

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram [Abraham] White¹ W6473 Milly f34PA [VA]
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State of Indiana Vermillion County

On this __ day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John R. Porter president Judge of the first Judicial Court for the State aforesaid now sitting at the Court (house in said County, Abraham White a resident of Helt Township in said County & State aged Seventy one years. --- 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, that is to say, 1st in the month of January (day of month not recollected) in the year 1777 he entered as a volunteer & served as a private under Captain Zadoc Springer & served two months on the west fork of the Monongahela [River] at Pricketts fort, Garrison a Captains command & under said Captain Springer. Deponent's residence what is now Fayette County Pennsylvania. dismissed at Pricketts fort in the month of March 1777. 2nd In the month of September (day of the month not recollected) in the year 1778 this deponent was drafted into a company under command of Captain James Daugherty . His Colonel's name Evans, Major Zadoc Springer Corps under command of Genl. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] on an expedition against the Indians West of the Ohio river. While on this expedition the Corps to which he belonged built Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River & fort Lawrence [sic, Laurens] on a branch of the Muskingum [River], served four months (4 months) dismissed in January 1779 at Fort McIntosh his residence at time of this engagement same as above.

3rd In the month of August 1781 (day of month not recollected) this deponent entered as a volunteer under Captain Ichabod Ashcroft, in a Regiment under command of Col. McLeary, whose Corps commanded by Genl. Clarke [George Rogers Clark] as an expedition to the falls of Ohio the term for which he engaged was six months to which he belonged was dismissed near Wheeling on the Ohio River as near as this deponent recollects in about three months his residence same as before mentioned.

4th In the month of March 1782 this deponent states that he engaged as a volunteer to keep guard at a station called Bans [?] fort in the Conemaugh a branch of the Allegheny River in the term there was only a guard of ten men under John Ashcroft a Sergeant, dismissed at said fort sometime in May following the engagement time of service about two months.

5th In the month of May 1782 this deponent states that immediately after being dismissed from Bans Fort he engaged as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Carr on an expedition against the Indians under Capt. Crawford to Sandusky plains & was in the action at

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said plains commonly called Crawford's defeat [June 6, 1782] the names of field officers which deponent recollects on said expedition were David Williamson 2nd in command Thomas Gaddis 3rd in command, John McLelland & James Bunton [?] Majors, deponent's residence during all the aforesaid engagements same as first mentioned. And this deponent further states in recollection the names of the following officers belonging to the different corps in which he served to wit 1st tour Captain Zadoc Springer 2nd tour Gen. McIntosh Col. Evans Major Zadoc Springer, Capt. Jas. Dougherty, Lieut. Michael Cate [could be Michael Catt], Lieut Thomas Carr, 3rd tour Col. McLeary, Capt. Ichabod Ashcroft 4th tour Sergeant John Ashcroft, 5th tour Field officers Crawford, Williamson, Gaddis, McLelland, Bunton [?], Capt., Thos. Carr, Lieut. Peter Partridge.

And Further this deponent states that he has not in his possession any discharges or other documentary proof, knows of no person living whom testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Joshua Reed;² whom he has recently learned lived in Orange County state of Indiana, & whose deposition to a fact of his services he has procured & enclosed to you with these papers & of which the following is a copy.

State of Indiana Orange County Sct: Paoli August 13th 1833

This day personally came Joshua Reed before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace of said county & made oath of the following statements. viz.. That, as near as this deponent's recollection serves, in year 1776 that Abraham White commenced the service of the United States as a soldier in the Revolutionary War about the 1st of September in 1776 & was legally discharged about the last of the following December & that Mr. White belonged to Col. Evan's Regiment & Capt. James Dougherty's company & in the Pennsylvania line & further that Mr. White was in the service of the United States from the 20th of May 1782 & was legally discharged about the 25th of June making about 34 or 35 days in Col. Williamson's Regiment in Thomas Carr's company in Pennsylvania line & further sayeth not.

Signed & sworn to before me this 13th day August 1833

S/ Joshua Reed, X his mark³

And further the deponent on his oath declares, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in all the different tours, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods herein stated & in the following grades, for the first tour in the year 1777, two months, I served as a private soldier for the 2nd tour in the year 1778 Four months I served as a private soldier for the 3rd tour in the year 1781 three months I served as an Orderly Sergeant for the 4th tour in the year 1782 two months I served as a private for the 5th tour, in the year 1782 forty days I served as an orderly Sergeant for such services I claim a pension.

And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or community except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn & submitted in open court this day & year aforesaid.

And further the said Abraham White being duly sworn to answer the following questions as were put by the Court:

1st Where & in what year were you born? A. I was born in Washington County in Maryland June 21st 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it --A. I have my father's record of my age

² FPA S32476

³ Joshua Reed's actual affidavit appears at f p. 33. It reads as set forth in White's application.

at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live.

A. At the time I entered the service I was living in the Redstone Settlement in Pennsylvania, on the Monongahela River in what has been since called Fayette County. Since the Revolution I have lived in Shelby County Kentucky seven years. Then I moved to Bullitt County Kentucky where I resided about fourteen or fifteen years. I then moved to the State of Indiana & have lived for the last 11 years & now live in Vermillion County, Indiana. I lived in Pennsylvania after the Revolutionary War Sixteen or 17 years before I moved to Kentucky.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you substitute & if a substitute, for whom.

A. I was called into service by the legally constituted authorities of Pennsylvania & in the second engagement I was drafted in all the others I was a Volunteer.

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

A. These I have above mentioned, I know no other regular officers excepting Col. Broadhead who served in McIntosh's campaign, Col Gibson & Captain Sullivan. The circumstances of my service I have stated above as much as my recollection now serves.

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

A. I do not recollect ever receiving a written discharge It was not the custom at that time for the militia men to receive written discharge.

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

A. I can refer to Joseph Schooling Esq. who has been acquainted with me for about 23 years & also to the Rev. Richard Mack with whom I have been acquainted about 9 or 10 years.

Sworn to before me in open Court

S/ John N. Rush

S/ Abram White

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abram White". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Richard Mack, a clergyman, & Joseph Schooling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: On September 26, 1855 in Vermilion County Indiana, Milly White, 72, a resident of Helt Township, Vermilion County Indiana filed for her widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Abraham White, a revolutionary war pensioner; she states she married him in Bullitt County Kentucky January 10, 1808; that she has no public record of her marriage except a marriage bond and license which she sent to the War Department with her application for a her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: copy of a marriage bond dated January 5th, 1808 issued in Bullitt County Kentucky to Abraham White and John Hopewell conditioned upon the marriage of Abraham White to Milley Hopewell, daughter of John Hopewell who consents to the marriage.]

[f p. 14: On September 26, 1855 in Vermilion County Indiana, the widow also applied for her bounty land entitlement; in this document she states that she married her husband in Bullitt County Kentucky January 10, 1808; that they were married by one Wilson, a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Milly Hopewell; that her husband died in Helt Township the 22nd day of June 1853 and that she remains his widow. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.12 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months & 10 days in the Pennsylvania service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]