Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles White S3543

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The State of Ohio Highland County SS

On this 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County Charles White a resident of Madison Township in said County aged 70 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated

Questions by the Court

1. When & in what year were you born? Answer. I was born in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia on the 5th day of September A.D. 1763.

2nd. Have you any record of your age? Answer. I have not. -

3rd. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer – I lived when called into service in King George County Virginia until 1794 when I moved to Fayette County Kentucky. I lived there about 11 years when I moved to Ross County Ohio. I lived there about 21 years when I moved to Highland County Ohio where I have ever since resided.

4th. How were you called into service? Answer. I was always drafted.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service. -

Answer. In the month of March A.D. 1779 I was drafted at a place called Boyd's hole in King George County Virginia for the militia under Captain Wofendale Kendall [Waffendal Kendall], John Skinker & Major John Tolliver General Joseph Weeden [sic, George Weedon?] was our commanding officer. The object of our being called out was to guard the shores of the Potomac River from the British sailors & marines who were constantly threatening an invasion. We remained at said Boyd's hole about one month & I served in this tour upon the shores of the Potomac two months at least when I was discharged by my said Captain at Ducking Stool point on the Potomac & returned home. While we were out on this tour our commanding officers assigned to the company commanded by Captain Kendall the duty of guarding the shore of the Potomac on the Virginia side which lies between two creeks called Machotuck [? Machodoc?]¹ & Kosunes [? could be 'Rosunes' but the initial letter of the name appears to me to be the same as

Machotuck.

fn33VA 9/6/11 the "K" in "Kendall"]² which empty into said River. Our company was uniformed & well armed & constantly kept in readiness to turn out when the alarm was given. During the year 1779 & the succeeding year I was called out as a member of said company not less than 12 different times & we always were kept together on the coast under arms until the River was cleansed of British vessels & all danger had disappeared when we were discharged by our said Captain & returned home. In the service of guarding the coast I was engaged not less than 9 months including the 2 months service above mentioned.

In the month of March 1780 I was again drafted for the Virginia militia at the County of King George Virginia under Captain Rendall & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Skinker. We marched soon after I was drafted to a place called Hunters Height above the town of Falmouth on the Rappahannock River we remained there & in the vicinity of that place until I had served out my tour of two months when we were marched to Fredericksburg & I was discharged by my said Captain & returned home.

In the month of August 1781 I was again drafted for the Virginia militia at said County of King George under said Captain Kendall. We marched soon after I joined said Company to Yorktown where I was transferred to the company of militia commanded by Captain Robert Yates & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell – I was present during the siege of said town & at the taking of Lord Cornwallis & his Army. After the capture of said Army I marched under the command of said officers to guard the prisoners to Gloucester Courthouse where I was discharged by my said Captain & returned home after serving this tour two months.

I knew General Washington, General Lafayette, General Weedon, General Ennis but do not now recollect any others.

6. Did you ever receive a written discharge? Answer I never did.

7th. State the names of persons in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Answer. John Jones, Charles Bell, Hugh Smart, Allen Tremble, Alexander Buntain [?], James Quinn, & others will testify as is required.

Said applicant states that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state & finally this applicant represents that in all his time of service he was out not less than thirteen months in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first aforesaid. S/ Samuel Bell, Clerk S/ Charles White

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[James Quinn, a clergyman, and Hugh Smart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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