

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Whight (Wright, White) W11803 Hannah fn35VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/6/11

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State of Kentucky Washington County

On this 29th day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared Jonathan Whight a resident of said County and State aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended Declaration¹ in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. Said Declarant states that he was born in Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland on the 12th of August 1762, as copied from his father's Register. That he was drafted in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia in May 1781, the particular day not recollected. He was enrolled in a company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain John Henry, Thomas Marks Lieutenant and attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Alexander, Major Reid [Jacob Reed] and Captain Cleveland [James Cleveland] were also attached to the same Regiment. We rendezvoused at the time and in the County before stated, at John Moore's Tavern in said County. We marched from there to Fredericksburg by the Bolingreen [Bowling Green] from thence to Richmond thence to the three mile Creek in, from thence we retreated to the Manbin Hills [Malvern Hills] being chased by Cornwallis from thence to Raccoon Ford on the Rappahannock, where we were reinforced by General Wayne: who had come from the northward. This first tour of service expired having been drafted as before and having served three months I received a written discharge from Captain Henry but I have lost it. The term of service of a good many of the troops having expired about the same time, and about to expire, and there being a great want of men at the time, there was a call for volunteers and I then immediately volunteered as a private in and Infantry company commanded by Captain Caldwell from my present recollection to serve three months. We were attached to Wayne's regulars. From Raccoon Ford we pursued Cornwallis towards Little York. We came up with him at Jamestown, and had a smart engagement. Charles Crook² and Dick Stites³ who were my mates were wounded there. I continued in this service till the Battle of York when Cornwallis surrendered. I was at the siege during the whole time on this side of the River, not on the Gloucester side. I was detailed to guard the provinces [?] from York to Winchester I forget whether Captain Caldwell was my Captain under whom I marched to Winchester. I was there discharged, but do not now remember by what officer. I got my discharge about the last of November or first of December 1781, I know it was cold weather when I went home. Owing to old age and loss of memory I am unable to state with precision the particular times of my entering upon the services before stated, and

¹ The file contains no other application filed by this veteran.

² FPA R2502

³ This **MAY** be the same may as Richard Stites FPA R10183

when discharged but I state positively that from the time I first entered the service in May 1781 as a drafted militia [man] – until I was discharged at Winchester as before stated, during all which time I was on military duty, I served more than six months. In the spring 1782 in the month of May I volunteered in Captain James [indecipherable last name] Company from Loudoun County in Virginia to guard the prisoners at Winchester Barracks, I volunteered and went to the Barracks and were put under Captain Limvale's [? same name as above which I could not decipher] command, who was stationed there. I continued in this service two months and was discharged by Captain Limvell, after my term of service expired. I have lost my discharge. I have no documentary evidence of my services rendered as before stated, nor do I know of any living witness by whom I can prove my said services, any further than the statements of Isaac and Jacob Lewis of Shelby County in this state may conduce to prove what I have stated. I moved to the County of Washington where I now live, in the year 1815 and have lived here ever since. I am acquainted with my minister of the Gospel particularly unless it is [words marked through and blotted out] Smith of this County. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in this State, or on that of any state or Territory.

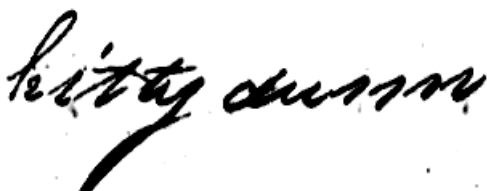
S/ Jonathan White, X his mark

[Samuel Lynn, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Attested by Vincent Morgan, JP

[fn p. 9: On August 30, 1846 in Washington County Kentucky, Hannah Whight, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jonathan Whight, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him July 22nd, 1783 in Fauquier County Virginia ; that they were married by a Protestant minister by the name of Parson Thompson; that her husband died January 27, 1845; that she knows of no record of her marriage but has the record of the births of her children in a book entitled the American Instructor which record is in the handwriting of her brother, John Laws and was written by him upwards of 30 years ago. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p 10: On August 21, 1846 in Washington County Kentucky, Kitty Dunn, 47 years old on the 20th of August 1846, gave a supporting affidavit in which she states she is the daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Whight; she gives the same testimony regarding the record of the births of her parents children and states that that record shows that her oldest brother, Warren, was born July 26, 1784.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kitty Dunn". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[fn p. 12 family record:

Warrin Whight was born the 16 July 1784

Laban Whight was born the 17 Oct 1786

Findley Whight was born the 9 April 1789

Sally Whight was born the 1 Dembr 1791

Elisebeth Whight was born the 4 April 1794

Nancy Whight was born the 2 July 1796

Kitty Whight was born the 20 Augt 1799

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing January 27, 1845.]