

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William White¹ W4099 Caty White f79VA

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State of Virginia Hanover County: SS

On this 19th day of January in the year 1839 personally appeared before me Milton M Brown a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Caty White at her residence in the County aforesaid, being unable in consequence of age & infirmity to attend the Court to make heard her declaration, 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 in the 78th year of her age and is the widow of William Light who was a Lieutenant in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment of the Virginia State line and served until he became a supernumerary, and in consequence of which his executor received his half pay under the Act of the 5th of July 1832 –

She further declares that she was married to the said William White on the 28th day of June 1783, and that her husband the aforesaid William White died on the 2nd day of December 1812: 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 viz. at the time above stated and that she has never again married, but is yet his widow.

S/ Caty White, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me

S/ M. M. Brown, JP

S/ Caty White, X her mark

[p 15: On March 24, 1855 in Hanover County Virginia, the widow, 94, filed for her bounty land entitlement; she states that her name prior to her marriage was Caty Thomas.]

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City of Richmond, to wit

The affidavit of Peter Foster² of the County of Hanover, taken at the Auditor's Office on the 17th day of Me 1831, the said affiant says that he was well acquainted with William White, deceased, late of the County of Hanover, and knows of his own knowledge, that the said William White, entered into the service of the Revolutionary war some time in the early part of the year 1777 (and he thinks about the month of February) as a Sergeant in Captain Thomas Meriwether's

¹ BLWt2213-200 and BLWt3190-160-55

² [Peter Foster S46443](#)

company in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson, – that in the year 1778, the said William White was appointed an Ensign, and in the year 1779, he was promoted to the rank of second Lieutenant, in the said Regiment, and continued therein until the said Regiment was reduced, when he was placed upon the footing of a supernumerary officer: and this affiant further says that he knows of his own knowledge that the said White was in service at the siege of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia, and there held command as a Lieutenant, that he does not know of the said White's being in actual service afterwards: this affiant also says, that he is himself a native of Hanover County of Virginia, and continued to know and be acquainted with the said White, up to the time of his death, which he understood was about the year 1812. That as to the identity of the said White, this affiant says, that there was no other officer by the name of William White belonging to the first Regiment, but the person before spoken of, who lived and died in the County of Hanover – that this affiant belonged to the same company with the said White and marched with him in the month of 1777 and continued in the service with him during the year 1778 and 1779 until the Regiment returned to Virginia. This affiant also says that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the late William Campbell who was his Captain after Thomas Meriwether, and that he believes the certificate given by the said Campbell in relation to the service and rank of the said William White, in which I have seen and inspected in the handwriting of the said gambler. This affiant further states, being there to question by the Auditor, that he believes, and has no doubt that the claim against the state for half pay which is intended to sustain by this affiant's testimony, is presented by the representatives of the same William White whose services are above described

(signed , this being a copy) S/ Peter Foster

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I certify that William White of Hanover County was appointed Lieutenant the first Virginia L. Regt. about the month of April 1779 & continued in the said Regiment until it was reduced. Given under my hand this 4th of December 1812.

S/ Wm Campbell

[p 68: marriage bond issued to William Thomas & William White June 26, 1783 to secure the marriage of William White to Caty Thomas.]

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State of Virginia Caroline County SS

Be it known that before me William A. Moncure a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Walden³ and made oath as follows; that he is a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States; that he was well acquainted with Lieutenant William White who also served in the war of the Revolution, that the said White and himself were raised in the same neighborhood, not more than 3 or 4 miles apart; that the said Lieutenant William White was in the first State Regiment Virginia Line, during the Revolutionary War under the command of Colonel George Gibson; that he the said White continued in the Continental service until the early part of the year 1783, and came home at that time on furlough and held himself in readiness at all times to be called upon until the whole of the troops were disbanded & discharged at the close of said war. And further this deponent saith not.

³ [John Walden S40623](#)

S/ John Walden

[attested October 7th, 1840]

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I William Cason⁴ of the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia do certify that Lieutenant William Walker deceased who died in the County of Hanover in the State aforesaid in the year 1812, was a Lieutenant in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment of the first Virginia State line and that the aforesaid Lieutenant William White entered the service in the early part of the year 1775. As witness my hand this 16th day of November 1841

S/ William Cason [a copy]

State of Virginia County of Hanover

I Warner White son & one of the Heirs at Law of William White, do upon oath testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, that William White did entered the service in 1777, and served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment No. one under the command of Colonel George Gibson of the Virginia line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the year 1781 when he became a supernumerary. I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to said William White, on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever; as witness my hand this 28th day of June 1836 –

S/ Warner White



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Council Chamber January 20th 1783

I do certify that Lieutenant William White is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant of State Infantry for Military service from February 1777 to February 1781,

S/ J. Hardy

S/ Thomas Meriwether

Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres was issued to William White January 21st, 1783 No. 99

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State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

At a Court held for Hanover County on the 28th of June 1836, satisfactory evidence was adduced in Court that William White deceased late of Hanover County in State of Virginia, was a Lieutenant in the Virginia line in Regiment No. One, under the command of Colonel George Gibson during the Revolutionary War – That the said William White died leaving the following Heirs &c: Richard B White, Ann T. White, who married Elijah Partlow, William White, Alice S. White, Millicent White, Chillion White, Silas White, Edward White, Warner White, & Eliza White, all of whom are now alive & James T White who died intestate, and without issue, Lewis G White deceased who left the following children to wit, Albert White, Joseph White, William White and Eliza White, Elizabeth White deceased who married Thomas Phillips who is also dead, leaving the following children to wit, William Phillips, George Phillips, John Phillips, & the nerve Phillips – and that they are the only Heirs at law of the said William White deceased

⁴ [William Cason S9157](#)

late a Lieutenant of the Virginia line, first Regiment.
[Attested by Philip B Winston, clerk of the County Court]

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Virginia documents pertaining to William White W4099

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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Caroline County]

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of Virginia The Petition of William White humbly sheweth,

That in February 1777, your petitioner enlisted as a serjeant in the first Virginia state regiment, commanded by Colo. Gibson [George Gibson BLWt1985-500] – that in October following he marched with the regiment to Pennsylvania – that late in the year 1778 he was appointed an ensign, and in april 1779 a lieutenant in the same regiment. That he returned to Virginia in 1780, having been hitherto constantly in service. That he still remained and served in the regiment, at Williamsburg, at Petersburg, and on Leslie's invasion, and until 1781, at the time of forming the legion, when he was arranged as a supernumerary officer [with insufficient troops for a command]. That he was nevertheless at all times willing & ready to serve his country, and actually did so occasionally until the capitulation of York [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] after which no further opportunity occured to evince this inclination.

That you petitioner was present, at considerable skirmish at Whitemarsh in December [5-8] 1777 – at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – at the siege of Stoney point [sic: storming of Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] – & at the surprise of Powles Hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779]. Circumstances which he enumerates, not for the purpose of claiming any extraordinary merit, but to prove that he discharged his duty with regularity and perseverance.

That whilst at the northward, the regiment suffered much for want of cloathing and other necessaries, and sustained a grating degradation of rank; which hardship and others were familiar to this regiment, on account of its belonging to a state; and in all of them your petitioner participated, to the impairing of his constitution as he fears irretrievably.

When these grounds (saying nothing of the expectations which the act of Assembly certainly tended to excite in the minds of men, ignorant of the construction of laws) your petitioner submits it to the general assembly, whether he is not substantially and justly intituled to commutation for five years, and that it may be granted to him, is the prayer of your petitioner, who will ever pray &c.

26 Oct'r 1793 Claims/ reasonable 29 p'r[?] 93

Nov'r 24th 1794 To Claims/ rejected x'r 94

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Not all the documents in this file are transcribed here.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25th day of February 1783, in the name of william white as Sergeant of Infantry for £46.6.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 28th day of May 1840./ Jas. E Heath AUDITOR.

I do Hereby certify that Lieut't Wm. White owes nothing for Cloathing issued by me for the Publick. Given under my Hand this 15th day of Nom'r. 1782. Jno. Moss [John Moss]

Land office of the state of Kentucky

I John M. Foster Register of the Land office aforesaid do hereby certify, that Virginia military warrant No. 99 granted to Wm White for 2666²/₃ acres of land, in consideration of his services for three years as Lieutenant of the State Infantry, has been satisfied in full by entry.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Land office This the [blank] day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Jno M Foster R. L. Off

This is a copy of Foster's letter. W. White

William White, Gentleman, is this day appointed a Second Lieutenant in the first State Regiment of Virginia and is to Rank accordingly Given under my hand this first day of April 1779

[John Allison] Lt Colo. Comd



This is to Certify that Lieut. William White, who died in the County of Hanover state of Virginia in the year 1812, was born and raised in the County of Caroline near me; and he, the above named Lieut. William White entered the service in the revolutionary War, in the early part of the year 1775, in the first Virginia State [Regiment?]; he was for during the war; and came home on furlough the fore part of the year 1783, and held himself in readiness to be called on untill the whole of the troops were discharged or disbanded. As witness my hand this 2nd day of January 43 Edmund hisXmark Gatewood

[Edmund Gatewood pension application S6870]

Caroline County towit;

I John N Kean a justice of the peace for the County of Caroline, in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Edmund Gatewood a resident of the said County and a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States personally appeared before me at his residence in the said County & made oath to the above certificate and signed the same in my presence. And I do further certify that the said Edmund Gatewood is a respectable man & worthy of credit on oath.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of Jany 1843.

John N Kean J.P.

[The original table has a seventh column headed "Present State" showing all to be "Supernumery."]
Names, Rank, promotions &c of the Officers of the first Virginia State Regiment first entering into the service to the reduction thereof.

Names	First Rank in Service	Year	Different Promotions	Present Rank	Present date of Commission
Gibson George	Captain	1775		Colonel	June 5th 1777
Allison John	Capt of Minute Men	1776	Captain of Infantry Jany 1st 1777 Major June 14th 1777	Lieut Colonel	Feby 1st 1778
Merewether Thos.	1st Lieut	1776	Capt of Marines Oct 1776	Major	Feby 2nd 1778
White William	Sergeant	1777	Ensign	2nd Lieut	Dec 7 th 1778

The foregoing is truly extracted from the Roll of Officers Composing the Regiment Commanded by Colo. George Gibson, now on file in this Office.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond, this 28th day of May 1840

Jas E Heath/ Aud

I John Walden [S40623] of the county of Caroline and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Lieut. Wm. White dec'd. who was born in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia and who died in the county of Hanover in 1812 did enter in the service of the revolutionary war, in the forepart of the year 1775 Witness my hand this 23rd day of February 1843



To His Excellency Thomas W Gilmer Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner in behalf of the heirs of Lieutenant William White an officer in Colonel Gibsons Regiment of Infantry in the State line of the army of the Revolution, Respectfully represents to your Excellency that his ancestor entered the service under Colonel Gibson early in 1775, was appointed Sergeant in 1776. for his service as Sergeant he received a certificate of pay of £46.6.0 this amount shews a time of service of more than twelve months

That in 1777 he was Commissioned Ensign and on the 7 Decr 1778 he was Commissioned Lieutenant. That he continued in said Regiment until it was reduced and he then became supernumary. He received Land Bounty (2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres) as Lieutenant for a term of service of three years. Whereas in fact as your petitioner is advised he should have been allowed Bounty from the time he first entered the service, to wit in the early part of the year 1775 to the 15 Nov. 1783 the end of the war, a term of service of at least Eight years

Your petitioner is informed that by the laws of Virginia and usage in many similar cases, additional Land Bounty has been allowed. Your petitioner would further represent to your Excellency that he verily believes, that his ancestor entered the service about the same period that Colonel Gibson did, who received Land Bounty for a service of Eight years, and also became Supernumary on the reduction of the Regiments.

He therefore prays your Excellency to examine this claim and the voucher herewith filed in support thereof and that the additional Land Bounty be allowed

and you petitioner will ever pray & Warner White one of the Heirs of Lt Wm White
The following is a list of vouchers filed in support of this claim – to Wit.

- No 1 Certificate of pay as Sergeant
- “ 2 “ ” “ ” Lieutenant
- “ 3 extract of a roll of Officers of Colonel Gibson’s Regiment
- “ 4 William Casons affidavit

I would also refer your Excellency to the report of John S Barbour from the Select Committee to which the subject was Referred. 22 Congress 1 Session – page 59.

Rejected June 17 1840

Executive department/ November 9 1841

Sir [Warner White, Beaverdam, Hanover County], I am requested by the Lieut. Governor to inform you that the petition of the Heirs of Wm. White for additional land bounty was rejected because it is proved by the papers filed in the case that he was a supernumerary officer, and as such he was not entitled (in the opinion of the Lt. Governor) to additional land bounty. It also appears, that the Military warrant (No. 99) issued to Lt. William White himself in 1783 was stated to have been for services from February 1777 to February 1780, a period of less than six years.

respectfully/ Your obt. Servt./ Wm. H. Richardson, Secy. Com'th.

[On 28 Nov 1848 Abner White of Caroline County appealed the rejection of the above claim.]

My father, Lieutenant William White, was in the first State regiment of the Virginia State line in 1775. He was commissioned by J. Allison, Lt. Colo. Comd't. on the 1st april 1779 as a second lieutenant in said line. {See Stanton Slaughter's print, and affidavits, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth – and also the commission}

Lieutenant William White served in the war of the Revolution in the Virginia State and Continental lines and was one of those, whose services, sacrifices and sufferings have so just a title to the approbation and rewards of their country, as is truthfully remarked on the adopted report of the 23rd March 1783. Lieutenant White never did resign, but held his commission like other supernumerary officers. He was construed as in the service after the reduction of his regiment, and paid as in the service, during the years 1781, 2 & 3. {See settlement in his private accounts and refer to record in 1st Auditors Office of 28th January 1784.}

Col. George Gibson's regiment became continental by the act of General Government substituting his for the 9th Virginia continental regiment which had become nearly cut up in the service. My father, William White served in Col. Gibson's regiment and was therefore continued in service under pay as a continental officer till the close of the war and was entitled to commutation pay from the General Government as well as half pay from the State of Virginia.

December 12th 1848.

Warner White

To the Governor of Virginia.

1850 Sept'r. 20. Allowed Lieut. State Line from May 1 1775 until the close of the war – deducting the previous allowance.