

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whaley W2386

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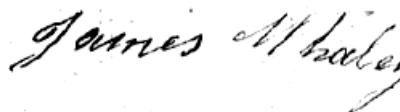
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Commonwealth of Virginia Wood County to wit – On the 22nd day of April in the year 1819 before the Superior Court of Law County personally appeared James Whaley aged sixty-four years resident in the County of Wood and Commonwealth of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That the said James Whaley enlisted under Lieutenant Simon Morgan the Captain was Robert Bell at Tomlinson's in Allegheny County State of Maryland, that the company was Infantry, and thirteenth Regiment of Virginia troops in the Continental establishment Colonel William Crawford – his enlistment was the 10th day of December in the year 1776 – that he continued to serve under Captain Bell three years or in the service of the United States until December 1779 when he was honorably discharged from Service in Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania – that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and White Wash – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, Sworn and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.



District of Virginia Wood County to wit

On this 7th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County Court of Wood, being a court of record having unlimited common law jurisdiction & an official seal, James Whaley aged sixty-seven years, resident in Wood County in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he was enlisted in the regular service during said war by Lieutenant Symon Morgan in the company commanded by Captain Robert Bell at Tomlinson's in the Allegheny mountains and attached to the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Crawford on the 16th day of December 1776 on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 16th of December '79 when he was discharged from the service by General Broadhead or McIntosh he does not recollect which in the State of Pennsylvania at Fort Pitt. That he received a pension from the 23rd of April 1819 that the said Certificate was granted the 21st of July 1819 and has number of 12, 549. That he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. That by profession he is a painter, that from an injury he received in his right hand & from failure of eyesight he has been unable to pursue his said occupation, that he has a wife and four children,

Elizabeth Whaley his wife aged 36 years, James Whaley aged 9 years Anne Rebecca Whaley aged 6 years, William N. Whaley aged 4 years and Harriet Whaley aged one year, that from the infirmities of his said wife and the smallness of his children that he has been unable to support his family by their United Exertions. – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

one mare 17 years old, one cow & calf, 5 small hogs, 4 chairs, 4 dishes, 2 basons, 12 plates, 6 bottles, 2 jugs, 2 earthen pots, one candlestick, 2 small sugar boxes, one coffee mill, one tea canister, one candle mold, one candlestick snuffer, one teapot, one set cups & saucers, 3 small Earthman mugs, one pair smoothing irons, one dozen tablespoons, half dozen teaspoons, 2 water buckets, one small piggin, one washing tub, 2 small wooden vessels to whole milk in, 3 wood barrels, 3 small iron pots, one small pot tub, 2 spinning wheels, one small looking glass, half dozen knives & forks, one pair cotton cards, 2 spelling books, one saddle & 2 bridles, 2 baskets, one basket to hold clothes, one bread tray, one old musket, one old plow and harness, one ax, 2 hilling hoes, 2 small chisels, 2 shoe knives & hammer, one pair pinchers, a few nails & tacks, one shaving box, & 2 razors, one small popular table, and one marble slab to grind paint on.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Whaley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Whaley".

[fn p. 11: On February 6, 1833, in Meigs County of Ohio, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Ohio agency giving as his reason for locating that "...a part of my children resided in Ohio and I wished to get my family near together & I resided on a very poor piece of land which I sold & removed to Ohio for the purpose of obtaining land of better quality."]

[fn p. 14: On July 2, 1853, in Meigs County Ohio, Elizabeth Whaley, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Whaley, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; she describes his service as including being in the Battle of bunker Hill and being enlisted for 2 or 3 years; that when he returned home he remained perhaps 3 months then took the place of William Massy his brother-in-law who was drafted and served 18 months; served that time and then enlisted for and during the war; thinks that he was probably living on Bull Skin Stream, Jefferson County Virginia when he entered the service as his mother was living there after the war; that she married him on March 6, 1808; that her husband died December 4, 1840 in Salisbury Township Meigs County Ohio. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 16: Citty Ann Parker gave a supporting affidavit in which she said she has been intimately acquainted with Elizabeth Whaley and James Whaley her husband for about 28 years; that others of her acquaintance who have known the veteran and his widow for 50 years say they were legally married in Frederick County Virginia in 1808 by Reverend Thomas Littleton, a Methodist

Minister; that James and Elizabeth Whaley head a family consisting of 10 sons and daughters the oldest of whom is now 42 years of age; that Elizabeth Whaley's maiden name was Elizabeth Page; that she was married to John Hall and after Hall's death she married James Whaley; that she is acquainted with the heirs of Elizabeth Whaley whom she had by her first husband, John Hall, including Sally Ann and John P Hall, the latter of whom says he recalls his mother marrying James Whaley in Frederick County Virginia when he, John P Hall was about 7 years old; that she remembers seeing the family Bible in which there was a record indicating "James Whaley and Elizabeth Hall married March 6 in the year of our Lord 1808."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 23, 1819 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853.]

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Addendum to James Whaley W2386

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). According to the index, the application for bounty land was made in 1814.]

I do hereby Certify that James Whaly enlisted in the 13th Virginia Regiment in continental service in the [illegible] part of the year 1776 or in the begining of the [illegible] 1777 [illegible] the term of three years, and I believe he [illegible] the full term for which he enlisted Given under my hand this [illegible]

[illegible signature of Charles Simms VAS4441]

the 13th Virginia Regiment

Lay this before the Council & they will decide[?] the Warrant to Issue