

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas White W1521

Cassandra fn37¹NC

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: On this 12th day of ~~August~~ September 1833 personally appeared Thomas White in open Court being the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid he being a resident Citizen of said County and seventy-four years the 11th day of September Instant he having a register of his age now in his possession -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Ansr to 1st Inty. I was born in Granville County State of North Carolina upon the 11th day September 1759 --

2nd Inty. Is answered above.

3rd Inty. I lived in Granville County North Carolina when called into the service and resided there until about 1823 and then moved to Tennessee Sumner and have resided there since.

Ansr to the 4th & 5th Inty. In the County of Granville in April 1776, enlisted for the term of two years and six months under Captain John Dickerson and our company was called the 1st Troop of Light Dragoons. We marched to Wilmington and there General Moore was commander in chief. The winter of 1776 & 77 -- we lay near Charlestown South Carolina. General Nash was then our commander in chief. In the spring of 1777 we were marched to the North. The last General named still in command. We marched into Philadelphia & there was better equipped and then marched and joined the Main Army General Washington commander in chief we were then attached to the 6th Regiment North Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle. I was engaged in the battle of Germantown fought on the 4th of October 1777 -- we continued with the Main Army till winter came on and we went into winter quarters at Little York and were mounted and done service for the Congress that sat in that place carrying expresses &c &c. In the spring of 1778 I was sent on composing a part of the guard to Pittsburg [Pittsburgh?] with Colonel John Gibson who had charge of the United States money -- we returned to Little York with General Hand and I with my company went in the campaign with General Mc ingtosh [sic,

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McIntosh] to Pittsburg engaged in forts & building them &c &c and with him continued to do service till my time expired which was in October 1778. I received a written discharge from General McIntosh -- which I sold to Robert Goodlow sometime in 1783, 4 or 5 & he got the land. I received I think 20 shillings. I returned to Granville and in 1781 I went into the militia service for three months in July he thinks under Captain Ralph Banks and we were attached to Colonel William Moore's Regiment -- Elijah Moore was elected our Major -- we were marched in[to] South Carolina we were not engaged in any battle -- we were a good deal in the Waxhaw settlements -- General Davidson² who was afterwards killed was with us -- we lay about here till our time of service expired and we were discharged. I do not know what has become of this discharge it has been lost or mislaid a great many years ago.

He would here state that in his service of 2 1/2 years as above detailed -- he received the appointment of Corporal 2nd in June 1777 -- and continued to discharge the duties of this appointment till my service expired -- which was 15 months --

So my service in the revolution was as follows 18 months as a private -- and 15 months as a Corporal for which he claims a pension.

Ansr. 7th Inty. Edmond Edwards clergyman & Jonathan Johnson can certify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

He here states that he filed his declaration last August 1832 & Jo C Guild sent it on to the war department in which was sent a letter from the Department informing me that my name was found upon the roll of the North Carolina Troops & I had served a sufficient time to be entitled to a pension from which papers nothing has been heard. He states that this is the only documentary evidence that he had of his service -- and that he knows of no one that lives by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever.

S/ Thomas White

Sworn to in open Court the 12 September 1833

S/ Wm Baldrige, Clerk

[Edmond Edwards a clergyman of Robinson County and Jonathan Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 130: on October 22, 1838 in Robertson County Tennessee, Cassandra White, 76, a resident of Sumner County filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas White, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him December 15, 1782; that her husband died on the last day of November 1834; that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 177: "Copy"]

Sir:

I desire that you will grant Licence i the name of Thomas White & Kisandra Higgs & Send them by my Son John Higgs. This from your friend.

S/ L. Higgs

To Mr. Searcey

December 17, 1782

[the above letter is certified as being in the office of the clerk of court of Granville County North

² General William Lee Davidson was killed on February 1, 1781 at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina.]

Carolina.]

[fn p.330: letter written by Mark White to the Commissioner of Pension inquiring as to the status of his mother's pension application.]

[fn p. 352]

April 9, 1843

Dear Sir, this is to inform you that one Adam Furguson [Adam Ferguson] came to my mother by night taking the neighborhood sqr. [squire—ie, magistrate] with him had her sworn [swear] to what was necessary I suppose towards obtaining a Certificate under the late act 3rd March 1843 then told her he should charge one half the money she might draw for getting her Certificate. This is the same man that obtruded on her in getting her five years pension kept Back her Certificate until 3 years expired & received one half of the money which was nearly \$200 this was done unbeknowing to any of her family. She is very old & childish knows nothing said she did not know what he was talking about while he [indecipherable word or words] in this man's proceedings are not agreeable to her nor the family. If Congress gives such widows a pension why not let them have it not gentleman lawyers I could have had her business done as well as Mr. Ferguson & cost nothing & intended doing it in due time Sir each of us request of you if you have done nothing with Mr. Ferguson's application in favor of Cassandra White not to do it say to him you understand it's not agreeable to her nor her family and send me a Blank form one to suit the act 3rd March 1843.

S/ Mark White

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$112.52 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private and 15 months service as a Corporal of cavalry during the revolution.]