

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas White W21452      Elizabeth Jeffords<sup>1</sup>      fn39SC  
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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 21st day of July 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffords aged 76 years widow and a resident of Charleston, who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth, that she makes the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4 July 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed 3 March 1837. That she was married to Mr. Thomas White deceased late of Christ Church Parish and District of Charleston who was a private volunteer Soldier during the War of the Revolution in a troop of horse commanded by Major Toomer, and attached to General Marion's brigade, that, he served in same two years, and was at various places on duty which she cannot now lame nor recollect. That he the said Thomas White her husband was obnoxious to the British, that while the British had possession of the City of Charleston after the fall of same, she remembers that, she had a female child of two years old sick, who was attended by a Doctor [indecipherable word or name] of the English forces, and that, two British officers named McNeill and Nestropp [could be Westropp] were stationed in said parish with a detachment of troops, that her husband said Thomas White, was rousted out of his bed by some British marauders, and insulted & [indecipherable word, looks like "menand"] for the purpose of extorting money from him. That, she was married to said Thomas White in the 21st of April 1776 as appears from an original entry in the family register, that her husband the aforesaid Thomas White died in the year 1784. That, she afterwards in the year 1786 married Daniel Jeffords who died in the year 1794, and that, she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and has not since intermarried. That, she is now in poor circumstances. That, she has no documentary evidence to produce the family library being burnt many years ago, with all most all her papers. That, she knows of but one person now alive who knew her husband and herself in these times viz. Mrs. Hamblin who is very old and feeble, and therefore prays the Honorable the head of the Department to take her case into consideration, and if any other survivor is found she will endeavor to get their testimony in her behalf.

S/ Elizabeth Jeffords

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I also certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Thomas Lee, District Judge United States for South Carolina

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

[fn p. 381: On October 29, 1838, Dr. Daniel Legare, 57, gave an affidavit in support of the widows claim but unfortunately most of the affidavit is illegibly faint.]

[fact in file: the widow's maiden name was either Elizabeth Whitfield or Whitefield.]