

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert L. Whitaker W10276¹

Nancy Whitaker A56NC

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County} SS

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Robert L. Whitaker (the L I did not affix to my Signature until some time after I returned home from the Army) a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty Seven years who first being 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 the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of July 1782 In Franklin County North Carolina to complete the term of service for 18 months of a private named William Hill in the company of Captain ___ commanded by Lieutenant Robert Bell in the Regiment commanded by Major Hogg [Thomas Hogg] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment lieutenant Robert Bell under command of Major Hogg marched our company from Warrenton North Carolina, through Hillsborough, the Battle ground at Guildford Courthouse through Salisborough [sic, Salisbury], Charlotte, From thence to Camden, South Carolina Over the high hills of Santee to the Battle ground at the Eutaw Springs From thence to head Quarters at the Ashly Hills on Ashly River in the State of South Carolina where the Regiment was then commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle and my company by Captain Benjamin Carter and Lieutenant or Ensign Dickson [Dixon?] from Ashly Hills we were marched to St. James Island (about 12 miles) about the first of January 1783 where we remained until about the first of July 1783 commanded by the last named Col. Archibald Lytle Captain Benjamin Carter and Lieutenant or Ensign Dickson, when I with the rest of the privates was furloughed until further Orders or finally discharged. Peace having been proclaimed in the camps after that we were not called anymore. With my furlough I obtained a Certificate for between Seventy & Eighty dollars for part of my pay, Signed by Jackson and Pierce, called final settlements which, I sold for twenty dollars to a merchant before the funding Law was passed by Congress, the balance of my pay after the Certificates was funded, I had no person to direct me where to apply, and not knowing the amount, I sold for Ten dollars, that at the time of my Furlough or discharge I had remained in the Regiment and in actual service in the date of my first Enlistment, that I was Furloughed at or near St. James Island in the State of South Carolina where I returned home to Franklin County North Carolina where I remained until February 1820 I removed to Halifax County where I am now living.

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 in any state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. H. Pettway, Clk

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S/ Robt. L. Whitaker



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State of North Carolina, Halifax County

Personally appeared before me Henry Garrett one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Halifax & State aforesaid Robert Whitaker who has claimed a Pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 as per his annexed application: who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is certain that he served in the Army at the least 12 months as a Private soldier although he took the place of a private man of William Hill to serve 18 months as he states in the annexed application – he has know [sic, no] Evidence only a printed book lately found in the Superior Courts Clerk Office of this County which is headed as follows

“a Statement of the final settlement Certificates, issued for the arrears of Pay, commutation and Gratuity of the officers, non-commissioned officers and Privates of the late North Carolina line. Also of the Balances in Specie for Pay and Subsistence in the year 1782 and 1783 taken from the original Books and vouchers of Robert Fenner Esq. late Agent for delivering the said Certificates, and paying the Specie to the said officers and soldiers by Abishai Thomas, agent for settling the accounts of North Carolina with the United States”

on which said printed book as stated Payments in 1782, to the 18 months Drafts under which it is found names & Rank – No. amount – by whom receipted for – among a great number of the names of Privates is found the name of Robert Whitaker No. 91237, Amount \$76.60 Cents By whom receipted for Thomas Armstrong – my certificate that I sold as mentioned in this annexed certificate I sold to Andrew Armstrong – the names of all the Officers I served under & mentioned before in my annexed application is stated in the above printed Book & the Amount of pay & c receipted for – I received from Major Thomas Armstrong the above some of \$76.60 Cents though I stated in my annexed application that I thought it was between 70 or \$80 – this the 23rd day of April 1833.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23rd day of April 1833.

S/ Robt. L. Whitaker

S/ Henry Garrett, JP

[On February 21, 1855 in Halifax County North Carolina, Nancy Whitaker, 50 years old, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Robert L Whitaker deceased a pensioner for his service in the revolutionary War; she states that she married him in April 1835; that they were married by M. T. Ponton, a justice of the peace; and that her husband died August 30, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[On November 10, 1855 in Halifax County North Carolina, Nancy Whitaker, aged 50, filed for bounty land claiming to be the widow of Robert L. Whitaker stating that she married said Whitaker in April 1835, that her name prior to her marriage to Robert Whitaker was Nancy Britt, and that her husband died at August 30, 1845. She signed her claim with her mark.]

[On December 27, 1856 in Halifax County North Carolina M. T. Ponton, a justice of the peace, certified that he celebrated the rites of matrimony between Robert L Whitaker and Nancy Britt and that he married to said Nancy & her former husband Benjamin Britt.]

[On February 8, 1868, Nancy Whitaker applied for reinstatement of her pension rights after the Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for 12 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]