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Whittington, Garratt
Polly
or
Mary

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Mississippi

Levan at Whittington
Private

Captain C. Hinson's company of the Regt
of S. Carolina Militia comm^d by Col. Sum^{er}
1827

Ratio of disability, one half

Date of discharge,

Time of closing testimony, 15th Oct. 1827

Inscribed on the Roll of the Mississippi Agency
at four dollars per month, to commence on the
15th of October 1827

Certificate of pension issued the 1st of Dec. 1827
and sent to the Hon. Wm. Hale, H. Rep.

Arrears to 4th March 1828 - \$18.58

Semi-ann. all'ce ending

\$18.58

Act of the 4th Feb. 1822

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Letter to
Geo. J. Webb 19th May 1853

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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 James
Whittington of the County of White
& 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 rec'd in a battle
fought during the revolutionary war
in the State of South Carolina
while 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 the
aid of others.

He prays your Honor
to appoint a commission with
full power to enquire into his
case & make report thereof
to the United States authority, that
if it may thereby be enabled
to receive the benefit provided
by an act of Congress for

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The relief of persons disabled by
known wounds rec'd in the revolutionary
war.

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

6th day of July 1817
Signed in presence of
James M. Marshall
J. M. Marshall
J. M. Marshall

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The testimony of Grief Whittington taken before me the undersigned Commissioner, duly and specially authorized to take evidence in support of the claim of Sarah 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 five miles of Liberty in the County of Clarke and State of Mississippi, where we have resided ever since and where we now reside. 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 Sarah Whittington joined the service at first we were relieved every two months, but after a while we were kept out almost constant in a battle fought at Rowes Ferry on Little Peder against some British and Torys. Sarah 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 defeated the British & Torys he was carried to his fathers in Cheraw District, where he was confined a long time with his wounds. 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

ordinarily at all times, he has always been a poor man and is not able by his labour to support himself. The principal work that he does is at the cooper 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 & de Kalb were defeated at Camden on March 1780 for after this battle the Tories were very saucy and we were obliged to be going from one Swamp to another pretty constantly. When ever we could hear of a party we just dashed upon them. From the weather being warm & early in the morning to get hard in the field, I think the battle must have been fought in September or early in October. Jared Williamson & myself at the time Jared was shot belonged as privates to Captain Hinsons Company in Col. James Wilmers Regiment. We all had horses, who were together at the time of the battle. Col. Murphy, who was second in command, commanded on the day of the battle on little peeck where Jared was shot.

Beanna, Swanto & Subscribed
before me this 10th day of
September 1807.

Chas. Helder. Comf.

Ervin Shetterly

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

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' defeat I was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, in Captain Blair's Housers' company, said company belonged to Col. Samuel Bentons Regiment. Said 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 eighty, soon after Gates' defeat at Camden. We were engaged on Little Peder, where we were then encamped, by the British and some Tories, (our common enemy) during the engagement Said 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 whiffed our enemies. Said 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

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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 Rauses ferry on little pedee about five miles from the North Carolina line. I lived in South Carolina and so did Isaac Whittington for twenty odd years after the war when we both removed to this country, and have always lived ~~near~~ ^{near} your neighbors, except one year, on my way to the Mississippi, when I lived on Tombecbe. our place of residence in South Carolina was Cheraw district, Cash-waw Creek. And since reaching this country ^{we since} have lived within five miles of Liberty in the county of Avonle. Isaac Whittington has generally followed farming by the work of his children. The principle work that he does himself is coopering.

Isaac Whittington now lives five miles from Liberty on the upper or upper road.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 26th day of
September 1805

Isaac Whittington
Capt. Selden

For the purpose of obtaining the amount of pay accruing to me
for the half year ending on the 3^d 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 15th May 1828, I, Jannet Whittington of said
County, in the County of Adams, in the State of Mississippi
Do hereby declare, that I was a private soldier, in the
South Carolina Infantry (or Troop) 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 5th day of
December in the year one thousand eight hundred
and twenty eight — Sworn to before me the 5th of
December 1828
Jannet Whittington

Jannet Whittington
Before me Jannet Whittington a Justice of Peace for the
County of Adams in the State of Mississippi Personally
appeared this day Rich^d Whittington and Grief Whittington
of said County, who did severally make oath, that Jannet
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 Jannet Whittington in
their presence and on the day of the date thereof

Witness my hand this 5th day of December in the year
One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight
Sworn to before me this 5th of Dec^r 1828
Jannet Whittington
Rich^d Whittington
Grief Whittington

State of Mississippi } Before me Richard R. Wall, our acting Justice of the Peace in and for
Amite County } the State and County aforesaid Personally appeared Mary Whittington
widow of James Whittington, deceased, and made oath in due form of
Law that she is the widow of the identical James Whittington, mentioned as an intestate
person in said State and County, in his Certificate of Pension now on file in the
proper department of this Government, which said Certificate bears date the day of
1862, and signed by the then acting Secretary, to which said
Certificate she has been to make reference, in which said Certificate he said husband
deceased in his lifetime from shall on per month, or such invalid pension, that
this affidavit has never before made application for Pension since the death of the
said husband, James Whittington, (except what arrears were due him at the
time of his death that seem the received and receipted for as will appear by
reference to said papers on file) that she has never returned since the death
of the said James Whittington but has been, and still continues his widow. That her
said husband James Whittington came to his death in Amite County in said State
by drowning on the 12th day of December A.D. 1863, as will appear by reference to
proof herewith filed relative to his death and identity, that this affidavit was lawfully
made to the said James Whittington in Hancock County, in the State of Georgia, in
the month of March 1798, by the Reverend Thomas Meritt, a Captain Minister of the Gospel
that the names of but two persons being who were present at her marriage one of whom
has herewith filed an affidavit of the fact, (namely Jacob Johnson, of Amite
County, Mississippi, and the other is Elizabeth Wales of St. Helena Parish
Louisiana, that this affidavit has no record of said marriage either public
or private, but she offers to proof of her long living with the said James Whittington
as his wife, that said husband James Whittington died his last pension at
the City of Vicksburg Mississippi about one year before his death, on said
Certificate, the exact date of receipt of these two notices, she does not remember,
the long lapse of time having faded them from her memory, but she offers
reference to the said documents on file. Her said husband resided in South Carolina
on Big Pedee at the time he received his Pension in the Revolutionary war,
and served two terms in a detachment the balance of the time in his own
place, but this affidavit cannot state the length of time, nor the names of
his officers, but supposes that they can be made in the proof made at
the time he obtained his Certificate of Pension. She has never seen or known
of any discharge of her husband, and thinks he never received any bounty
warrant and then taken immediately to quarters, and left among the hands
from the time of her said husband he has resided in Amite County Miss
issippi, and in the State of Georgia & South Carolina, but

She cannot give the exact length of time he lived with her in
Mississippi, but she refers to proof her of his residence in Mississippi; see the
affidavit of Washington Johnson, and Sarah Johnson, on file. She
knows of no witnesses by whom she can prove his residence, but she refers
to the proof he introduced at the time he obtained his certificate,
which bears him to reside in it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 8th day of December 1852

H. R. Webb

Mary ^{his} Whittington
mark

State of Mississippi }
Amite County, } Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace
and for the State and County of said Amite County, Sarah Johnson
of said State and County and made oath that she was present at
the marriage of the said David Whittington and Mary Whittington, that
they were joined in matrimony in Amite County in the State of Georgia by
one Thomas Mercer a Baptist Minister of the Gospel, that said
marriage took place about the year 1798, and that she
was intimately acquainted with said David & Mary Whittington
as husband and wife from the date of their marriage up to the
time the said David Whittington was drowned, which took
place in the year 1833, about the close of the year, she knows
that the said Mary Whittington was lawfully married as above set
forth, to the said David Whittington, and that she is still his widow.

Sworn to before me this 8th day of }
December 1852, and I certify that }
said witness is credible and that his statement is entitled
to full credit.

Sarah X Johnson
mark

H. R. Webb J.P.

Declaration to be made by a Widow who has never received Bounty Land.

STATE OF Louisiana }
Caddo COUNTY, } ss.

On this 30th day of August - 1855, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared (1) Polly Whittington aged 75 years, a resident of Caddo Parish La., who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Jarrett Whittington, who was a (3) private of the South Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, and an Invalid Pensioner on the Mississippi roll that he (4) at in the State of on or about the day of 18, and continued in actual service fourteen days, and was honorably discharged at on or about the day of 18, and (5)

She further states that she was married to the said (2) Jarrett Whittington at Hancock Co. Ga on the day of March A. D. 1798 by one Rev. Thos. Mercer that her name, before her said marriage, was Polly Rhodes that her said husband died at Amite Co. Mississippi on the 15th day of December 1830 and she is now a widow. (6) and has never before made an application for Bounty Land.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she is entitled under the act of March 3, 1855, never having received Bounty Land or knowing that she is entitled except for the above service; and she hereby constitutes and appoints Chas. C. Tucker, of Washington, D. C., her attorney to prosecute her claim and procure her warrant. Hereby authorizing and empowering her said attorney to obtain from the proper authorities at Washington City, or elsewhere, certified copies of any Army or Navy records or documents in which her said husband's services may be recorded, and to procure any and all other evidence that may be necessary to establish her claim, as fully as if personally present; and revoking and countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

(7) Polly Whittington
for and

Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written; and on the same day personally came before me Elliott Johnson, a resident of Caddo County, in the State above named, and

he is County, in said State, to me known as credible witnesses, who being duly sworn, declare that they are personally acquainted with (1) Polly Whittington widow of (2) Jarrett Whittington, who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration; that they were personally acquainted with (2) Jarrett Whittington and his wife during the lifetime of the former, and know that they lived together as man and wife, and were so reputed; and they believe that the husband of the said (1) Polly Whittington was the identical person who performed the service mentioned in the above declaration; that the above named (2) Jarrett Whittington is now dead, and the said (1) Polly Whittington is now a widow. And they further swear that they are disinterested in this claim.

(8) Elliott Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I certify that I am not interested in the claim or concerned in its prosecution.

(9) W. H. Ferriss Justice Peace