

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Blount Whitmill W1522 Ann fn39¹NC
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Davidson County State of Tennessee: On this 19th day of November 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Ann Whitmill a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about seventy-nine years who being duly sworn according to law on her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 -- entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Thomas Blunt Whitmill generally called Blunt Whitmill who was (as I have understood from the said Whitmill and others) a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line but when the said Whitmill went into the service as aforesaid and how long he the said Whitmill continued in the service aforesaid I cannot tell if I ever heard I do not now recollect. I do expect the Records of North Carolina will show all these things as my Husband the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill obtained of the State of North Carolina on account of his services in the Revolutionary War a tract of land on the South side of Cumberland River at the mouth of Harpeth River then Davidson now Dickson County State of Tennessee and (as I have understood) his son Drew S. Whitmill has since received a Warrant by an act of the Legislature of North Carolina passing a law in his favor for eight hundred acres of land more on account of the services aforesaid in the Revolutionary War performed by him the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill. I have heard my husband the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill and others said that the said Whitmill was in the Battle of Brandywine and that he the said Whitmill received a wound in his knee in the said Battle of Brandywine and I have seen the scar on said Whitmill's knee said to have been occasioned by said wound received as aforesaid. I never knew my husband Thomas Blunt Whitmill ever applying for or receiving a pension on account of said wound received by him in said Battle of Brandywine. I never knew the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill until after he left the service aforesaid he the said Whitmill was born & raised in Bertie County North Carolina and I was born and raised in Scotland Neck Halifax County North Carolina and resided in the same until after my marriage with and until after the death of him the said Whitmill. The said Thomas Blunt Whitmill and myself the said Ann Whitmill (formerly Ann Smith) was married in the latter part of the year 1779 the day nor

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the month I do not recollect my Husband the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill died on the 20th day of September 1798, and I further state that I have never been married to any other Person since the death of my said husband the said Thomas Blunt Whitmill. And I do further state that I have no Record of anything or circumstance which I have stated above in this my Declaration. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Ann Whitmill

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 17th day of November 1838

S/ William Stringfellow, JP

[fn p. 131—last will and testament dated September 10, 1798 of Thomas Blount Whitmill describing himself as a resident of Halifax County North Carolina making gifts to his wife Ann Whitmill; daughter Elizabeth West Whitmill, son Thomas Whitmill, son Drew Smith Whitmill, daughter Ann Smith Whitmill and son Thomas West Whitmill; sister Mary Slatter. In one of the clauses of his will, the veteran makes reference to "my sons Thomas Whitmill and Thomas West Whitmill" so it is clear that the veteran had 2 sons both with the first name of Thomas.]

[fn p. 365]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Blunt Whitmill a Lieutenant in Captain Smith's company of the 4th Regiment was commissioned on the 20th November 1776, and omitted in January 1778. That a warrant for bounty land was issued for his services No. 342 for 824 acres, which appears to have been allowed him for 27 months service.

Given under my hand this 5th day of November 1838

S/ Wm Hill

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$178.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, based on the service of her husband for one year one month and 12 days as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.]

State of North Carolina
No 816.

Know ye that we have given and granted unto Blount Whitmice a Militarie tract in the Continental line of this State a tract of land containing eight hundred and twenty four acres lying and being in our County of Davidson, lying at the mouth of Big Horse fork River on the West side - Beginning at a large Red Oak in the fork of said River and Cumberland, and runs South thirty six chains to a Stake thence West one hundred and thirty eight chains to two Hickories on a ridge, thence North seventy chains to a Stream and Hickory on the bank of Cumberland River, thence up the meanders of the River to the beginning. To hold to the said Blount Whitmice his heirs and assigns forever - Dated the 15th day of September 1787.

J. Glasgow Secretary W^o Lawrence.
Warrant No 342. R^o W^oately S^o.
Clyde Park & William Nash Sale.

State of Tennessee

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy taken from the Books in my office containing copies of the Military Grants certified by the Secretary of N. Carolina & recognized by an act of the General Assembly of this State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the Seal of the State at Nashville the 3. day of July 1839.

Luke Lea
Secretary of State.

Copy of the Bounty Land Warrant issued by NC to Thomas Blount Whitmill