Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Whitteker [sic, Whiteker] S36845 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

Be it remembered that on the 23rd day of June 1818 before me William Cotton one of the associate judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Whitteker of Ross Township County aforesaid, aged about fifty-nine years who after being duly sworn according to law, in order to obtain the benefit of the act entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary War," doth and did, depose, declare and say that he entered into the service of the United Colonies, raised to obtain and defend American liberty, by enlisting on the 17th day of December 1776, on Peter's Creek in the State of Virginia under Captain George McCormick of the 13th Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Colonel John Gibson of General Hand's brigade, and served about three years – that he received no discharge in consequence of the neglect of his Captain in making a correct return. He quit the service in Pittsburgh in 1779. That he has no further evidence of his claim. That he never received a pension by the laws of Congress to his knowledge and if any should exist he hereby are releases the same to the United States and finally that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ John Whitaker, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of June A.D. 1818 S/ William Cotton, JP CCL

1 chisel
1 cow and calf
1 saddle and saddle bags
2 pots
1 teakettle
1 Dutch oven
¹ / ₂ [?] Dozen plates
1 spinning wheel
1 gun
2 chairs
2 barrels
1 butter tub
1 washing tub

Schedule Schedule of property belonging to John Whitaker and referred to in the annexed affidavit

1 bucket	
1 churn	
1 hoil [?]	

That he is indebted to many persons in the sum of \$20 [could be \$2000] S/ John Whiteker

Jahn Mitchen

District of Indiana Dearborn County: SS

On this 18th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for the County of Switzerland in the third Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana John Whitaker of the age of sixty-two years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted near Pittsburgh Captain George McCormick's Company in the 13th Virginia Regiment afterwards our company was commanded by Major Taylor, that he enlisted on the 13th of December 1776 and continued in the service three years, that he has a pension Certificate numbered 12,571 the date of which is the 22nd of July 1819 to commence the 23rd day of June 1818

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That I am by occupation a farmer can work but little that my family residing with many consist of my wife Martha 63 years of age, my granddaughter, Maria Whitaker 2 years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court in Dearborn Circuit Court in the 3rd judicial District of the State of Indiana before the Honorable Miles C. Eggleston President and Circuit Judge in and for said Circuit and the honorable Solomon Manwaring and John Livingston associate Judges of the said Dearborn Circuit Court and it is the opinion of said Court that the value of the property in the foregoing schedule is \$123.25.

Be it remembered that on the 15 day of June 1819 personally came David Porter before me Jared Evans a Justice of the peace for the State of Indiana Dearborn County and was sworn according to law and Deposeth and saith that John Whiteker was a regular Soldier in the revolutionary war in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Collonel john gipson, Capt mccommacks Company and further the deponent sayeth not. Given under my hand and seal this day and date above written.

S/ Jared Evans, JP

[Facts in file Veteran died September 12, 1825, place not shown; other than the statements made by him in his application there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 23, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]