

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William White¹ W7033

Polly Doran²

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Virginia

On this 24th day of January 1842 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for Clarke County Virginia Polly Doran, a resident of Millwood in the said County of Clarke, aged about sixty eight years 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 the 4th 1836, and explained by an act passed July 7th 1838; That she is the widow of William White deceased, who was a soldier in the Virginia State line, during the revolutionary war, that he enlisted in the County of York in James city, and continued in service 4 or 5 years, but in what company or Regiment, and in what battles he was engaged, she knows not; having no documentary evidence to refer to; further than the certificates in the Auditor's, and Register's office in Richmond Virginia to which she respectfully refers. She further declares that she was married to the said William White on the first of January 1790 as appears by the record of Frederick County Virginia, that her husband the said William White died in the month of August 1796 or '97, that she afterwards married a certain Michael Doran, who died, about the year 1816, since which time she has remained a widow, as can be made [to] appear from satisfactory testimony.

S/ Polly Doran, X her mark

[fn p. 7: On July 13, 1857 in Clark County Virginia, Polly Doran, 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William White, a Dragoon in the Virginia line during the revolutionary war.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 15th day of April 1783, in the name of William White as a Soldier of Cavalry for £45.0.0 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Miles King and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 7th day of December 1841.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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² Former widow

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"I certify that Wm White did receive 100 acres of Land as bounty Land, or his services in the war of the Revolution.

S/ S. H. Parker, Reg: Va. L. Office Dec. 8th, 1841"

[fn p. 36: In another application dated September 26, 1845, the widow gave her age as about 69 years of age; that she thinks her husband enlisted in the County of York or James City in Virginia about the latter end of the war and continued until he was regularly discharged; that William White died in 1795; that she married Michael Doran about the year 1707 who died in the year 1810.]

[fn p. 39: in yet another application dated September one, 1848 filed in Clarke County Virginia, Polly Doran, aged about 75, stated that she is the widow of William White who served in the Revolutionary war as a private in Major John Nelson's Corps of Virginia line.]

[fn p. 48: affidavit dated August 4, 1868, given by Joseph F Ryan of Clarke County Virginia that Polly Doran died a short time before the 28th day of February in the year 1859 at which date her will was put to record and her a state administered by the affiant as sheriff of said County.]

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her former husband's service as a Dragoon in the Virginia Continental line.]