

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Christopher Hite BLWt308-100
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Bedford County Ss/ State of Pennsylvania the second Day of Decbr 1806

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County and Commonwealth Christopher Hite a Citizen with whom I am well acquainted of the aforesaid County and by occupation a Farmer, duly sworn deposed and saith, That he was enlisted in the Services of the United States for and during the war with Great Britain and served to the End of the said war until to his discharge from the said Services in Pursuance of Orders, received of the Commander in Chief.

Christopher hisXmark Hite

Westmorland [sic: Westmoreland] County }
Commonwealth of Penn'a }

Before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid
Came Matthew Organ [pension application S40226]

being a person with whom I am well Acquainted and a citizen of the aforesaid County, who being duly sworn deposed & and saith that Christopher Hite, a Citizen of Bedford County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Occupation a Farmer was enlisted by Capt. John Wilkins in Bedford in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven for and during the war With Great Britain and served to the end of the said war, first under the Command of Col. Oliver Spencer and after that under the Command of Richard Butler in the first Pennsylvania Regiment agreeable to an Act of Congress, that he was personally acquainted with the said Christopher Hite and that he knows him to be the same person whom he presents himself to be, and that he was Discharged at the end of the War, and the said discharge was signed by Col. Josiah Harmar and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn and affixed his Mark before me March 11th AD 1806
James White

Matthew hisXmark Organ

[Hite made the following statement in support of the pension application of Hugh Stewart S40499.]
Pennsylvania }
Bedford County Ss }

Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said county Christopher Hite of the said county farmer who being sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God doth depose and say that in the year 1776 or 1777 deponent enlisted as a common soldier in the army of the United States on the continental establishment to serve to the end of the war with Great Britain. That deponent did continue to serve through the whole war of the revolution till its close. That some time after deponents enlistment under Captain John Wilkins as the company was marching from Bedford to Philadelphia the said John Wilkins enlisted a man by the name of Hugh Stuart, at a tavern some place between Shippensburg [sic: Shippensburg] and Carlisle. Deponent, after the enlistment of the said Stuart, became well acquainted with him, and part of the time was a messmate with him. The said Stuart continued to serve in the same company with deponent till the close of the war and was discharged at the same time with deponent at the city of Philadelphia. Deponent was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], the battle of the Green Springs in Virginia [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and in the siege of York Town at the taking of Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], with the said Hugh Stuart besides being along with him in several other engagements. Deponent has not seen the said Hugh Stuart since some [undeciphered word] after the deponent & he were discharged at the close of the revolutionary war. Deponent has lately been informed that a man of the name of Hugh Stuart is now in the poor house near Chambersburg, who from the description deponent has received of him, deponent believes to be the same person that by that name served through the revolutionary war along with deponent against the common enemy. At the time

deponent and said Stuart were discharged they were under the command of Colonel Josiah Harmar [pension application W3246], and Captain Bowan. The said Hugh Stuart was Honourably discharged. While deponent knew him he bore a good character for honesty and integrity, and always discharged his duty with fidelity as a soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th of January 1822 before
me one of the Justices of the peace in & for said county

Thomas R Gettys

Christopher hisXmark Hite