

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Whitlow W8218 Mary Hicks¹ fn78²NC
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State of North Carolina County of Person: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 19th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Alexander Cunningham, Benjamin W. Milner & Robert Harris Justices & members of said Court now sitting for the said County of Person Solomon Whitlow a citizen of and a resident of the County of Person & State of North Carolina, aged seventy years on the 22nd day of April 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.:

In 1779 as well as he can recollect, but I am not certain a company of Infantry was raised in Granville County North Carolina by draft and being myself drafted I joined the Company at Oxford in said County. The officers elected were Barnett Pulliam Captain Edward Taton [Edward Tatum?] Lieutenant & Ephraim Washington Ensign marched from Oxford on Christmas Eve & camped at Hatchisoum [?] and went on the next day to Hillsboro North Carolina and joined the detachment -- when arrived there we were placed under the command of Colonel Archibald Lytle passed the 4th Regiment. As well as I remember we remained at this place about five days & then took up the line of march for Charleston SC. The weather being very severe at this time, we marched leisurely and entered that town & joined the forces there assembled under the command of General Lincoln. No battle or occurrence during our service in this tour that I recollect that is worthy to be related. About the last of March 1780 term of service having expired, our company was discharged and this was but a few days before the regulars siege was commenced on that City our Lieutenant Abner Tatum declined entering on a new tour of service (our Captain and Ensign and several privates of our company and among them Benjamin Hester, a private and I do so) & he with Zachariah Hester, Harris Hicks³ & myself and many others in all about twenty

¹ Formerly widow

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³ [Harris Hicks W4989](#)

belonging to the same company marched homeward together. This tour I expect to be able to prove by Benjamin Hester & Zachariah Hester my brother soldiers in it -- This tour was for 3 months & was fully served.

The next tour was for three months, and I believe it was not very long after my return from the first tour that I joined a Company of Infantry then forming in Granville -- I was a volunteer -- The company was commanded by Stephen Merritt as Captain -- The names of the Lieutenant and Ensign I cannot remember -- The company was organized at Oxford and as in my first Tour, we were marched again to Hillsboro to join the balance of the detachment and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel farmer & Major sharp and the whole was under the command of General Butler [John Butler] -- We were marched to Bell's Mills on Deep River to Salisbury North Carolina and thence by Phifer's Mill to the neighborhood of Charlotte North Carolina -- here we were placed under the command of General Davidson -- We were soon marched to the Catawba River to meet Cornwallis who was endeavoring to cross that River -- and I was in service at Beatties Ford when the British after the death of our excellent & ever to be lamented General, accomplished their purpose at Cowan's Ford about three miles below where we were stationed on the River. We soon got information of the death of our General and it completely enervated and dispirited our men -- The consequence was that we all -- horse foot & dragoons took to flight and the first place we could be collected in any force was at Mrs. Torrance's land where the road from Cowan's & Beatties Ford united -- here we were collected in some sort of order, but so quick was Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] upon our heels, that before we could organize our force, he was in sight of us -- The result is known -- We were put to flight -- indeed -- routed -- and each man had to seek safety in flight. This affiant in his flight fell into the company of six other privates of his own company and had effected their escape below Guilford old Court House North Carolina. -- Having learned that General Greene had taken command of the American Army and was then stationed I determined to turn back and go in my company -- My comrades were unwilling to do so, and I was obliged to part with them, they pursuing their way home -- I returned to Guilford Court House and found the men on parade -- I walked up and down the lines but was unable to see a single man whom I knew -- I went into the village and had been there but a little while before I learned from a soldier that my Captain had assembled a part of his Company at the house of Barney Jole [?] about twenty miles West of the Main body -- Captain Greenwood was kind enough to take me into his Marquee [marquee] until the next day and conducted me out of the lines, when I set out to join my company, and proceeded but a short distance, about two miles before I met my Captain with the remnant that had been collected of his company -- I was received very joyfully by my Captain & the company and I took my station in the ranks. We soon joined the Main body and with it continued to retreat before Cornwallis until we came within about 8 miles of Dan River where we encamped one night -- The next morning most of the men belonging to our Regiment had deserted, and Captain Merritt who was in bad health obtained a furlough to return home -- having lost most of my clothes, I also obtained a furlough and came home with him, receiving instructions to join the forces that should be collected at Granville old Court House North Carolina under General Butler. In conformity to instructions & at the appointed time I joined my company at the place stated and shortly after we were marched towards Hillsboro North Carolina which place we reached the day or the day after the Enemy had evacuated it. We followed after them again, and at the High Rock on Haw River North Carolina we encamped on the ground the British had occupied the night before -- Fresh recruits now began to come in, in numbers and most of them without arms -- in order to have the use of our arms, to supply the fresh recruits, our company

were discharged on the 12th day of March 1781 -- 3 days before the Battle of Guilford -- I went home -- my Service in this tour I shall, I trust, be able to establish by the oath of Kennon Parham,⁴ Benjamin Hester,⁵ Zachariah Hester,⁶ James Grisham Senior⁷ and Thomas Jordan⁸ brother soldiers in this long and eventful tour -- or by 2 or 3 of them. If they live long enough to testify to it --

The third tour of duty which I performed was for three months, at the Public factory at Harrisburg in Granville County North Carolina. I volunteered in this tour -- and went into the factory in the Blacksmith's shop -- I entered this service with James Grisham, Senior, Harris Hicks & Jesse Day who are now living -- Captain John Medairis⁹ had charge of the factory when I first entered the service, but he was soon displaced and Captain Batt Birdsong took his place -- the whole establishment was under the Control of Colonel Nicholas Long of Halifax NC -- Captain Birdsong coming into disrepute with Colonel Long at the expiration of the first tour of duty -- I volunteered for a second tour of three months and had advanced but a short time in it, when Birdsong was removed and the Establishment was broken up and removed to the residence of Colonel Long on Quankey Creek within a mile of Halifax town NC -- but three of the men who had served in the previous Tour, volunteered to serve in the second Tour at Halifax viz. Blake Maulden, Jesse Day & myself --

I was incorrect in saying as I have above, that, as soon as the first tour of three months had expired, I volunteered and entered another tour of three months duty -- There was and intermediate tour of one month and a half which I served between these two tours -- I served that space of time as the substitute for Henry Turpin who had engaged in a twelve months tour at Harrisburg and was on duty during the whole of my first tour -- as soon as my first tour was completed, I took the place of said Henry Turpin and served one month and a half which completed his full tour of 12 months. I think this last tour can be proved by Kennon Parham, James Grisham Senior, Jesse Day & Harris Hicks if he is able to testify --

I think also that my Tour at Halifax can be proved by the same persons, At least that I entered upon it, if they are not able to prove that the whole service was performed.

This applicant was born as he was told by his parents in Hanover County in the State of Virginia and at three years old was brought by them to Granville County in North Carolina -- where he continued to live until about fourteen or fifteen years ago -- I lived one year and Orange and then lived in Milton in Caswell County North Carolina for part of the year -- I then came to Person County & lived there several years -- I. lived a part of the year again in Milton and returned to Person County where I have since lived & now continued to reside --

I have a Register of my age now in my own House --

It is possible that I might be able to prove by other brother soldiers than those named, the several terms of service I have enumerated but these are all that I know of that are living. The others have removed to distant parts & remote states in the southern & western parts of the United States, and may have died; and if they are living I have not the means of seeking them out, for I am a very poor man.

I [am] inclined to think that I had discharges for all these tours of duty, but I have not seen them

⁴ [Kennon Parham R7924](#)

⁵ [Benjamin Hester S6998](#)

⁶ [Zachariah Hester S7002](#)

⁷ [James Gresham W4969](#)

⁸ [Thomas Jordan R5767](#)

⁹ Sic, [John Medearis S2823](#)

for a great many years, and leaving they were of no value, I present they have been long since lost or destroyed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 or Territory.

The services of this declarant being some up were as follows to wit

1 st one tour of 3 months in South Carolina	3 months
2 nd tour of one and a half months as substitute	1 ½
3 rd 3 months in the Western part of North Carolina	3
4 th 2 tours of 3 months at the public factories	<u>6</u>
Total	13 ½ months

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ Solomon Whitlow

[fn p. 202: on May 15, 1855 in Person County North Carolina, Mrs. Mary Hicks, 60, a resident of Roxboro in said County filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Solomon Whitlow, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that there is not to her knowledge any record of her marriage public or private; that she does not recollect the date thereof but he is informed and believes it was about the year 1820; that after the death of her husband Solomon Whitlow she married William Hicks of Person County; that she does not recollect the exact date of her marriage to William Hicks was about 3 years after the death of her husband Solomon Whitlow; that that William Hicks died on February 19 1850; and that she remains a widow.]

[fn p. 218: testimony offered by supporting witnesses indicate that Solomon Whitlow died October 23, 1838.]

[fn p. 286: On November 14, 1855 when filing for her bounty land entitlement based on these services of William Hicks in the war of 1812, the widow stated she was then 78 years of age.]

[fn p. 686 et seq.]

State of North Carolina Granville County

In conformity to the Commission on the Back of the Declaration for a Pension of Solomon Whitlow which was issued from the County Court of Person & State of North Carolina I have caused Zachariah Hester, Jesse Days, Benjamin Hester, James Grisham Senior, Harris Hicks & Kennon Parham to come before me William M. Sneed the Commissioner appointed & commissioned therein who being duly sworn according to law do testify and declare as follows viz. That having heard the said declaration of Solomon Whitlow read, he this affiant doth certify, testified & declares, that the facts stated in said declaration as to his first tour viz. that at Charleston, is strictly and positively true, for that he was a private in the same Company and performed the like service and was discharged & marched on at the same time, in the manner as stated in his declaration --

As to the first part of the 2nd tour described in said Declaration this affiant has no knowledge, but he joined the detachment at Granville old Court House at the time of men were collected there & put under the command of General Butler at said Whitlow has stated -- this affiant also certifies that the service of said Declarant as stated in that campaign after leaving the old Court House up to his discharge on the 12th of March three days before the Battle of

Guilford are literally true for this affiant performed duty in the same detachment and was discharged at the same time --

This affiant well knows that a public Factory was established at Harrisburg as stated by said Declarant & was removed to Halifax as he has also stated -- but of the service of the said Whitlow in said factory this affiant is unable to declare any knowledge or recollection.

Subscribed and sworn this 8th March 1833

S/ Zachariah Hester, X his mark

Jesse Days [sic] a resident of Granville County certifies that he served with Solomon Whitlow the Declarant in the foregoing Declaration for a pension a tour of three months at Harrisburg and another tour of six months at Halifax also the residue of Henry Turpin's service of one month & a half -- he certifies that the statement of said Whitlow is strictly true & correct.

Subscribed & sworn to 8th March 1833

S/ Jesse Day, X his mark

Benjamin Hester makes Oath that the facts set forth in the Declaration of Solomon Whitlow as to the first & second tours are true, for he served with him at Charleston as he has stated & enlisted for a second tour as said Whitlow has stated.

This affiant also certifies that the facts stated by said Declarant as to his services in the Tour to the Catawba & subsequently to the high rock are truly & correctly stated by said Whitlow.

This affiant was a soldier in both these Tours and knows that said Declarant performed the services in these Tours as he has stated.

This affiant corroborates the statement of Zachariah Hester in his certificate & affidavit above as to the factory at Harrisburg & Halifax but does not know of his own knowledge that said Whitlow served in them, but verily believes he did & does also give full credit & confidence to the statement he has made.

Subscribed & sworn to this 9th Day of March 1833

S/ Benj. Hester, X his mark

James Grisham Senior Citizen of Granville County aged seventy-three years on the 11th day of August 1832, being duly sworn according to law, makes oath that he is & has been long acquainted with Solomon Whitlow now of Person County who has made & sworn to the Declaration on the 19th day of December 1832 for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June last, that said declaration has been read to him by William M. Sneed the Justice of Peace before whom this certificate an affidavit is proposed to be sworn to --

This affiant knows of nothing of the first tour of duty as set forth therein, but he well knows that Solomon Whitlow was a soldier in the Second tour described by him viz. that to the Catawba & the retreat before Cornwallis -- this affiant was a fellow soldier in the same campaign, from the same County, for the same length of service, but not under the same company officers --

This affiant testifies & certifies to the truth of the substantial facts stated by said Declarant. This affiant marched with him in the said Detachment in the manner he has stated, suffered similar misfortunes in flight from the Catawba, was put to flight at Torrances's lane, retreated before the Enemy to the Dan River, and then marched down the Roanoke [River], crossed it and then joined the detachment at Granville old Court House under General Butler and marched thence by Hillsboro North Carolina to the High Rock where the whole of our detachment was discharged as said Whitlow as stated in his declaration on the 12th day of March 1781.

This affiant also served a Tour of three months duty at the Public Factory at Harrisburg as stated by said Declarant and well knows that said Whitlow's served a three months tour therein, but does not recollect that he served the balance of Henry Turpin's tour as he has stated.

This affiant knows that said Whitlow engaged for another Tour of Duty in said Factory but the length of it he does not know -- but he well knows that upon the removal of the Factory from Harrisburg to Halifax NC the said Whitlow was on duty there and went to Halifax in discharge of his Tour -- but how long he served and when discharged this affiant cannot certify -- but he does not doubt from the honesty of character of said Whitlow that his statement is just and true.

Subscribed & sworn to first day of April 1833

Witness

S/ Wm Sneed, JP

S/ James Gresham Senior

Harris Hicks also a Citizen of the same County makes oath that he is upwards of seventy years of age and has long been acquainted with Solomon Whitlow, whose declaration for a Pension under the I act of 7th of June 1832 has been read to him -- That he was a Private Soldier in both Tours mentioned by said Whitlow this that to Charleston SC & that immediately before the battle of Guilford, and fully certifies & corroborates his statement of them. This affiant also knows that said Whitlow served a Tour of three months in the factory at Harrisburg N.C. as also his own duty and also an additional one month and a half as the Substitute for Henry Turpin to complete his Tour of twelve months. This affiant served with said Whitlow at the factory at Harrisburg but when it was broken up and removed to Halifax, this affiant having performed his tour of duty did not remove with it as did said Whitlow, but was discharged. This affiant knows that Whitlow entered that service again & did go to Halifax, but does not know of his own knowledge how long he served but verily believes he performed the full Tour for which he had entered the service.

Subscribed & sworn to this first April 1833

Witness: S/ W. M. Sneed, JP

S/ Harris Hicks, X his mark

Kennon Parham a citizen of Granville County makes oath that he is almost or quite seventy years of age. That he has heard the declaration of Solomon Whitlow read, which was sworn to by him on the 19th of December 1832. This affiant was born & raised within three quarters of a mile of the said Solomon Whitlow. He knows nothing of his own knowledge of the first Tour to Charleston, but understood that he did perform yet and verily believes that he did so.

This affiant was a member of the same company with said Whitlow in the Tour to the Catawba and certifies to the truth of all the material facts stated by him in that Tour. He knows that said Whitlow joined the detachment after his furlough at Granville old Court House and that he marched to the High rock as he has stated & he went with this affiant and the rest of the company were discharged at that place on the 12th March 1781 -- having fully completed the tour of three months.

This affiant lived in the immediate neighborhood, during the operation of the Public Factory at that place during the Revolutionary War, and knows that Solomon Whitlow performed a Tour of duty in it. He does not know that he served a months & a half as the substitute for Henry Turpin, but from his confidence in the honesty and truth of said Whitlow does believe that he did.

This affiant does not know that said Whitlow performed a tour at the factory at Halifax NC of three months, as he has stated, but knows that the factory was broken up & removed to Halifax as he has stated. He also knows that said Whitlow removed with it to Halifax and was

absent some considerable time & he has no doubt that he did perform the duty as he has stated.

Subscribed & sworn to this April 1833

Witness: S/ W. M. Sneed, JP

S/ Kennon Parham

[fn p. 827: On June 21, 1855 in Person County North Carolina, Mrs. Mary Hicks filed an affidavit in support of her bounty land claim based on the services of Solomon Whitlow; in this affidavit she states that she married Solomon Whitlow about 1828 she is informed and believes; that he died October 23rd 1838; that she afterwards married William Hicks who died February 19th 1850; and that she is now a widow.]

[fn p. 890: on April 13, 1866, Mary Hicks, 106, filed for the restoration of her pension benefits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March forth, 1831, for 7 1/2 months service as a private in the revolution.]