

THOMAS WHITLOCK, PENSIONER

The following letter was sent in by Geneva Campbell. It is part of a Revolutionary War Pension file that also contains several other documents that are both interesting and genealogically useful.

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State of Virginia

County of Brunswick,

I, Thomas Whitlock, aged about seventy five years, of the post office of Kennedys in the County of Brunswick as aforesaid, do in order to obtain the benefits of the act of congress approved on the fifteenth of May 1828 entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army" make the following declaration, certifying that, as well as I recollect, that I entered from the County of Halifax into the company of Militia commanded by Captain Turner in the year 1778, as a substitute for Joseph Hopson, and was marched to Ninety-six. That after having been at that place perhaps six weeks, and having had to retreat from it owing to a reinforcement of Rodden by Cruger from Charleston, that as one of the advance guard, I and several others, of whom I remember Shields, Cruise, Patillo, Silkcock, were so many called at the home of a dutchman to get some refreshment. That while we were there regaling and refreshing ourselves with butter milk, Colonel Lee and part of his infantry came there perhaps for the same purpose. That upon discovering us Colonel Lee I suppose gave orders to his sergeant to put us under guard. That we remained under guard until sometime of the afternoon of the same day, when Colonel Lee came to us and told us that he had determined upon the following sentence by way of punishment, namely, that we must immediately submit to ap.. infliction of some hundred lashes, each man, (The number of hundred I think was about five), or enlist in his legion in the infantry for during the war. That I felt indignant at the sentence & thought to refuse to comply. But that Patillo, Silkcock, Cruise and perhaps the whole of the rest enlisted for the war rather than submit to the dreadful alternative and then I concluded to follow their example, and did with the all the rest, enlist for during the war at the same time.

That I was then transferred, together with all the rest to the fist company of Infantry commanded by Captain Handy, in the said legion, and that I continued in the said corps until the surrender of Charleston. That I remember that my name was placed upon the roll in connexion with that of Silkcock and that whenever Whitlock and Silkcock were mentioned together in calling the roll it was always a subject of momentary visibility at the novelty of the association of ideas conveyed by the similarity of the names.

That Peter Johnson (Col Judge) I believe was Lieutenant and Clement Carrington in some inferior rank perhaps of Ensign in the same company. That Cusick was our orderly sergeant and the fifer were Sutton & Phillips.

That upon our march into Charleston the army evacuated it and took to their shipping. That the enemy having ceased, of course, all hostile operations, we were discharged, some short time thereafter, and many of the Infantry returned with me to Virginia, I having served under my said enlistment about three years.

That my bounty of land I sold to a man by the name of Cheatham, by assigning to him all my claim of that nature, and that I do not remember to have obtained any certificate for any pay in consequence of my

said service.

That I further certify that I have never been enrolled upon any pension list and that I was, on the fifteenth of May 1828 a citizen of the United States, having been a resident of this county ever since the year 1807.

Given under my hand this 3d day of September 1832.

Thos Whitlock

The above Thomas Whitlock was born in Goochland Co., Virginia June 15,1757 and died in Brunswick Co. August 24,1842. He was the son of John & Ann (Logan) Whitlock and in 1776 married Sarah Henderson by whom he had two daughters. In 1819 he married Sally Allen. In 1857 his only descendant appears to have been a grandson, George H. M. Culerey or Culeady of Petersburg, Virginia.

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