

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Grief Whittington S7883

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State of Mississippi, Amite County-Probate Court of Amite County

On this 17 day of June 1833 Personally appeared before the Hon. V. T. Crawford Probate Judge of Amite County Grief Whittington a resident of Zion Hill Precinct in the State and County aforesaid aged 71 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.--

That he enlisted the service of the United States, (as he believes) in the years 1778 or 1779—under the following named offerings and service as herein stated & at four different Periods.

(1) Drafted a private and served for 2 months under Capt. Thomas Lloyd commanded by Col. Wm. Hicks [William Hicks] the Regiment during the time stationed at the Cheraw Hill on Big Pee Dee River in S. Carolina.

(2) The next service commenced in a few weeks after, the Declarant was again drafted as before a Private, and served a 6 months engagement under Capt. Charles Dewit [sic, Charles Dewitt] & commanded by Col. Hicks before named, moved to and were stationed at Seewee Bay [sic, Sewee Bay] below Charleston, and continued at this station till the close of the term.

(3) Immediately after the expiration of the last named Period the Declarant enlisted in the 5th Regiment of the S. Carolina Continental troops, under Capt. Conyers [probably Clement Conyers, but could be Daniel or James Conyers, all of whom served as captains under Marion and/or Huger], & Col. Isaac Huger (Ugee), and served 2 years a private. Most of the time stationed at Fort Johnson on James Island the later part in Charleston & then discharged (this Document is now lost) from this place the declarant returned to his residence on Pee Dee River, Cheraw District, S. C.

(4) Shortly after the above discharge a call was made for more troops, and the Declarant Volunteered his service and served again as Private in a Company Commanded by Capt. Claiborne Hinson [also spelled Clayburn Hinson] Commanded by Col. Morris Murphy [also spelled Maurice Murphy] under Gen. F. Marion [Francis Marion]. During this service he was most of the time stationed on the Santee River first at Montgomery's Plantation and then at Canty's [Plantation] dependent on & in waiting the movement of Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]—he was present at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs—after this the troops marched to Charleston—and then heard the Declaration of Peace—this term he considers to be about 8<sup>th</sup> months duration. The Declarant was acquainted During his Service with Col. C. C. Pinckney of the 1st Regiment and with Major Tho. Pinckney [Thomas Pinckney] of same—also with Col. Oliver Thompson of the 3rd Regt. Also was acquainted with Cols. Lee [Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee] & Washington [William Washington] of U. S. Dragoons. The applicant further Declared that he has no Documentary evidence of his Services, nor can he Procure the testimony of any living witness except that of Richard Whittington hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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 & Yr. as aforesaid

S/ Grief Whittington

And the said Court do hereby declare its opinion that the above applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and Service as he states.

Mr. Jesse Young a clergyman and John Jenkins Citizens of Amite County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Grief Whittington who has subscribed and Sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be 71 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that Opinion.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & Year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Young

S/ Jn. Jenkins

And the said Court doth hereby declare its opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after pulling the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and Served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to him that.

S/ V. T. Crawford

Judge Prob.

The Court also further certifies its opinion that Richard Whittington, whose certificate is annexed to the above Declaration as a Witness, is a person of quality & whose testimony is entitled to credit.

S/ V. T. Crawford

Judge Prob.

I Richard M. Neilson, Clerk of the Probate Court of Amite County do hereby certify that the forgoing contained the assigned Proceedings of the Said Court in the matter of the application of Grief Whittington for a Pension.

In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal of the Office  
this 17 day of June 1833.

S/ R. M. Neilson,

Clk. of Probt.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to said applicant and answered as follows, and as answered to each respectively.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Virginia, (County Unknown). I suppose in 1762.

2. Have you any record of your age and if yes, where is it?

Ans. I have no written record of my age.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since and where do you now live?

Ans. When first called into Service I lived in Cheraw District S. Carolina. Continued in that state till 1806, since that time I lived where I now live in the State & County first named in my Declaration.

4. How were you called into Service; were you Drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute?

Ans. In my first and Second engagements I was Drafted, in my third, I volunteered, and lastly I volunteered.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops when you served. State Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General circumstances of your service.

Ans. As Stated in my Declaration I was acquainted with Cols. Pinckney and Thompson of the 1st & 3rd Regts. While in the Continental Service & when a volunteer also with Cols. Lee & Washington of U. S. Dragoons. I was present at the Battle of Eutaw Springs under Genls Marion & Greene.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it Signed, and what has become of it?

Ans. At the close of my enlistment with Col. Huger, I received a discharge from him, it has long since been lost.

7. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and as to their belief of your services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

Ans. I name \_\_\_\_\_[blank in original] and forbear to name others as they are not known at the War Department.