

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Howell (Howel) Whitmore W509 Nancy fn35¹NC[sic, VA]
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State of Georgia Hall County: SS

On this the 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before John Bates, Wiley E. Wood & Joseph Dunagan & John M. McAfee now sitting as Court of Ordinary Howel Whitmore a resident of Hall County & State of Georgia aged sixty-eight years the 25th day of December 1832 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

I entered the service as a private soldier sometime in the month of August in the year 1780 by volunteering under the command of Captain William Watson Major Peyton Skipper & Colonel Tucker was marched to Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River in the State of North Carolina where I joined Colonel Butler's Regiment and was marched from thence to Guilford Court house North Carolina and joined the Army commanded by General Greene and was in the engagement² fought at that place saw at that place Generals Lawson & Stephens Colonels Mumpford, Washington & Lee the two latter having the command of the Cavalry. I marched from thence to Ramsey's Mill in Chatham County North Carolina the company to which I belonged being then disbanded I returned to Virginia Greenville County the place where I lived when I entered the service having served seven months I remained at home a few days when I was called out again by my Captain joined Colonel Tucker's Regiment and marched to Surry Court house in the State of Virginia remained there a few days and was marched from thence to James town where I remained there 4 or 5 weeks and was discharged by my Captain which discharge is lost or destroyed having served in the year 1784 months and in the year 1781 I served not less than 9 months. I have no documentary evidence. I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify as to my 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.

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² March 15, 1781

I was born in the State of Virginia in Brunswick County on the 25th of December 1765
I have no record of my age but have seen one in the possession of my mother before her
death

I was living in Granville County State of Virginia when called into service
I have lived [in] the States of Virginia and North Carolina & South Carolina since the
Revolutionary [war] until about 5 years ago when I moved to Hall County State of Georgia
where I now live & I volunteered into the service

Colonel Washington & Lee were with the troops where I served in North Carolina
I received a discharge from Captain Watson which is lost or destroyed
I am known to Thomas Jackson Esquire Nathan Newton, Thomas Hamely, George Wells
and James Whitten, Joseph Dunagan.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Howel Whitmore, X his mark

James Whitten, a clergyman, and George Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me Howell Whitmore who being duly sworn
saith by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to
the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less
than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

I entered the service as a private militia man some time in the month of August in the
year 1780 by volunteering for a three months tour under the command of Captain William
Watson and [indecipherable word] to Major Peyton Skippers Battalion and Colonel Tucker's
Regiment and marched to Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River in the State of North Carolina
where we joined another Regiment under the command of Colonel Butler and marched from
thence to Guilford Courthouse and joined the Army under General Greene. I was in the
engagement at that place after the engagement I was marched to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham
County North Carolina at which place the Army was disbanded and I returned home having been
out seven months, only three months of which time I claim a pension for being informed that no
pay is allowed for anything but actual service and the other four months being spent in scouting
& reconnoitering the country and for which I suppose when my original declaration was made I
would be paid.

In a short time after getting home I was again called out by Captain Gutridge (Captain
Watson being sick) and joined the Regiment under Colonel Tucker as a private militia man and
marched to Surry Court house State of Virginia remained there about four weeks was then
marched to Jamestown where I remained five weeks and was discharged by my Captain &
returned home having served ten weeks.

In about 10 days after getting home Captain Watson was ordered to march to Hicks Ford.
I volunteered as a private soldier and joined head quarters at Hicks Ford & marched from there
South key [?] in Northampton County in the State of Virginia and from thence to Suffolk on
Nansemond River and from thence to the long Bluff where I was discharged having served three
months in the Regiment under Colonel Tucker.

Shortly after getting home I volunteered again under Captain Watson as a private militia
man & rendezvoused at Hicks Ford from thence I was marched to a place called the Pine Spur of
the Blue Ridge in Virginia and from thence to Petersburg and from thence to merits [?] old Fields
on James River and from thence to Swans Point old James town at which I was discharged

together with the balance of the Army at that place. This was done by order of General Washington about 2 or 3 days previous to the Surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] having served 2 months.

I hereby relinquish all claim to a pension for all my services in the Revolutionary War except the foregoing 10 months & half for which I claim a pension the other part of my service being in scouting etc.

And subscribed before made this 2nd day of December 1833

S/ E. M. Johnson, JP

S/ Howell Whitmore, X his mark

[fn p. 185: On May 19, 1853 in Cherokee County Georgia, Nancy Whitmore, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Howell Whitmore who was a revolutionary pensioner; that she married him on the 24th day of March 1801 and Orange County in North Carolina; that they were married by one James Carson, JP; that her husband died January 2, 1847; that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 220: copy of the marriage bond license issued to Howell Whitmore to married Nancy Smith issued March 24, 1801 in Orange County North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 11 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]