

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of William White W65

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State of Tennessee, Anderson County

On this 17th day of October, 1832 personally appeared before me, Edward Hawkins, one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County, William White, a resident of said County at his own house, he being unable to attend court by reason of old age and bodily infirmity in the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee, aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his own oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th of 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He resided in Anson County, North Carolina at which place in or about the month of October 1780, he was drafted or called out by Col Thomas Waid [sic, Thomas Wade] and ordered by him to go and gather the Tories' corn as they had fled and left their plantations. He went with the Company and gathered the corn and it was taken of for the use of the American army. He served at this time two weeks under the order of his Col as aforesaid. He was then verbally discharged.

Again, some time in November, 1780, he was drafted or called to serve a tour against the Tories under Captain Dudley Mask rendezvoused at the Grassy Islands, marched down to Drowning Creek. The Tories fled and we were verbally discharged; served at this time two weeks.

Again, was about the first of January, 1781, he was drafted for to go against the Tories under Captain John McGuire; rendezvoused at the Grassy Islands; marched to Drowning Creek and Black Creek against the Tories; they fled and we were there discharged verbally; he served at this time two weeks.

Again, in or about February, 1781, he was drafted to go against the Tories under Captain John Degarnett [sic, John Dejarnett] and Colonel Thomas Wade; rendezvoused at Blewitt's [?] Ferry; marched to Drowning Creek; took some Tories as prisoners. They

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tried one of the prisoners by a court marshal [sic, court martial] and hung him. He was then verbally discharged; served at this time two weeks.

Again, in or about the middle of March 1781 while living at the same place last aforesaid, he was drafted under Captain John Dejarnett in Colonel Thomas Wade's Regiment of Militia. We marched to Drowning Creek; we lay there some time, then marched through the country to keep the Tories from committing depredations. Served at this time two months and two weeks and was verbally discharged ^{about the first of June, 1781}. We however took some prisoners at this time.

Again, while living at the same place, in the month of July, 1781, he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Capt John Dejarnett in Col Thomas Wade's Regiment of Militia rendezvoused at the Grassy Islands; marched to Black River. There we met Genls Butler [John Butler] and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. We were commanded by Genl Rutherford. Then we marched into the neighborhood of Wilmington; then to the plantation of Major Waddle; lay there about a week; then back to near Wilmington; lay there about a week; then on to the waters of Cross Creek; then back to Major Waddle's plantation; then to near Wilmington. We lay in that neighborhood till our time was out and was honorably discharged in October of 1781. His discharge was signed by the said Captain Dejarnett, but is now lost. He served at that time three months. Served in the whole seven months and two weeks. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. There is no clergyman living immediately in his neighborhood and he knows of none that he can procure who can testify to the report of his service.

S/ William White, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Edward Hawkins, A Justice of at Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee Oct. 17th 1832.

[Dan Maddox and Edward Wiatt [probably Edward Wyatt] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for 7 months and 10 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[fn p. 612]

State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS On this 8th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Edward Hawkins one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County William White a resident of said County and State in the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration for a pension which said declaration was made at his own house October 17th 1832 and was numbered in the war department No. 17331 and sent back for amendment. That he was born in Prince William County Virginia on the 25th day of October 1752 SC was informed by his parents. He has no record of his age. Sworn to and subscribed before me April 8th 1833

S/ William White, X his mark

S/ Edward Hawkins, JP

[fn p. 626]

State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS: On this 9th Day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Edward Hawkins one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County at his own house he being unable to attend Court by reason of old age and bodily infirmity William White a resident of said County and State in the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee aged 82 years who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as supplement 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 is the same William White who applied and obtained a pension for services rendered during the Revolutionary War. That at the time he made his first declaration he forgot to insert in it the following services which he performed during the revolution to wit. He resided in Anson County North Carolina at which place he thinks in October 1780 he was appointed Corporal under Captain John Legarnett [sic]. The Tories were at that time very troublesome and was in the constant habit of [indecipherable word, looks like "cabining"] and plundering the Whigs and harassing the Country, it was found necessary to keep a constant militia force to keep the Tories in the subjection and all the males capable of bearing arms had to serve towers [sic, tours] of two weeks each and be relieved by others at the end of that time. This applicant was ordered to warn [sic ?] in the men which he did and met with them when they met and marched with them and staid in service till he had to go and warn [?] others he continued in the service as above stated till after Corn Wallace [sic Cornwallis] was taken prisoner which was in October 1781. He served at this time one year in the manner above stated for which he claims a pension which tour was left out of his said first declaration by the said applicant's forgetfulness as he is infirm and his mind much impaired by old age and bodily infirmity said applicant further states that at the time he made his said declaration he did not believe the service stated in this was a tour for which he would be allowed a pension neither did he think of it. The War Department is referred to his former declaration which is on the files in the department to which this is a supplement. He don't recollect that he was in any skirmish or battle during this tour. When they marched it was to different parts of the Country wherever [indecipherable word, looks like "mad"] required. He served out his full tour and at the end of his time he nominated three persons one of whom was chosen as his successor. He got no written discharge. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Edward Hawkins, JP

S/ William White, X his mark

[fn p. 117: On July 20, 1840 in Morgan County Tennessee, Rachel White, 85, a citizen of Roane County, she having no record of her age but calculates the same from the information she has regarding her age at the time of firm marriage and the ages of her children, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William White; that she married him August 25, 1784; that they were married by John Hardin, JP in Burke County North Carolina; that her husband died January 18, 1834; that

their oldest son George White was born January 8 which fact she has the record of in a little sermon book which contains the record of the ages of all their children which she believes is in the hand writing of West Walker.]

[fn p. 167: on July 20, 1840 in Morgan County Tennessee, Philip White gave evidence that he is the son of Rachel and William White; that he was born August 16, 1788; that his parents were born something like 3 years before his birth; that his brother George White is something like 2 years older than he is.]

[fn p. 193: family record]

George White was born January 8th Day 1786

Philip White was born August 16th Day 1788

Rachel White was born July 13th Day 1790

William White was Born January 27th Day 1793

Thomas White was born May the 15th Day 1797

John White was born October 29th day 1800

another version

Pension Application of William White, Nat'l Archives Microseries M804, Roll #__,
Application #W65

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Anderson County, Tennessee, October 17th, 1832, personally appeared, William White, aged 80 years:

He resided in Anson County, North Carolina, at which place in or about the month of October 1780, he was drafted or called out by Colonel Thomas Wade and ordered by him to go and gather the Tories corn as they had fled and left their plantations. He went with the company and gathered the corn, and it was taken off for the use of the American army. He served at this time, two weeks under the order of his colonel as aforesaid. He was then verbally discharged.

Again, some time in November 1780, he was drafted or called to serve a tour against the tories under Captain Dudley Mask. (Rendezvoused) at the Grassy Islands, marched down to Drowning Creek. The Tories fled and we were verbally discharged. Served at this time, two weeks.

Again, in or about the first of January 1781, he was drafted for to go against the Tories under Captain John McGuire. (Rendezvoused) at the Grassy Islands, marched to Drowning Creek, and worked back, against the Tories. They fled and we were verbally discharged. He served this time, two weeks.

Again, in or about February 1781, he was drafted to go against the Tories under Captain John de Jarnette and Colonel Thomas Wade. (Rendezvoused) at [Blewett's] Ferry. Marched to Drowning Creek and took some Tories as prisoners. They tried one of the prisoners by a courts martial and hung him. He was then verbally discharged. Served at this time, two weeks.

Again, in or about the middle of March 1781, while living at the same place last aforesaid, he was drafted under Captain John de Jarnette in Colonel Thomas Wade's regiment of militia. We marched to Drowning Creek. We lay there some time, then marched through the country to keep the Tories from committing deprivations. Served at this time, two months and two weeks and was verbally discharged about the first of June 1781. We, however, took some prisoners at this time.

Again, while living at the same place, in the month of July 1781, he was drafted for a three months tour against the British under Captain John de Jarnette in Colonel Thomas Wade's regiment of militia. (Rendezvoused) at the Grassy Islands, marched to Black River. There we met Generals Butler and Rutherford. We were commanded by General Rutherford. Then we marched into the neighborhood of Wilmington, then to the plantation of Major Waddle. Lay there about a week, then back to near Wilmington. Lay there about a week, then on to the waters of Cross Creek, then back to Major Waddle's plantation, then to near Wilmington. We lay in that neighborhood till our time was out, and was honorably discharged in October of 1781.

June 4, 1929-Letter from Winfield Scott to Mrs. William Billman:

I have to advise you that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim that William White was born in Prince William County, Virginia on October 25, 1752. He died in Anderson County, Tennessee on January 18, 1834. He married August 23, 1784 or 85 in Burke County, NC to Rachel, her maiden name not stated. She was 85 years of age in July 20, 1840, and at that time was a resident of Roan County, Tennessee. She died in January 1841.