

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David White W8997

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State of Kentucky, Shelby County Sct.

On this 14th day of November in the year 1836, personally appeared before the County Court of Shelby County in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, David White Senior a resident of said Commonwealth in said County of Shelby, aged eighty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

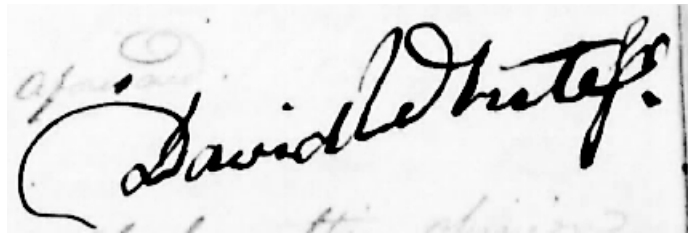
That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say, About the beginning of the Revolutionary War, and about the time Dunmore made a descent on Virginia, he this Applicant, then a resident of Amelia County in Virginia, was drafted as a militia man for a tour of six months, to serve as a guard on the coast. He was marched under Captain Bookner [sic, either Edmund Booker or Edward Booker] (who was distinguished by the name of Winterham Ned), crossed James River at what was then called Lindsey's Ferry, and marched in the direction of Williamsburg, And was then marched from place to place but before the term of six months had expired, was discharged from that service, and in consequence of impaired memory is Applicant cannot state the exact time engaged in this service. He further states that Afterwards in or about the year 1775 according to the best of his recollection, he enlisted as a private in a Company commanded by another Captain Booker who served in the State or regular troops, and whose company was attached to the Regiment of a Colonel Meade, for the term of three years – and also that the service at this time required of this Applicant was similar to their nature to those spoken of in the foregoing tour of duty, to which, to guard the coast. He thinks the Company was marched in the spring 1776, crossed James River either above or below Richmond and marched then in the direction to Hampton, where he thinks his Company joined the Regiment of the said Colonel Meade, and for some time remained at that place, but from the time of enlistment until discharged in the fall of the year 1777, he this Applicant was kept on the coast of Virginia sometimes near the British lines, was engaged in skirmishes, but never in anything like a General battle. He was at one time marched to York Town under the Apprehension that the enemy intended to land there. He further states that during his term & service he was transferred to some other Company, or at least served under some other Captain. He states that he received a regular discharge but having lost it, he cannot say by whom it was signed.

He states he was born in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia and according to the information he received from his father, on the first day of November in the year 1749. And furthermore in the year 1779 he removed to the State of Kentucky, settled on Licking River, at what was called Martin's Station. And on the 22nd day of June in the year 1780, this Station was attacked by a strong force of British and Indians under the command of Captain Bird, a British

officer of the Kings Eighth Regiment, and the Station was compelled to capitulate and this Applicant with his family were made prisoners of War, in consequence of which he lost all his property, his papers, and one of his family, previous to which time he had been enrolled as a spy against the Indians under the command of Captain Duncan by the orders of General George Rogers Clark, and rendered services in that capacity until taken as above stated. He with the other prisoners taken by the Indians, were marched to the forks of Licking River, embarked in canoes, and in the dissent the canoe in which this Applicant and his family were, overset and the few articles he was permitted to bring away with him, including the remnant of his papers, and one child were lost. We were carried to Detroit, where we arrived on the 3rd day of August, after enduring great hardships and privations, and remained at that place a prisoner until October 1783. Is Applicant then returned to the State of Kentucky and have continued ever since, first residing in the County of Jefferson – and at this time and for many years past in Shelby County. He further states that he is in possession of no documentary evidence, Except the affidavit of Elizabeth Clarke herewith enclosed, dated the 3rd day of March 1831, and she is since dead. At this time he knows of no person by whom his services can be proven.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David White

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David White". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "David" is written in a large, flowing script, and "White" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact script. The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.: This day Elizabeth Clark personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County and made solemn Affirmation to the Truth of the statement below (to wit) she saith that about the commencement of the revolutionary war, that she then being a resident of Amelia County in the State of Virginia, David White then a resident of said County enlisted as a private soldier to serve in said war, as he then informed he is Friends, under a certain Captain Booker, who was under the command of Colonel D. Meade of the County of Amelia aforesaid, his Friends exhibited some umbrage at his having enlisted he said one of his Brothers had enlisted & that he would go into the service himself or to that effect – in a short time he was marched off. But how long he was gone, she has at this time no distinct recollection but thinks it was not quite two years. This Affiant further states that she never knew or heard of his receiving any compensation for this service Except that he observed that he had got the Bounty money before he started –

This Affiant further states that John White (the Brother above mentioned) Enlisted under a Captain Hanaway [?] marched amongst the first Troops that went from the County, remained some 3 or 4 months, returned home on furlough sick and during his sickness his Captain was to see him and told him in the presence of this Affiant that when he should again join the Army he should have his money. He died of his sickness without joining the Army again. This Affiant Further states that Benjamin White another Brother of the above named David White likewise enlisted in the regular service was under the command of General Charles Scott and was in a

company said to be commanded by another Captain Booker – and that on the return of his Captain information was given to his Father that he had died after serving about one year and a half. And this Affiant doth further state That Robert White another Brother some short time after David enlisted did himself enlist in the regular Service for the term of five years in the same company with Benjamin and served under the same General he returned a short time before the Expiration of the five years informed his friends that he had obtained a furlough and had again enlisted during the war. Spoke of many hardships endured from various sources particularly the want of food and clothing and many dangers encountered in Battles & he soon after this marched off to join the Army at Yorktown and is Affiant never heard of him again, he stated while with his Friends that he had never received any of his Wages and was much in need of new clothes. This Affiant will further add that the above David White was said to be the oldest of the above named Brothers and that he is Legal Heir to any compensation which their services may be entitled to.

S/ Elizabeth Clark, X her mark

[fn p. 10: On August 3, 1837, Susan White [also referred as Sussanna White], 86, gave testimony that she knows David White Senior who now lives in Shelby County Kentucky; that she was acquainted with him for many years in Amelia County Virginia and knows of his enlisting in the revolutionary war; that she does not know what company he was in but recalls having heard him say he was in Captain Booker's Company in Colonel Meade's Battalion for a long while; that she moved to Kentucky in company with David White Senior in the fall of the year 1779 and settled at Martin's Station on Licking River; that she understood that David White served under Captain Duncan; that in the month of June 1780 the Station was taken by the British and Indians and all of the inhabitants were taken to Detroit, she along with David White; that they were held as prisoners until 1783 when they were permitted to return home and left Detroit on October 16, 1783; that they passed through Indian country by virtue of a pass given to them by Colonel Depaster [sic, DePeyster]; that they arrived at the falls of the Ohio about Christmas. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[fn p. 13: On June 2nd, 1837 in Shelby County Kentucky, William M Clarke, 46, gave testimony that he is the son of the late Elizabeth Clarke who died in the year 1831; that she was formerly Elizabeth White and the sister of David White Senior who is now applying for a pension; that he recalls his mother speaking of the services of her brothers David, Benjamin and Robert White in the Army during the revolution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Clarke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text of the second footnote.

[fn p. 42: On October 11, 1838 in Shelby County Kentucky, Susannah White, 87, a resident of the town of Simpsons ville in the County and state aforesaid filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of David White Senior a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him September 6, 1774; that they were married by Parson BromsKelt [sic?] of the Church of England; that they resided in Amelia County Virginia until 1779 when they moved to Kentucky and settled at Martin's Station on Licking River; that the station was taken by Colonel Bird of the British Army on June 22nd, 1780 and all of the captives were taken as prisoners to Detroit where they were detained as prisoners until October

14, 1783 when they were permitted to return home and reached the falls of the Ohio about Christmas of that year; that since their return they have lived in Jefferson & Shelby counties Kentucky; that her husband died July 27, 1838 after an illness of about two weeks. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned and a like amount commencing July 27, 1838.]