

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burrell Whitehead (Burrill Whitehead) W4857 Nancy fn37NC
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State of North Carolina Wake County: August Sessions 1832

Personally appeared Burrell Whitehead of the said County of Wake aged about 80 [could be 81] years & who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 -- That he entered the United States Service under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That when he first entered the service he was living in Duplin County & entered & served six months under John Whitehead -- James Sherman Colonel William Clark Lieutenant marched first to Bluford's Bridge near were Willmington [Wilmington] in this State -- then marched to Richland Chapel at New River where he served part of his tour -- was in the Battle of Bluford's Bridge Colonel Brown was the Colonel & Linrardton [sic, John Alexander Lillington or Griffith Rutherford??] was the Genl. -- was also in another engagement with the British & Tories at Elizabethtown was discharged at Graham's Bridge -- has lost his discharge. He further states that he served another tour of 6 months in the Horse under Captain Affa Williams that he skirmish with the Tories in the lower part of this State was in no particular engagement was attached to the Wilmington district. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Burrill Whitehead

[Josiah Barbee & Richard Jones attested to the credibility of the veteran and his reputation in the neighborhood as a revolutionary soldier.]

[fn p. 7]

State of North Carolina Wake County -- This day appeared in open Court Burrell Whitehead & being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration, amendatory to that heretofore made by him. He cannot state to a certainty when he first entered into the service -- though he knows his last tour was when Lord Cornwallis¹ passed through North Carolina & he thinks his first tour was [indecipherable word or words blotted out, could be "not more"] than two years before -- that he received a wound in his left arm at Rockfish Bridge² where his party

¹ In the spring and early summer of 1781

² This is PROBABLY a reference to the engagement on August 2, 1781, between Whig forces led by Brigadier

was surprised by the British under the command of Major Craig [James Craig] = This was 10 or 15 miles from Wilmington = That this applicant does not know that he can get any living witnesses to his service -- as he now lives in Wake County -- a distance of 80 or 90 miles from where he entered the service -- That there is a minister living in his neighborhood -- but has not been living there many years & is not now at Court -- He refers however to the following persons who live in his neighborhood --

To the several interrogatories of the War Department -- this affiant answers --

To the first = was born in Edgecombe County NC & is 81 years of age 12 day of next March

2 = has no record of his age =

3 = was living in Duplin County when called into service =

4 = was first drafted for 3 months & volunteered for 3 months -- in the foot -- was a volunteer in the Horse & found his own horse -- was out 6 months --

5 = only recollects Colonel Brown & Colonel Kenian [sic, Kenan?] & who was afterwards General does not recollect any names of [indecipherable word] officers -- as his memory is now greatly impaired --

6. Had a discharge = but has lost that & all his other papers =

The 7 = interrogatory = he refers to the affidavit hereto attached.

S/ Burrell Whitehead

[Isaac Hudson & John Babb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: on November 30, 1843 in Wake County North Carolina, Nancy Whitehead, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 & 1843 acts stating that she is the widow of Burrell Whitehead who was a pensioner at the rate of \$45 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in the year 1782 or 1783; that her oldest child as appears from a record of her brother was born May 23, 1784; that her husband died April 24 past; that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the cavalry & infantry of North Carolina during the revolution.]