

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Whitaker W3482

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State of Virginia Campbell County to wit

On the 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court James Whitaker before the Court of Campbell now sitting James Whitaker a resident of the County of Campbell and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he was drafted from the County of Buckingham in 1781 the month not recollected under the command of Captain Winston L. A. Walker [could be D. A. Walker] and Ensign John Garaway [John Gassaway?], marched from Buckingham Court House to Petersburg, from thence to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] where he staid the greater part of his time, our commanding Officers were Colonel Charles Fleming and Major B. Jones belonging to General Muhlenberg's Brigade, That in this tour he was in no engagement, was discharged at Babs old field [Babb's old fields?] the 11th day of April 1781 served three months do not recollect of getting a discharge. That he was drafted a second time to serve a tour of duty which tour he did serve, that he marched from the County of Buckingham under the command of Captain Miller and mostly, crossing James River at a place called Swans Point where we met with difficulties in crossing the River from [indecipherable word or words], marched to Williamsburg and on to York, was there at the taking of Wallis [Cornwallis], after that he marched from York through Williamsburg by Hanover Court House the Bolling Green [Bowling Green], and to Fredericksburg and on to the Barracks to guard the prisoners at which place we were discharged after serving a tour of three months, do not recollect of getting a discharge. He has no register of his age was born in the County of Buckingham and now resides in the County of Campbell, he refers to Colonel Robert Franklin, Captain David Robertson, Captain Ellis Hunter and Captain William Dungard [?] for his character for veracity, and their belief of his services during the War of the Revolution and as to his actual service he refers to the testimony of Captain Robert Rogers¹ and Jesse Thornhill,² He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

¹ FPA S6006

² [Jesse Thornhill S14679](#)

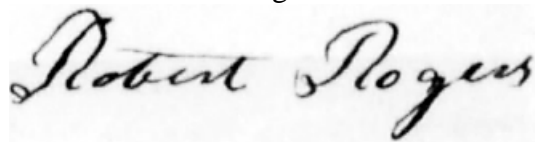
[George [indecipherable name see signature below³] and Jesse Thornhill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

Robert Rogers aged 69 years a respectable Citizen of said County, personally appeared before me a Justice for said County and made oath, that he does not recollect of seeing James Whitaker in the Army of the revolution, but from every circumstance he thinks he was there, that the said Whitaker says that he saw him the said Rogers in the Army, at Cabin point & he served a tour of duty at that place after that he saw him serving another term at a York, and from incidents which took place which the said Whitaker recollects and saw, I have no doubt of his being there.

S/ Robert Rogers



Subscribed and sworn to before me a justice of the peace for said County 4th of August 1832
S/ Jonathan P Phelps

[fn p. 8: On June 2nd, 1843 in Campbell County Virginia, Susannah Whitaker, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Whitaker, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 10, 1791; that he died May 4th, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 19: certificate from the clerk of court of Buckingham County Virginia certifying that the register of marriages in his offices show the marriage of James Whitaker 2 Susanna back him March 10, 1791, and that they were married by the Reverend William Flowers.]

[Facts in file: widows maiden name was Beckham; the file contains no reference to the children, if any, of the veteran and his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]

