Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William White W8995 Jane fn44SC
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State of South Carolina, Chester District

On this twenty second day of October in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable William D. Martin, one of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions and common Pleas of said District and state, now sitting, William White, a resident of Chester District and State of South Carolina, aged Seventy nine years, first being 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 and served from the year 1776 to the year 1782 as herein stated. I enrolled myself as a volunteer in the month of January 1776 under Captain Michael Dickson who commanded a volunteer company attached to Colonel Richardson's [Richard Richardson's Regiment and I remained a soldier in said company upwards of eighteen months during which time the company marched to Reedy River in pursuit of Tories who retreated at our approach and we returned home some time afterwards our company marched to Charleston, where we remained about two weeks and returned home – stayed at home a short time and again we marched to Charleston – remained there some time and again returned home. Captain Dickson's company was disbanded by his taking of another command. I again enrolled myself into Captain Walker's Militia Company – we marched to Orangeburg – from thence to Black Swamp from thence to Charleston (the British Troops after us) where we remained until discharged: I then returned home – I was with Captain Walker about five months. I remained at home until Charleston fell into the hands of the enemy. About the month of May 1780 Captain Lacy [sic Edward Lacey raised a volunteer company of one hundred men. I volunteered as one of the number. We marched after a Body of Tories encamped at Mobley's Meetinghouse, came up, fired at them and killed a number, when we were compelled to run, after which we returned home. I then joined Captain John McClure's volunteer company. This company was attached to General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] command, we received orders to march to Camden to cover General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] retreat. On our way back we encamped at Fishing Creek (month of August 1780) where we were routed by Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] after which General Sumter collected together his

scattered soldiers and left us under the command of Colonel Lacey who marched into the mountains in North Carolina where we remained three or four weeks and then formed a Junction with Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] at the Cowpens, we then marched to King's Mountain and on the 7th of October 1780 after a warm engagement – our Troops defeated the enemy and mortally wounded their commander Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who died a short time afterwards – after the battle I assisted in guarding the Prisoners we had taken to a place called the Quaker Meadows where Colonel Campbell took charge of them and Colonel Lacey's detachment returned to South Carolina. General Sumter then took command and marched us to the Fish-Dam on Broad River where on the 12th of November 1780 we had a battle with the enemy and captured their commander I think his name was Major Weyms [sic, Maj. James Wemyss] – the enemy retreated and we marched to Blackstock's on the Tyger River where we engaged Colonel Tarleton on the 20th of November 1780. General Sumter was wounded and the command devolved upon Colonel Twiggs who was an obstinate resistance. We retreated into York District and erected a small fort in which we remained about three weeks. Colonel Lacey then ordered the different captains to take their respective companies and scout the frontiers, the Tories being outrageous in their depredations. At this time I was transferred to Captain John Turner's Militia company which was ordered to the Congaree Fort and in the month of May 1781 (I believe) we captured the Fort—the enemy having capitulated – he then returned home – afterwards our company was ordered to Orangeburg where the enemy was entrenched. We marched there and stayed a short time the enemy having retired – our company returned home. In the course of the winter we were ordered back to Orangeburg to look after Tories – we did duty there about two months – were relieved and returned home this was in the early part of the year 1782. My terms of service as a Volunteer in the Militia was upwards of three years and I now reside in the same neighborhood that I resided in at the period of the revolution. Deponent further says he has no discharge – and hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm White, W his mark

S/ [illegible signature of the clerk]

State of South Carolina, Chester District: Interrogatories administered to William White by the court.

- 1. When and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in Ireland in the year 1753 and came to this country at the age of 13 years landed at Charleston, and have been residing in Chester District ever since.
- 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer I have in my possession a family Bible which contains the record of my age.
- 3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer I was residing in Chester District when I volunteered in the service and have resided at the same place ever since.
- 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer I volunteered at the instigation of

Captain Michael Dickson, was also, a volunteer under Captain Lacey and Captain McClure and was drafted under Captain Walker and Captain Turner.

- 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer I remember the names of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Baron De Kalb and General Gates. I do not at this time remember any of the Continental or militia regiments and refer to my narrative for the general circumstances of my service.
- 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer I was verbally discharged after my different terms of service had expired.
- 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 their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Answer Reverend James B. Stafford, James McCance, John McDill and others.

Sworn to and Open Court

S/ William White, W his mark

S/ J. Rosborough, Clerk

22 October 1832

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State of South Carolina Chester District: I., John McDill¹ aged seventy-one years do hereby certify I was personally acquainted with the above named William White in the time of the Revolutionary war having served with him in the Campaign before Orangeburg which lasted about 2 months, and I believe the statement made by said William White of his revolutionary Services to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court S/J. Roseborough, Clerk S/John McDill [James B. Stafford, a clergyman, and Daniel G. Cabeen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 619]

South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me G W Coleman a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District and State aforesaid, William White, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades -- to wit -- from the 5th day of January to the 5th day of March 1776 being 2 months, as a private volunteer under Captain Michael Dixon -- from the first day of July to the first day of September 1776 being 2 months as a private volunteer under Captain Michael Dixon, from the first day of March to the first day of August 1777 being 5 months, as a drafted militia-man under Captain Philip Walker -- from the first day of May to the first day of June 1780 being one month as a volunteer under Captain Lacey -- from the first day of July 1782 the first day of August 1781 being thirteen months as a private volunteer under Captain John McClure and afterwards transferred to Captain John Turner's Company -- from the first day of February to the first day of April 1782 being 2

¹ John McDill S21879

months as a volunteer under Captain McClure -- from the first day of August to the first day of September 1782 being one month as a volunteer under Captain McClure -- deponent further says he was not employed in any civil pursuit during the above specified terms of service and for all further particulars he refers to his narrative of facts. Sworn to and subscribed this 12 November 1833 before me

S/ GW Coleman, QU

S/ William White, W his mark

[fn p. 144 and 148: family record

"William White was Married the 7 day of January [illegible, but later extract says "1779"]

John White was Born February the 22nd 1779"

[fn p. 255: on January 14, 1846 in Chester district South Carolina, Hugh White made application for the pension due his mother as the widow of a revolutionary soldier under the 1836 act; he states he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Jane White widow of William White; that his father died November 18, 1833; that his mother died May 23rd 1841; that the names of all the children or heirs at law that survived his mother are as follows: Samuel White a resident of Mississippi; Hugh White a resident of South Carolina; William White a resident of South Carolina; Abraham White a resident of South Carolina; Frances White a resident of South Carolina; & Gardner White a resident of South Carolina.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]