

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jarratt (Jared) Whittington R11491

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To the Honorable E. Randolph District Judge of the United States of America for the District of Mississippi

Respectfully sheweth unto your Honor your petitioner Jared Whittington of the County of Amite & District aforesaid that he was and has ever since continued to be greatly disabled from performing bodily labor by a wound in the heel & side of the right foot which wound was received in a battle fought during the revolutionary war in the State of South Carolina & which your petitioner was fighting on the American side against the common Enemy. Your petitioner further states that he is extremely poor & unable to obtain a subsistence without aid from others.

He prays your Honor to appoint a commissioner with full power to inquire into he is case & make a report there of to the United States authority that he made their by be enabled to receive the benefit provided by an act of Congress for the relief of persons disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war.

& to do such other & further acts in the premises as may be deemed necessary.

6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1827

S/ Samuel B. Mark

& is in duty &c

S/ Jarratt Whittington

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to me for the half year ending on the third day of September 1828 under the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I, Jarratt Whittington of Zion Hill Settlement, in the County of Amite in the State of Mississippi Do hereby declare, that I was a private soldier in the South Carolina Infantry (or Troops) of the Army of the Revolution in the Continental line (as was more fully set forth on my application for the benefits of the Said Act) and that I have been found entitled by the Secretary of the Treasury under that act, to the pay of a private soldier in the said line.

Witness my hand this fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

S/ Jarratt Whittington

Sworn to before me the fifth day of December 1828.

S/ Isaiah Cain, J. P.

Before me Isaiah Cain as Justice of peace for the County of Amite in the State of Mississippi Personally appeared this day Rich<sup>d</sup> Whittington and Grief Whittington of said County who did severally make oath that Jarratt Whittington, by whom the foregoing declaration was made and subscribed, is well known to them to be the person therein described, and that he is generally Reputed and believed, to have been a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated, and that the said declaration was made and Subscribed, by the said Jarratt Whittington in their presence and on the day of the date thereof.

Which is my hand this day of December in the year 1828.

S/ Rd Whittington

S/ Gr Whittington

Sworn to before me the fifth of December 1828

S/ Isaiah Cain, J. P.

The testimony of Grief Whittington taken before me the undersigned commissioner duly and specially authorized to take evidence in support of the claim of Jared Whittington, who is desirous of

being placed on the pension list of the United States of America.

Grief Whittington being duly sworn saith that he is a cousin to the applicant, and also to Richard Whittington the other witness on behalf of the said applicant. We all lived in the State of South Carolina at the commencement of the revolutionary War, and lived there until about eighteen years ago when we moved to this country and settled within six miles of Liberty in the County of Amite and State of Mississippi, where we have resided ever since and where we now reside. I entered the service of South Carolina militia as a private when the revolution first broke out; in the course of about two or three years afterwards Jared Whittington joined the service; at first we were relieved every two months but after a while we were kept out almost constant[ly]. In a battle fought at Rouses Ferry on Little Pee Dee [River] against some British and Tories, Jared Whittington the present applicant while fighting against the common Enemy was shot in his right heel about the first fire with a ball, it disabled him & he was taken from his horse & after we whipped the British & Tories, he was carried to his father's in Cheraw District where he was confined a long time with his wound and was not able to march or ride a horse well, during the war and did not serve any more; his term of service was out long before he was able to go about. I know that he has ever since & is now greatly disabled by said wound from walking well or working; his life has been very orderly at all times, he has always been a poor man and is not able by his labor to support himself. The principal work that he does is at the cooper's trade. I do not remember at what time the battle was fought in which the wound was received, but it, was not long after General Gates [Horatio Gates] & DeKalb were defeated at Camden on Wateree [River] in (1780) for after this battle the Tories were very saucy and we were obliged to be going from one swamp to another pretty constantly & whenever we could hear of a party, we just dashed upon them. From the weather being warm & corn first beginning to get hard in the field, I think the battle must have been fought in September or early in October. Jared Whittington & myself at the time Jared was shot belonged as privates to Captain Henson's company in Colonel Lemuel Benton's Regiment. We all had horses, who were together at the time of this battle. Colonel Murphy, who was second in command, commanded on the day of the battle on Little PeeDee where Jared was shot.

S/ Grief Whittington

Examined, sworn to & subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1827.

S/ Gab<sup>l</sup> Felder, Com.

The testimony of Richard Whittington taken before me the undersigned the commissioner duly authorized by a commission from the Honorable Peter Randolph, District Judge of the United States of America for the District of Mississippi in support of the claim of Jared Whittington who is desirous of being placed on the pension list thereof.

By virtue of the powers in me vested, I have caused Richard Whittington to come before me, who states as follows: I embarked in the war immediately after the War of the revolution commenced, as a private; after Gates'es defeat [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden], I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Captain Claiborne Hinson's company. Our company belonged to Col. Lemuel Benton's Regiment, Jared Whittington, the applicant for a pension from the United States Government, is a cousin to me, and was in the company to which I was attached for a considerable time in the capacity of a private soldier. We were attached to the South Carolina Militia, until the year eight [1780] soon after Gates' defeat at Camden. We were engaged on Little PeeDee [River], where we were then encamped, by the British and some Tories (our common enemy). During the engagement Jared Whittington, while sitting on his horse, received a wound in his right heel which has ever since disabled him in a great measure, he was immediately taken from his horse and carried off the field, and I went with him to his father's house where he was confined with said wound for a long time. In the engagement our side whipped our enemies. Jared was not able, on account of his wound, to perform any other military duty during the War. And has been unable to perform ordinary manual labor in consequence of it ever since. I do not recollect the date of the battle, but the disaffected began to hold

up their heads after Gates was beat at Camden and this wound was received soon after. I know it was before the cold weather commenced and after the battle of Camden but I cannot state the month the battle was fought at Rouses Ferry on Little Pee Dee [River] about five miles from the North Carolina line. I lived in South Carolina and so did Jared Whittington for twenty years after the War when we both removed to this country and have always lived neighbors, except one year, on my way to Mississippi, which I lived on Tombechee [Tomabechi ? River]. Our place of residence in South Carolina was Cheraw district, Cashwaw Neck [sic, Cashua Neck?]. And since reaching this County have ever since lived within six miles of Liberty in the County of Amite. Jared Whittington has generally followed farming by the work of his children. The principal work that he does himself is coopering.

Jerrold Whittington now lives six miles from Liberty on the upper Nathez road.

S/ Rich<sup>d</sup> Whittington

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1827.

S/ Gabl. Felder, Comm.