

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William White W18396

Dorothy

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia County of Matthews

On this 10 day of October 1836 personally appeared before many a Justice of the Court of Matthews County now sitting Dorothy White a resident in the County of Matthews in State of Virginia aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of William White who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war he entered the service of the United States 1776 under Captain Plummer [possibly Captain George Plummer] who had command of a militia company and so continued until the end of the war. I do not recollect the number of his tours of duty. I know of no engagement that he had whilst out on a duty. I have often heard him speak of firing at the British but it has been so long ago I have forgotten all about it. He lived in Gloucester County Kingston Parish when he was called into service where he lived all his life. She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid William Height in 1775 by parson fields [Fields] and that her husband the aforesaid William White died in 1806 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Dorothy White, X her mark

Gloucester County Kingston Parish now constituting Mathews County

We Isaac Foster and John N. Sale magistrates in the County of Mathews in State of Virginia do hereby certify that we find in a family Book of Record that William White and Dorothy Davis was joined in the holy State [of] Matrimony [Matrimony] in February 3rd 1775 we find that Absalom the sone [son] of William and Dorothy White was born 29th day of October in the year of our Lord 1777 which appears to be the oldest child – and from our acquaintance with him he must be as old as the Register Book makes him out to be now – Given under our hands and seals in Matthews County this the 14th day of April 1837

*Isaac Foster*  
*John N. Sale*  
*John D. Jurors*

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We Josiah Pugh<sup>1</sup> & Isaac Smith<sup>2</sup> do upon oath testify and declare that we were born and raised in

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W5586

the County of Matthews Virginia, that we knew and were well acquainted with William White from his boyhood until his death, which was in or about the year 1806, that he was born in the Parish of Kingston (now Matthews County) where he resided during his life, that he entered the service of the United States as a private under command of Captain George Plummer in the year 1776 (the time Lord Dunmore came to Gwynn's Island) and served as follows viz. In 1776 one month in White's Neck. In 1777 he served two tours of duty the first one month the second one month both at White's Neck. In 1778 he was called out under command of Captain Robert Carey and was marched to Gloucester Court House in consequence of the enemy being up James River in that tour he served one month. In the same year he was again called out under command of Captain Robert Gayle and served two months at New Point. In 1779 he was again called out under command of the last mentioned Captain and served two tours of duty at New Point – the first one and a half months the second two months. In 1780 he was again called out under command of Captain Robert Carey and served two tours in White's Neck – the first one month, the second two months. In 1781 he was again called into service under command of the last mentioned officer (when we the militia of Gloucester County was called out) was marched to Gloucester Court House, thence to Hubbard's old field, thence to Ware Search, thence to Sewel's old field, there he remained some time, after which he was marched to Gloucester Town where a battle was fought. In the last mentioned tour he served about three months. He was engaged in several skirmishes while on duty at New Point & White's Neck & that we know he served at the places above specified because we served with him at all of those camps at White's Neck.

Further we testify and declare that he was married in the County of Matthews Virginia to Dorothy Davis in the latter part of the Winter of the year 1775 (agreeably to the neighborhood report, we were not at the marriage) that he lived with the said Dorothy during his life by whom he raised children who now live in this County and are heirs of his estate & that the said Dorothy is now the widow of said William White

*Josiah Pugh*  
*Isaac Smith*

[fn p. 17: In May 1837, Absalom White gave an affidavit in Matthews County Virginia in support of his mother's application

*Absalom White* ]

[fn p. 17: On May 5, 1827, Henry White gave testimony in Matthews County Virginia that the family record is in the handwriting of William White. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

*Henry White* ]

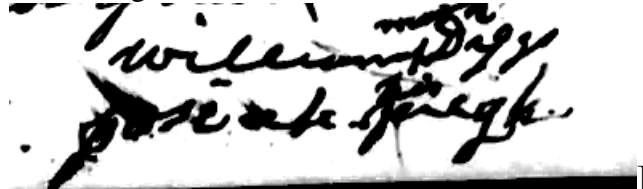
[fn p. 19: On Sept. 21, 1836, William Diggs,<sup>3</sup> 76, and Josiah Pugh, 74, gave an affidavit in which

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<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Smith S11427](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA S8327

they this the services of the veteran in substantially as given in the previous affidavit given by Josiah Pugh.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Pugh" with a flourish underneath.

[fn p. 21: On May 5, 1837, George Callis,<sup>4</sup> 75, also gave testimony that he served with the veteran at the various times specified in the prior depositions. He signed his deposition with his mark.]

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[Note: the following documents contained in this file clearly relate to a different William White and should be filed in a different file.]

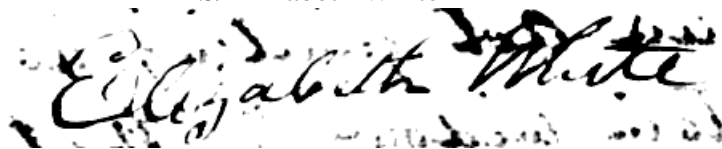
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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 11th day of September 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth White, age 79 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision 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 William White, late of Charlotte, who was a Corporal in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment and an Ensign in militia in the war of the Revolution – That she knows very little, if anything at all, respecting the services of her late husband in the war of the Revolution, as coming within her personal knowledge: but she has always understood from old soldiers and verily believes the same to be true, that her late husband in the spring of 1776 enlisted in Charlotte County under Captain John Grant for the term of three years and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens [Edward Stevens] – That upon the organization of the company, he was made Corporal, and continued to act as such, until his term of enlistment expired – That subsequently he was drafted in the militia under Captain William Morton of Charlotte and marched to Guilford in North Carolina on which occasion he acted as Ensign in the company and was drafted for the term of 3 months –

She further declares that she was married to the said William White on the 15th day of July 1779; that her husband the aforesaid William White, died on the 26th day of November 1827: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794; that is to say, at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth White

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth White" with a flourish underneath.

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<sup>4</sup> FPA W14444

The Explanatory Declaration of Elizabeth White of Charlotte County, Virginia, widow of William White, deceased, in order to obtain a Pension under the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 –

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: This day Elizabeth White, widow of William White, deceased, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, and made oath in due form of law, that she was married to the said William White on the 15th day of July 1792 and that the said William White died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1827 – that her said husband frequently mentioned to her that he was a Corporal in Infantry in the Continental line, and Ensign of militia, in the war of the Revolution, in all to receive a Pension, as others were claiming; but upon examination of the Act of Congress passed March 18th 1818, he found that none but does in reduced circumstances in life, who stood in need of assistance from their country for support, were embraced in that law – She further states that her said husband during the year 1818 and up to the time of his death, on and possessed a considerable real and personal estate, and was not in reduced circumstances in life, and required assistance from his country for support; and that for not embraced in the Act of March 18th 1818, as will appear from the annexed certificate.

S/ Elizabeth White

[attested July 18th, 1839]

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with William White late of Charlotte in the War of the Revolution, and no the fact that he was a Corporal in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment. He enlisted under Captain John Brent in the spring of 1776 for the term of 3 years, and was shortly after enlistment, made Corporal, in the company; in which capacity he served the whole term of enlistment – He was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Alston, in General Stevens – I am in the 79th year of my age, and was a soldier of the war of the Revolution –

S/ Thomas Harvey,<sup>5</sup> X his mark

[attested September 21, 1838]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Thomas Harvey do hereby certify in addition to within certificate, that said William White, in the year 1781, was drafted in the militia under Colonel Morton, for the term of 3 months and marched to Guilford in North Carolina – He acted on that occasion as Ensign in the company and served the said term faithfully. Given under my hand this 21st day of September 1838 –

S/ Thomas Harvey, X his mark

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with William White, late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary war; and know the fact from personal knowledge, that he was a Corporal in the company commanded by Captain Brent that marched from Charlotte in 1776. He enlisted under Captain Brent, about March, 1776, for the term of three years, and upon the formation of the company, was made Corporal, in which capacity and rank, he served the whole term of enlistment – The company was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental

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<sup>5</sup> [Thomas Harvey R4715](#)

establishment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens – I am in the 79th year of my age, and was a soldier in the war of the Revolution – Given under my hand this 2nd day of October, 1838

S/ William P. Hamlett<sup>6</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Hamlett". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a prominent initial 'W'.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service of 12 months as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>6</sup> FPA S13305