

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David White ¹W4100

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 5 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Campbell a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Iredell State of North Carolina aforesaid David White a resident of the County and State aforesaid who I certify from his age and infirmities to be unable to attend the Court in said County he being aged 77 or 78 years and who being first sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

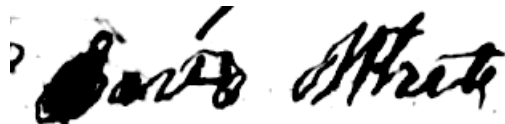
That he was drafted into the Militia under Captain Thompson of [indecipherable interlineation] Staunton in Virginia and served under him and performed a tour of duty of four months or upwards setting out in April and returning in August. This tour was performed on the Western branch of the Monongahela [River] after the Indians. That afterwards he was again drafted and served a tour of duty under Captain Smith of Staunton and was performed at and in the neighborhood of Richmond Virginia about the time that General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] made his first expedition at the head of British forces into Virginia. He says that he honestly and conscientiously believes that he served six months or more. He was born in Ireland in the kingdom of Great Britain & came to America in the year 1774. He has no record of his age and when he entered this service was living in Augusta County he was drafted into service and was not acquainted with any Continental officers whilst in the Service. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed September 5, 1832 before me

S/ J. Campbell, JP

David White



North Carolina Iredell County

On this 20th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel King one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Iredell & State aforesaid, David White of the

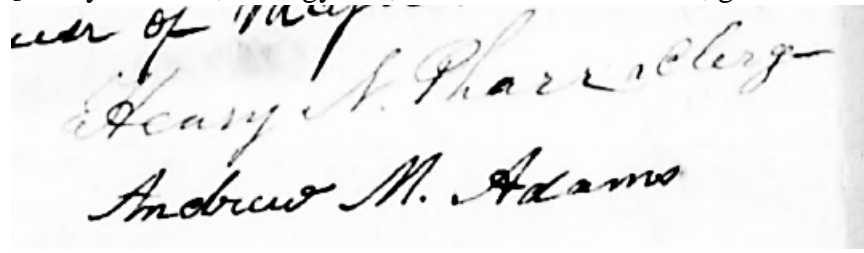
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aforesaid County & State – aged 78 or 79 years, and who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – I have called on the said David White out of court, whose bodily inability & infirmity are such as renders him unable to attend any Court of record in his County. The said David White states from the best of his recollection & from his great imbecility appears to be quite weak in body & mind that he entered the service in behalf of the United States about 3 or 4 years after he came to America, and about 2 years after Governor Dunmore of the State of Virginia took a tour as far west as the State of Ohio as well he recollects to Fort Pleasant, that when Dunmore returned he told the people of the State of Virginia they need not be afraid there would be no fighting on the part of the Indians, which he ever understood was designed to deceive the people, when to their surprise the Indians commenced hostilities by attacking the great [?] Fort [at] Tygars Valley [Tygart Valley] & elsewhere – this circumstance made an immediate demand on the militia, and the said declarant says he was called into service as a drafted man and served as a private under Captain James Thompson – (the Christian name of the Captain not positively asserted) – Lieutenant Samuel Rankin – that the rendezvous in April at Robert McKissicks near the North Mountain about 10 miles from Staunton Augusta County State of Virginia the year not distinctly recollected, but it was somewhere between 1775 and 1780 – That the company immediately commenced their March to Tygars Valley Virginia passing through what was then called the Bull pasture & calf pasture crossing Jackson's River, passing the Warm Springs and Clouse [?] lick, when we reached the Valley we saw much signed of Indians, although we did not see any – here we remained one month. Then the company received orders from Colonel Sampson Matthews of Augusta County Virginia to march to the Monongahela on our march we crossed Buckhan River [?] – when we arrived at a Fort on the Monongahela, we remained there but a short time until the company was divided, a part of which was ordered down the River about ten miles to which detachment I belonged which various marches described [indecipherable word, possibly "comprised"] all the time from April till the next August, including four months – in this service we had no fighting or skirmishes with the Indians – I was service was principally directed and performed to afford protection to the inhabitants of the Western part of Virginia. I received a discharge but have long since lost it. – After this service was performed, I returned to Augusta County State of Virginia and resumed my occupation of a weaver at Major Alexander Robinson's, then living about 5 or 6 miles (on Middle River) from Staunton Virginia. Here he was living when the news reached that part of the State of Virginia that General Arnold made his appearance in Virginia Richmond &c There was then an immediate call on the militia of that part of the State, and I was drafted a second time, and placed under the command of Captain Thomas Smith. We rendezvoused at the widow or Mrs. Faifes [?] about ten miles from Staunton on the South River, or South branch of the Potomac – we immediately commenced our March for Richmond under the command of the said Smith, Lieutenant not recollected. I was elected Sergeant for the Company at Mrs Tayes [same name as above but looks different this time] we set out in October as well as I recollect, or the first of November, we returned, the last of December following – the term of service included at least 2 months, and during which service of 2 months I acted throughout as a Sergeant – We were discharged at Richmond in Virginia, but which discharge has been long since lossed [sic]. This last service was performed without the [indecipherable word] or control of any field Officer, and of course was not under the regulation of either a brigade or Regiment. The declarant cannot recollect the year this last service was performed, and asked respectfully that the Department refer to that memorable part of the

History of Virginia when Arnold entered that State – in this latter service we had no skirmishing or fighting, and the only active duty in the militia were called on to perform was guarding the prison or Jail, which I duly attended to as a Sergeant of the Company as aforesaid. The aforesaid declarant David White hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any state. Sworn & subscribed before me July 20th, 1833

S/ Saml. King, JP

[Henry N. Pharr, a clergyman, and Andrew M. Adams, gave the standard supporting affidavit.



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The first signature is "Henry N. Pharr clergy" and the second is "Andrew M. Adams". The signatures are written on a piece of paper that is slightly aged and has some faint markings.

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress I have propounded Interrogatories to the said declarant as follows

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

An. I was born in Ireland, County of Derry to the best of my knowledge in the year of our Lord 1755.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An. I have not done any record of my age, as any age was recorded in my Bible, which got wet in a storm on my passage to this Country & was lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When I was called into service I was living in the State of Virginia County of Augusta near Staunton – about 35 years ago I removed to North Carolina Iredell County where I have resided ever since & where I continued to reside

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in both tours, as described above

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. There was no Continental officer commanded in either of the tours above described. Colonel Sampson Matthews was the highest in command a militia Colonel, who then lived in Staunton Virginia one tour of duty was performed in the Western part of Virginia and on the Monongahela as described the second tour was in the state of Virginia near and about Richmond – in this tour there was field Officers as described.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

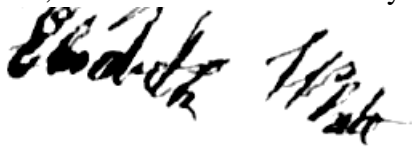
Ans. I have no recollection of receiving a discharge for my first tour of service, if so as stated above it has long since been lost, for my second tour of duty I recollect of receiving a discharge in Richmond, given as well as I can now recollect by a Sergeant in the detachment who was deputed [deputized] to settle the accounts of those then in service by the name of Lilly, who resided in Augusta County State of Virginia and from the best of my recollection it was for my service as a Sergeant; but which discharge is lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I am known personally to James Campbell who wrote my declaration, to two of the Mr. Adams to Elihu Samuel & Andrew King, the latter five persons are descendants of the oldest families in this County. The above questions have been answered as distinctly as could be expected from an individual laboring under such a large portion of infirmity of body and mind, and which declaration with all the accompanying statement, I have no reason to doubt the truth of the facts therein set forth. – It is further my opinion and indeed I cannot doubt the fact, but that the declarant David White is so far removed from the land of his Nativity and from the State of Virginia where he resided before he came to this Country, that produces a [indecipherable word] on my mind, that enables me to say I fully concur there with.

S/ Saml. King, JP

[fn p. 18: On may 17, 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina, Elizabeth white, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of David White, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the month of April 1793; that her husband died May 11, 1834.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth White". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[fn p. 17: On May 11, 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina Eleanor Houpt gave testimony that she saw her sister Elizabeth Watts married to David White in the house of their father William Watts on the __ day of April 1793 I William young Esquire a justice of the peace.]

[fn p. 24: On April 27, 1855 in Iredell County North Carolina the widow, 81, filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private and Sergeant in the Virginia militia. He served 4 months as a private and 2 months as a Sergeant. His widow was pensioned for a similar amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]