

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert White ¹W2300

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[p 14]

State of Tennessee White County} SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Nathaniel W Williams, Judge of the third Judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid now presiding in the County of White and State of Tennessee, Robert White, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about Seventy Eight years, to the best of his knowledge, as he has no record of his age; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the 15th Virginia Regiment – the precise time of his Enlistment he does not recollect, nor does he remember the name of his Colonel – but feels certain as to the number of his Regiment – His Captain's name was James Foster – The name of his Lieutenant was Samuel Jones, who was the officer under whom he enlisted. This was in Amelia County Virginia. From Amelia Courthouse, Captain Foster's Company went to Fredericksburg Virginia – where they remained but a short time – From thence they went to Dumfries where many of the troops took the small pox – They remained there, he does not remember how long, but so soon as they became able to march they proceeded to headquarters at Bonbrook [Boundbrook] where they joined Genl. Washington: and he says, was attached to Genl. Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade. His enlistment was for three years. He was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and at the taking a Fort called Polly's hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] – He was in winter quarters at Valley Forge on the Schuylkill [River]. His three years expired – he having served out his whole time. He states that he did not get a discharge, and assigns as a reason, that he enlisted during the War, on the expiration of his three years enlistment. During his second term of Enlistment he was taken prisoner at Charleston [May 12, 1780]. He deems it unnecessary to be more explicit, as he has no doubt but his name will be found on the rolls of the department. Indeed it is impracticable to be more explicit as he is old and feeble, and his memory extremely defective.

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

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Anthony Dibrell, Clerk

S/ Robert White, X his mark

¹ BLWt53742-160-55

[p 21: On April 2, 1853 in White County Tennessee, Betsy White, aged about 60, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Robert White a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him July 31, 1825 in White County Tennessee; that her name prior to her marriage was Betsy German; that her husband died February 7, 1841 (someone has written underneath that date 1840). She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 2: On June 10, 1853 in White County Tennessee, the widow filed an amendment to her application in which she states she does not know her exact age; that she was married to her husband on July 31, 1825 at the home of Alexander Edens in White County Tennessee by Graham Jackson a regular Minister of the gospel who then resided in White County Tennessee; that her husband died February 7, 1840 as well as he now recollects.]

[p 45: On August 7, 1865 in Putnam County Tennessee, the widow filed for the reinstatement of her pension benefits following day of termination of the Civil War. Another version of this bond posted on p 11 lists her name as "Betsy Garman."]

[p 20: marriage bond issued to Robert White and William Wray of White County Tennessee on July 30, 1825 for the marriage of Robert White to Betsy German.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 4 service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Robert White W2300

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Mecklenburg County [undeciphered] May 1784

I Do Certify that Robert White a Soldier in the 6th [illegible] Regiment Inlisted with me to serve [illegible] on the 19 of Feb'y 1776 that he serv'd [illegible] Inlistment until [undeciphered] and Reinelisted at that time for three years and served until June 1780 when he escaped from Captivity in Charles Town.

Given under my Hand as above

Sa'l. Hopins [Samuel Hopkins BLWt1065-450] Late Lt
Col'n. [illegible] Line

a Copy from the Origin lodged in this Office

Auditor's Office May 23 1784 Edmund [undeciphered]