a brother to Thomas White who I have frequently heard was an Officer in the Revolutionary war. The said Thomas White resided near Greenwich in this County and Removed to the County of Halifax in this state.

Many years afterwards the said Thomas White returned to this neighbourhood on a visit to his Father & Relations and brought with him one of his Daughters by the name of Mary – some years after the said Thomas White made a second visit to his Father. I was then residing with old Mr. James White who was father of said Thomas White. I have heard my husband James White say that he was on his return from the South that he stayed with his brother Thomas White who was then residing in Halifax County and remained with him some weeks. I have frequently heard my husband speak of the revolutionary services of Thomas White his brother and have no question myself from what I have heard that he was an officer of the Revolution.

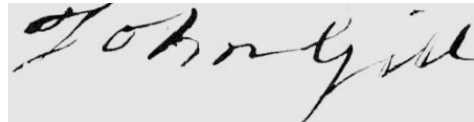
Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sep'r 1835. Sarah herXmark White

Virginia Prince William County Towit [26 September 1835]

I hereby certify that I am in my seventy fourth year of may age, and am a pensioner of the United States having served Eleven months and four days as a volunteer in the Revolutionary War. I also certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas White who formerly lived near Greenwich in this County and shortly after the close of the war the said White removed to the County of Halifax where he married, and died. The said White made two visits to his relations in this County after having moved to Halifax. The last visit he made here, he stayed the greater part of his time at my house and we had frequent conversations about his revolutionary services. I never saw the said White in actual service, but I saw him before he entered the service and a short time after the war he told me that he was a Lieut in the

Revolutionary war, but cannot recollect the regiment that he belonged. I also certify that I have been a resident of this County for fifty years and have never heard of but one Thomas White who was old enough to have been in the Revolution

The last time the said White visited here he told me that he then resided in Halifax County in this state and that he had several children but do not recollect their names. of these facts I am confident having married the state of the said Thomas White.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gil". The ink is dark and the background is light gray.

NOTES:

It is likely that this Lt. Thomas White was the same officer as in VAS4967.

The file includes a certificate stating that a license was issued in Wilson County TN on 27 September 1831 for the marriage Green Simmons and Frances Taylor, with Green Simmons and Benjamin Tarver as surety.

The file includes statements dated 10 September 1835 in Fauquier County VA by Winnafred Esly, the former wife of Stephen White, who was a brother of Thomas White, as well as by Henrietta White, his daughter, with details similar to those in the statement by Sarah White.

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Thomas White dated 27 July 1827 naming his wife, Margret, and children Garland White, Phanny Walker, Thomas D. White, Partrick White, Presley White, James H. White, Nancy R. White, Louise White In addition, he devised to his son Tomson White, "one negroe girl by the name of Vina val[u]ed to one hundred dollars." The part that would have been devised to daughter Mary Taylor, deceased, was instead devised to her children. Thomas White further willed that "after the death of my wife Margret that the negroes and all other estate lent to her in this will" be divided among the children. The will was proved on 24 September 1827.

A document dated 2 January 1834 in Wilson County TN names William Taylor as guardian of Richard W., William J. and Lucinday Taylor, his minor children.