

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony Walton White W6477
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Margaret White

NJ and USA

State of New Jersey Ss

Somerset County On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Somerset Margaret White a resident in the township of Franklin in the said County, aged sixty nine years & upwards she having been born on the 22nd day of June 1767 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Colonel Anthony Walton White who was a Colonel in the Virginia Line. That her said husband entered the service at the beginning of the War of the Revolution and served until the end of the War and until the army was disbanded. That during the latter part of the War in the beginning of the year 1783 & for some time previous to their marriage, Colonel White served in the Southern Army in South Carolina and with this Regiment and the rest of the army he took possession of Charleston when that City was evacuated by the British [14 Dec 1782]. That the said Colonel White having held a commission and served throughout the while of the war of the Revolution this declarant presumes that there is sufficient record testimony of his service

She further declares that she was married to the said Colonel Anthony Walton White in the City of Charleston on the Eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three by the Reverend Mr. Hurst (famaliarly called the High Priest from his extraordinary height) who was a Chaplain in the army. That she has not now nor has she ever had a certificate of her marriage. That her husband the aforesaid Colonel Anthony Walton White died on the third day of February Eighteen hundred and three and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

[signed] Margaret White

In the matter of the Declaration }
of Margaret White }

Eliza M. Evans being duly sworn according to law before me the subscriber on her oath saith that she is the daughter of the said Margaret White the widow of Colonel Anthony Walton White. That she is now in the forty second year of her age. That she distinctly recollects having seen the family Bible which she always understood belonged to William Elliss her maternal grandfather. That the said Bible has been worn out and destroyed within a few years. That she distinctly recollects seeing in the said Bible the entry of the date of the birth of her mother the said Margaret White (then Elliss) and also the time of her Baptism. That according to this entry the said Margaret White was born on the 22nd June 1767 & Baptised by the Rev. John Thomas on the 20th November 1767. That she has been informed and beleives that her said grandfather died in the year 1772. That she distinctly recollects that in the same family Bible there was an entry made by her Aunt, Mary Eliss, (who was the sister of the Declarant and many years older than she) that the said Margaret White (then Elliss) was married to the said Colonel Anthony Walton White on the Eighth day of May seventeen hundred and Eighty three by Reverend Mr Hurst. That she is informed and beleives that the entry of the birth and baptism of her mother the said Margaret White is in the handwriting of her grandfather the said William Elliss, That the entry of the marriage the time when, and by whom the ceremony was performed, is in the hand writing of her said Aunt Mary Elliss the sister of her mother.

That the said Mary Ellis finding the family Bible aforesaid was much worn out and defaced, made a copy in her own handwriting of the various entries relating to the births and deaths Baptisms and

marriages of the family which said copy this deponent now has in her possession & which corresponds exactly with what is herein before stated. That her aunt the aforesaid Mary Elliss has long since departed this life, that she died on the [blank] day of [blank] Eighteen hundred and twenty seven – 1827 –

That this deponent ever since her birth has always lived with the said Margaret White her mother. That the said Margaret White never married after the death of her husband the said Colonel A. W. White who died in 1803 and that she still remains his widow and unmarried.

That she now has in her possession a notice of the marriage of her said parents which was taken from a paper called “The Chronicles of Liberty and Republican Intelligencer” the same being then printed & published in the City of Charleston, which notice bears date May 10th 1783, the day she presumes on which the paper was issued, and also another number of the same paper bearing date the 28th of May 1783 which contains and “Epithalamium” as it is called in the said paper on the marriage of her said parents which said notice and paper are hereunto annexed

Sworn and subscribed before me this 12th day of October 1836 [signed] Eliza M Evans

In the matter of the Declaration }
of Mrs Margaret White }

Jane Kirkpatrick widow of the Honorable Andrew Kirkpatrick late Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey being duly Sworn according to law on her oath saith – That she is intimately acquainted with Mrs Margaret White the Declarant within named and was well acquainted with Colonel Anthony Walton White her late husband.

That early in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty four, she thinks in the month of June of that year, the said Colonel White brought the said Margaret White to the house of the father of this deponent (the late Colonel John Bayard) who then resided in the City of Philadelphia. That she understood at that time, and beleives it to be true, that the said Colonel White & his said wife had at that time been married about one year or fourteen months.

That in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty four this deponent with her father removed to the City of New Brunswick where she has always since resided, that in seventeen hundred and Ninety one, the said Colonel White & Margaret his wife also removed to the City of New Brunswick. That they continued to live there and lived together always as man and wife until the death of Colonel White in Eighteen hundred and three, That the said Margaret White still continued to reside in the said City of New Brunswick and does now reside there & has resided there ever since the death of her husband, that after the death of the said Colonel White the said Margaret White did not, nor has not, again married, and she still remains the widow of the said Colonel White.

This deponent further says that she has seen and examined the paper purporting to be the copy of the family Bible of the said William Elliss, that the entries as sworn to by Eliza M. Evans, are in that copy, as by her mentioned set out. That she is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Mary Elliss and the paper purporting to be the copy of the entries aforesaid is in the proper handwriting of the said Mary Elliss.

Sworn & subscribed the 12th day of October A.D. 1836. [signed] Jane Kirkpatrick

New Brunswick/ November 21 1836

Sir You have before you the papers of Mrs Margaret White widow of Col Anthony W. White claiming her pension under the late act of Congress &c

In a letter addressed by you to the Hon G[page torn] D Wall which he forwarded to me, you state that th[ere] is no evidence of service after 1780. This must apply certainly to the records of New Jersey alone.

Early in the year 1780 Col White was appointed to the command of Col Blands [Theodorick Bland’s First] Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Virginia line, and I have now before me a letter signed

by Thomas Jefferson then Governor of Virginia authorising Col White "to draw cloathing and other supplies from the stores of the State (Virginia) as any officer in the Virginia Line appointed by the State" dated "Richmond May 13th 1780"

The record of the Virginia Line will certainly prove to the satisfaction of the proper officer that Col White served in the army until it was disbanded.

Mrs White has in her possession many letters from Genl Washington, Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], & Lafayette bearing date in 1780 & 81

In Ransays [sic: David Ramsay's] History of the Revolution in South Carolina p. 365 you will see mention made of Col White as being infirm in 1782.

In page 367 an account of a gallant exploit of the Colonel. In other parts of the Book you will see his name mentioned with honor.

There is no doubt of his service until the end of the War & the proper Virginia record must shew that fact.

I annex a paper which Mrs White has found among the papers of her late husband which in a Court of Justice would set the matter at rest. I have caused the paper to be duly authenticated before the same Judge who took the original depositions.

I can add nothing more but that Mrs White is fully & fairly entitled to her pension & that [un]less it be speedily attended to the gratitude of [page torn] Country will be too slow for her.

Respectfully/ Yr obet Servt/ Littleton Kirkpatrick

PS. You had better direct your answer to me at New Brunswick as Mrs. W. will probably receive it sooner in that way than if sent directly to her.

State of New Jersey

Somerset County Ss. Charles Smith Doctor of Medicine being duly sworn before me the subscriber on his oath saith That he was well acquainted with Moses Scott Esquire before whom the annexed affidavit of Thomas Massey [pension application VAS516] was taken. That he has frequently seen the said Moses Scott write & that he is well acquainted with his hand writing. That the body of the annexed affidavit and the signature of Moses Scott thereto is in the proper hand writing of the said Moses Scott. That this deponent knows that the said Moses Scott was a Judge of the Court of common Pleas of Somerset and that he has long since departed this life

And this deponent on his oath further states that he was well acquainted with Anthony W. White who signed the certificate to the beforementioned affidavit annexed, that he belonged to his staff & served with him in the expedition into Pennsylvania in the year 1794 [to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion]; he the said Anthony W. White then being Brigadier General commanding the New Jersey Cavalry. That he has frequently seen the s'd. Anth. W. White write & is well acquainted with his hand writing; that the certificate annexed to the said affidavit is in the proper hand writing of the said A. W. White. And this deponent on his oath further states that he is well acquainted with the family of the s'd. Anth. W. White having been many years family Physician to the said family, that he has always understood & believes that the said Anth. W. White served in the army of the revolution until the end of the war. That he has frequently heard the said Anth. W. White speak of events which occurred in South Carolina & Georgia during the war of the revolution in those states in which he was an active participant; & that he never heard neither does he believe that he the said Anth. W. White resigned or gave up his Commission until the Army of the United States was disbanded after the ratification of peace with Great Britain in the Autumn [3 Sep] of the year 1783

Sworn & subscribed this 21st day of November A.D. 1836 before me

[signed] Chas. Smith

The United States/ To Thomas Massey D'r

To four Months pay from the first of Decem'r 1780 to the 31 st of March 1781 as private in Colo Greens [John Green's] Regiment & Capt. Seldons Company at Six dollars & 2/3 ^{rds} pr months	dollars	[?]
	25	30
To thirty one Months & three days pay from the 1 ^t of April 1781 to the 3 ^d of Novem'r 1783 as private in the 1 ^t Regiment of Light Drag'ns Command'd by Anthony W White at eight dollars and one third pr Month	259	[15]
To Eighty dollars Gratuity	80	
Amount	364	45

State of New Jersey

Somerset County To wit

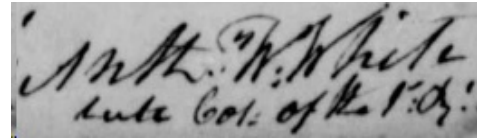
Personally appeared before me Moses Scott one of the Judges of the Inferior Court Thomas Massey who being duly sworn deposed and saith that the above account as it stands stated is just and true & that the above ballance of three hundred & sixty four Dollars is justly due to him from the United States

Sworn & subscribed this 19th day of June 1784 before me

[signed] Thomas Massey

Moses Scott

I do hereby Certify that I know the aboved named Thos. Massey against the states to be just as far as respects to the pay due him while a Dragoon in my Rg't.



Aaron Ogden [pension application S19013] of Jersey City in the county of Bergen in the State of New Jersey maketh oath, that he was a Captain Lieutenant – a Captain, an aid de Camp, a Major of Brigade and a Brigade Inspector in New Jersey Brigade and line of the revolutionary army of the United States; that he was well acquainted Anthony Walton White, being a resident of New Jersey, before the war of the revolution and after the termination of that war and that, in the time of the war, he knew Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Walton served as Lieutenant Colonel in regiment of Dragoons or Calvary in the line of the Army of the United States. That this deponent never heard that Lieutenant Colonel White ever resigned his Commission, but this deponent, from a document in his possession verily believes and has no doubt of the fact that Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Walton White continued in the service of the United States with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Calvary in the revolutionary war untill the termination of that war

Aaron Ogden

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of November AD 1836

[The following are in the [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Anthony W White is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant Colonel Command[ant] of the Virginia line on continental establishment for 3 years service.

Council chamber/ Jany 28th 1787/ Edm. Randolph.

T Meriwether

a Copy

The following entry appears in the fac-simile copy of Genl Washingtons accounts kept by himself with the U.S. for his expenses during the Revolutionary war. These accounts have been published under the direction of the federal government and a copy has been presented to this office by Mr Burch the assistant clerk to the House of Representatives.

Dr. the United States in acc't. with G. Washington Cr.

1775. Octo 3. To Walton White esq'r
for a riding mare £48.0.0

Mr Burch has requested me to certify the above to the Executive as evidence in the claim of Mrs. Evans, Heir of Col White for additional land bounty. In his letter to me Mr Burch says that at the date of the entry "Col White was a Volunteer aid to General Washington" Jas. E. Heath Aud'r.

The question is, whether Colo. White be a commissioned officer of this state on continental establishment? One and the principal one too of the ingredients of such a character is, that he should command some part of the troops, raised by this state. This command Colo. White actually had. By the acceptance of which he has transferred himself from the Jersey to the Virginia establishment. I am farther told, that he has received recruiting [illegible word] on account of this state since his exchange of establishment. This seems to demonstrate his quality of a Virginian officer. If, however, the auditor be apprehensive, that a claim of a similar sort has been made to the state of Jersey, an oath may be administered to Colo. White for this purpose; and an order may be asked of him upon his own state for reimbursing Virginia for an advance now made out of any allowance to the Colo, upon the supposition of his remaining a Jersey officer. The resolution, which I have just seen, appears to warrant this opinion
Edm. Randolph/ April 7 1787.

War office April 7, 1781.

Sir, I laid Col. White's application before the Executive, and I received the following answer.

"In council Apr. 6, 1781.

The General Assembly having put down the public store and discontinued the issues to officers, the Executive are not at liberty to direct the purchase of cloathing. On the settlement of the depreciation account, those who have received the least cloathing will have the less to credit the State.

Thos Jefferson."

You will be pleased to inform Colonel White of this. I am your most h'ble serv't
William Davies

[29 June 1837] To His Excellency, David Campbell, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Virginia; and to the Council of said commonwealth.

The Petition of Elizabeth Mary Evans, of new Brunswick in the State of New Jersey, respectfully represents:

That she is the only child and sole heir at law of the late Colonel Anthony Walton White. That Col. White first entered the service, as she is advised, as Aid de Camp to General Washington in the War of the Revolution, as early as the year 1775, while the Army lay before Boston. That in Feb'y. 1776 he was commissioned a Colonel by Congress in the Continental Line, and so continued to serve till the army was disbanded after the close of the war. She has been informed that Col. White, in 1787 received land bounty from the State of Virginia for three years service, whereas, computing only from the date of his appointment by Congress, to the disbandment of the Army in Novem'r 1783, saying nothing about the period of his service as aid de Camp to General Washington, his service in the Continental line would be equal to seven years and nine months, and in taking into account the period of his service as Aid de Camp, would be equal to eight years & 3 months. Col. White received his Commutation pay from the United States. As Col. White served throughout the whole war, from its commencement to its termination, she is advised that according to the Laws of Virginia, he is entitled to an additional bounty in land. She therefore prays that reference may be had to the Records of the Revolution, which will shew the Rank and services of her said father; and that such additional bounty in land may be allowed as may be just and proper according to the Laws and Ordinances of Virginia.

And she, as in duty bound will ever pray. Eliza M Evans

[Judging from the numerous erasures and interlineations, the following letter from Anthony White to Gen. George Washington appears to be original rather than a copy.]

N Brunswick Nov'r. the [blank] 1775

Worthy Sir.

We were just now informed that Mrs. Washington was in this Province in her way to Cambridge [arrived 11 Dec 1775] upon w'ch. my son [Anthony Walton White] sets off immediately to attend and (if not inconvenient) to shew her the way to my house, and as I expect[?] to be in town on her arrival there, shall second his endeavours, in w'ch. if we succeed she will make Mrs. White and my family extremely happy. least[?] her stay should be shorter than we could wish, I have imbrac'd the interim to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 20th August (which I am ashamed to have delayed till now) and of the 20th of last month, and to thank you most sincerely for [several illegible words] friendly treatment of my Son and kind intention of taking him into your family; which would have placed him in a situation equal to our most sanguine wishes. but as Mr. Harrison's [Robert Hanson Harrison's] arrival at camp has prevented your good intentions from taking place at present, I flatter myself, from the favourable manner in which you have been pleased to mention his behaviour during the Campaign that he may still be happy enough to be appointed one of your aid de camps, in case of a Vacancy; w'ch. from what Mr.[?] Read & Mr. Randolph told me, was more than probable might happen soon. I have therefore prevailed on him to be with me untill that or some other appointment in the Service of his Country worthy the acceptance of a Gentleman uninfluenc'd my mercenary views shall offer. I believe I might have gott him nominated in the appointment of the field officers of the troops raising in this Province, had it not been determin'd before his arrival, w'ch gave me the first notice of Mr. Harrison's acceptance of your offer. had it been in my option I should have declin'd accepting majority [rank of Major] for him in preference to the probability I thought there was of his being in your family, not doubting your approbation whenever [one or two illegible words] informed of the [illegible word] appointed officers in those battalions he staid but one night with me in his way to Philadelphia and upon consulting with his friends there was advised to remain in his present scituation untill it was determin'd whether the three new raised battalions would be form'd into a Brigade & if so they would endeavour to gett him appointed Brigade major; with liberty at his request of resigning, whenever you shall favour him with an oppertunity of being employed near your person and more immediately under your command

I heartily congratulate you on the success in Canady [possible reference to Benedict Arnold's arrival opposite Quebec, 9 Nov 1775] & our late acquisition of Powder [captured at Fort Ticonderoga, 10 May 1775], w'ch. [part missing from the online image] Continuance of the Smiles of Heaven (hitherto so [part missing] in every undertaking) I hope will before it is too late bring our Enemies to reason and us to the Justice due to so glorious a struggle. I wish you a happy meeting with Mrs. Washington and am really & truly Dear Sir

your most obliged h'ble Servant

Our Son sends his most respectful compliments to you.



Friday, February 9th 1776.

Two letters from the Convention of New Jersey, of the 6th of February, were read; the one respecting tea, was referred for consideration to Monday next; the other recommending persons for field officers of the third battalion ordered to be raised in that Colony: Whereupon, the Congress succeeded to Election, and

Elias Dayton was elected Colonel

Anthony Walter White, Lieutenant Colonel

Francis Barber, Major.

The above is extracted from the Printed Journals of the Congress of the year 1776: A copy of which is in the Library of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Capitol in Richmond.

Reg[iste]r Nov 27 1837

Colo Whites pay as a Va. officer seems to have commenced in Aug 1780 – He cannot claim bounty land from Va. before he was transferred to her line – application rejected DC