

JAMES WHITLOCK - REV. WAR PENSION

Included in the collection of Revolutionary War Pension applications sent in by Earl Johnson is one of James Whitlock of Virginia. James states in his application that he was born in Goochland Co., Virginia July 3, 1762. The registers of St. James Northam, Goochland, Virginia show he was born July 3, 1764 a son of John & Ann (Logan) Whitlock.

James appears to have made several applications but does not appear to have been successful in proving his claim. He states in his first application in 1832 that he is a resident of Union County, South Carolina where he has lived since the war. A subsequent application made in 1843 gives more details and is the subject of this article. By this time James is living in DeKalb Co., Georgia.

"Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

State of Georgia

DeKalb County

On this Tenth day of July eighteen hundred & forty three personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now Sitting James Whitlock a resident of said County of DeKalb & State of Georgia aged Eighty five years who being first 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 on June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated viz Col. James Taylor & Captain Holman Rice & he thinks the Major's name was --- Young that he enlisted in the month of October at the Barracks in Albemarle County & State of Virginia he does not recollect the year but he knows that he Served there two years previous to the time the British took Charleston (Charleston surrendered 12 May 1780) at which time the prisoners were removed from the Barracks by order of General George Washington to keep the British from releasing them & then the Troops were discharged & himself among the rest at the end of his two years Service as above stated - Captain Holman Rice was the enlisting officer under whom he enlisted and received a bounty of thirty dollars & a new suit of clothes and his wages was Sixteen pence a day - he received a discharge from Colonel Taylor but it is now lost - he sold what was called his "indent" to a Speculator by the name of Thomas Underwood for five dollars when it ought to have been worth & called for forty five pounds - Captain James Slaughter was an officer at the Barracks at the same time but was broke of his commission and the declarant further States that he entered the Service again as a Substitute for Shadrach Vaughan in the month of October or November Shortly after he returned from his Service at the Barracks but he does not recollect the month and he Served two months at this time to wit Six weeks at the Siege of Little York in the State of Virginia and the balance of the two months he was engaged in guarding the prisoners to old Winchester where he was again discharged his Captains names was Thomas Bates his Colonel's name was --- Morris, this Service was in the Militia of Virginia. The French had blockaded Little York at the time of the Siege. And this declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. That he came from Union District & State of South Carolina to his present place of abode four years ago for the purpose of obtaining the testimony of John Stumbo and Archibald Riddle by whom he expected to have proved his Service but when he came here he found that one of them had died and the other had moved away. Archibald Riddle was his orderly Sergeant - and this declarant further states that he was born in Goochland County, Virginia in July Seventeen & fifty eight that has no record of his age but believes it is registered in the parish where he was born - He would give the names of William McDaniel, John

