

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Webb BLWt2052-450

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[fn p. 2: power of attorney dated April 19, 1834 executed by Joseph Deshields as guardian of Mary E Deshields, one of the heirs of Lieutenant Colonel John Webb deceased in which the attorney is authorized to obtain the warrant warrants due on account of the revolutionary services of Lieutenant Colonel John Webb of the Virginia Continental line. The power of attorney was filed in Northumberland County Virginia.]

[fn p. 8]

At an inservening [sic] Court begun and held for Essex County at the Courthouse in the Rappahannock on the 21st of April 1834. On the motion of Josiah Ryland – It is ordered to be entered of record that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that Colonel John Webb late of this County died intestate [without a valid will] and that no original will or any copy of a will has ever been offered for probate in this Court, and that Mary E Deshields, Julian A. P. Evans, Catherine Ryland, Sally Gaskins, Emily Gaskins, Richard Gaskins, Thomas Plummer, Benjamin Plummer, Augustine Plummer and Mary E Plummer are the only heirs at law of the said Colonel John Webb.

A copy Test S/ James Roy Micon, Jr., C.

[fn p. 20: a letter dated May 3, 1915 in response to an inquiry regarding this veteran contains the following provisions:

In response to your letter of the 25th ultimo, you are advised that in the papers on file in this Bureau it is stated that John Webb of Essex County, Virginia, entered the service for the war in February 1776, and served until he became a supernumerary in 1781.

The dates of his birth and death are not shown. A warrant numbered 2, 052, for 450 acres of bounty land on account of the services of John Webb as Lieutenant Colonel of the Virginia Continental line, issued July 12, 1834, for the benefit of his only heirs, Mary E Deshields, Julia A P Evans wife of William Evans, Catherine Ryland, Sally Gaskins, Emily Gaskins, Richard Gaskins, Thomas Plummer, Benjamin Plummer, Augustine Plummer and Mary E Plummer; their relationship is not stated.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] several files containing multiple pages

[Reference to see also the papers of Colonel David Mason, 1839]

Geo. WmSmith [sic] request the Register will be pleased to inform him whether a bounty in Land has been allowed to Colonel John Webb or to his heirs. He entered the service a Captain in the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment and left the service a Lieutenant Colonel of same Regiment.

September 1809

It appears by the books in this office, that a warrant issued to Colonel John Webb for 6000 acres on the 8th day of February 1783 for services as a Lieutenant Colonel from the 5th of February 1776 until the arrangement of the Virginia line in February 1781 when he became supernumerary.

Land Office

September 9th 1809

S/ Edward Davis, Register

Richmond December 24, 1782

I certify that Lieutenant Colonel John Webb was appointed an officer in the 7th Virginia Regiment, the 5th of February 1776 and continued in service until the arrangement of the Virginia line in February 1781 when he became a supernumerary.

Benjamin Harrison

S/ Henry Young Captain 5th VR

warrant for 6000 acres issued to John Webb February 8, 1783 No. 110

The Heirs of Lieutenant Colonel John Webb – petition for bounty land

The facts are – Lieutenant Colonel Webb was in service from February 5th 1776 & continued in active service until the arrangement of the Virginia line in February 1781 when he became supernumerary, & so continued to the end of the war. He received land for a service of three years & his heirs now seek [?] an additional allowance.

His service was from February 5th 1776 to the end of the war – For which time, the allowance should be made, deducting the quantity of land already received.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

March 17th, 1834

To his Excellency

Governor Floyd

The heirs of John Webb late a Lieutenant Colonel in the Continental Line of Virginia respectfully shew –

That the said John Webb was appointed an officer in the 7th Virginia Regiment on the 5 February 1776 and continued in service until he became supernumerary Lieutenant Colonel under the Chesterfield arrangement in July 1781. See extract from Registers books herein enclosed marked No. 1.

They also enclose a certificate from the Auditor's Office marked No. 2 showing what officers became supernumerary under that arrangement and respectfully asked reference to document No.1 of the printed list referred to by Mr. John H Smith, by which it will appear that all the officers who does became supernumerary with the exception of Webb and three others

(Bruin, Epps, & Lind) have been allowed bounty land to the end of the war.

Your petitioners respectfully asked, That the same allowance may be extended to them, that has been granted to others similarly situated, and that they may receive additional bounty land to the end of the war –

February 1834

<p><i>All returns of Field Officers begun at Chesterfield February 10th 1781 by order of Major General Baron Steuben for the purpose of arranging the Virginia Line—Arguably to the foregoing rules the following Officers became supernumerary either by choice or [indecipherable word].</i></p> <p><i>Colonels</i> } <i>William Heath</i> <i>Abraham Buford</i> } <i>choicely</i></p> <p><i>Lt. Col. Comdt</i> } <i>William Darke</i> <i>Levin Joines</i> } <i>choicely</i> <i>Burgis Ball</i></p> <p><i>Lt. Col.</i> } <i>John Webb</i> <i>Richard Taylor</i> } <i>choicely</i> <i>Richard C. Anderson</i></p> <p><i>Major</i> } <i>Thomas Ridley</i> <i>John Hays</i> } <i>choicely</i> <i>Andrew Waggoner</i> <i>George Gilchrist</i> <i>Thomas Hall</i> <i>William Taylor</i> <i>William Mosely</i> <i>Peter B. Bruin</i></p> <p><i>Capt. Lt.</i> } <i>William Epps</i> <i>John Crittenden</i> } <i>choicely</i> <i>Arthur Lind</i></p> <p><i>These returns from the Chesterfield arrangement of the 10th February 1781 filed in this office</i></p> <p><i>J. Heath and P. Lind</i></p>	<p>At a Board of Field Officers begun at Chesterfield February 10th 1781 by order of Major General Baron Steuben for the purpose of arranging the Virginia Line—Arguably to the foregoing rules the following Officers became supernumerary either by choice or [indecipherable word]</p> <p>Colonels William Heath Abraham Buford</p> <p>Lt. Col. Comdt William Darke [?] Levin Joines Burgis Ball</p> <p>Lt. Col. John Webb Richard Taylor Richard C. Anderson</p> <p>Major Thomas Ridley John Hays Andrew Waggoner George Gilchrist Thomas Hall William Taylor William Mosely Peter B. Bruin</p> <p>Capt. Lt. William Epps John Crittenden Arthur Lind</p>
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[Indecipherable word] extracted from the Chesterfield Arrangement of the 10th February 1781 filed in this office

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor Public Accounts