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Bounty Land information relating to George Weedon BLWt2418-850 fn9VA(2 files)
Transcribed by Will Graves 8/22/11

(Cover Sheet)

Va. Weedon, George B.L.Wt. 2416-850 Brig. Gen.
Issued May 3, 1791
No papers

[fn p. 7: extract from letter dated June 15, 1938:

"On account of service of George Weedon as Brigadier General, Revolutionary War, Warrant No. 2418, for eight hundred fifty 6 acres of bounty land, was issued May 3, 1791.

"There are no statements on file which were made by the applicant for the bounty land cited above, because of the destruction of papers in such early applications when the War Office was burned in November, 1800. In consequence of this, there are no further data in regard to his service and none, whatsoever, in regard to his family."]

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Addendum to George Weedon BLWt2418-850

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 February 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Weedon, G.]

Please issue my land Warrants agreeable to Act of Assembly, to Capt. Strother Jones [BLWt2442-300], I have served from the Year 1776 to Feb'y 1777 as Colo. and from 22^d of Feb'y 1777 to Date as Brig'r Gen'l.
G. Weedon BG



[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

We do hereby certify that Brigadier Gen'l. George Weedon, entered into the Service of the united states in the Third Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment first as a Colo. in the month of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and that after, B. Gen'l. James Mercer [sic: Hugh Mercer BLWt1527-850] was kiled [Battle of Princeton NJ, 3 Jan 1777], that the said Weedon was promoted to the Rank & comand of a Brigadier gen'l. and continued in the Service of the united states untill the end of the war, of the Gen'l. services we were well aquanted.

Thos Blackwell [Thomas Blackwell S35193] Late

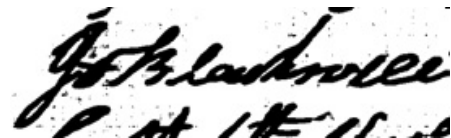
Capt 10th Virg'a Reg't

Jo Blackwell [Joseph Blackwell S37781] Late

Capt. 6th Virg'a Regt

the end left [undeciphered]

before the Certificate [undeciphered] JB



Two Warrants issued to George Weedon viz: one for 10,000 acres as Brigadier general and one 1666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres for 7th years service both on Continental establishment which appears to be the only warrants that issued in his name.

Edw'd C Davis clk

Land Office 28 June 1806

Fredericksburg. July 11th 1806.

Sir, Being informed by Mr. Robert Mean of some doubts being entertained by the Council of State, whether my late uncle (General Weedon) continued in the service of the United States untill the close of the Revolution, I have honor of sending you enclosed the original commission which advanced him to the rank of Maj'r. General. The history of those times shews that he was at the seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], on the Gloucester side, and the date of the commission, Including I presume, the Idea[?] of his having resigned between the siege and the peace. He was among the first who entered into the public service – I believe in 1775, but of the precise date I have no official proof. The circumstance of my relative having received a Grant of Land from Congress, would be, I suppose, evidence of his having continued in the army untill the close of the war, if his commission did not appear satisfactory upon that point. I can not speak of the quantity of Land which general Weedon did receive or for what length of service it was granted. His land was disposed of before his death, and there is no document among his papers which furnishes information on those points. These things, however, could be ascertained from the

records, unless they have been consumed by the fire at Washington [November 1800]; and Mr. Means whose agency in this Business has been authorized by my Brother and myself, informs me of his having obtained the necessary proof of this Land, being granted only for six years service.

The extract from General Weedon's will herewith sent, shews my Brother and myself to be the residuary Legatees of our relation. Mrs. Weedon is dead.

If it should not be necessary for the Council of the State to retain the Commission, I hope Mr. Means may be permitted to withdraw it, after the subject has been finally acted upon.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect and esteem, yr. obt. Servt./ John Mercer

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To, His Excellency the acting Governor of virginia.

Your memorialist respectfully represents, that he is the sole Heir & residuary Legatee of the late Gen'l George Weedon, who was an officer in the virginia line of the army of the Revolution. He has recently been led to believe, that the said Gen'l George Weedon did not obtain from the State of virginia the Quantity of acres of bounty Land to which by Law he acquired a right to, in virtue of his services aforesaid. He therefore prays your Excellency to examine this Case & the Law on the Subject, & the evidencies which will be adduced in support of this Claim – and if it should appear, that the said Gen'l Weedon acquired a right to more Bounty Land from virginia than was heretofore drown by him, that in such event you will grant to him your memorialist who is his sole Heir & Residuary Legatee, the allowance of any such additional Land as shall appear to be yet due: and your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

Hugh Mercer/ Friday april 26th 1841

[Only the following first three paragraphs relating to Weedon's service are transcribed from a long undated and unsigned letter arguing that Weedon was entitled to bounty land as Major General. There are other such letters that are not transcribed here.]

By reference to the journals of Congress of the 21st of February 1777, it appears, that George Weedon, a citizen of Virginia was elected Brigadier General. As such he has drawn the Bounty Land due one of that rank, though he is entitled to the Bounty land of a Major General, as will appear, by the law and by the usage of the Governor and Council of this state

On the 30th of September 1783, Congress passed a resolution to the effect that all officers below the rank of Major General, who held the same rank as they did in 1777 should receive a Brevet commission of one grade higher. By virtue of this resolution Brigadier General Weedon became entitled to a Brevet commission as Major General Weedon.

That he was a Major General at the close of the war appears from an act passed by the Virginia legislature, which commenced its session on the 20th of October 1783. This statute was the 4th act passed, and in all reasonable probability did pass before the close of the war, on the 3rd of November 1783, at which time the army was disbanded. Be this as it may, the act appointed a deputation of officers to select and set off the lands allotted to the officers and soldiers of the Continental and State lines. This deputation consisted of Major General Muglenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850], Major General Charles Scott [BLWt2055-850], Maj. Gen. George Weedon, Brig. Gen. Dan'l Morgan [Daniel Morgan] &c. It thus appears fully that at that time an act of Legislation recognised the grade of George Weedon as that of Major General, prior to the Close of the War, which recognition could only have been made upon the knowledge of the fact of his Brevet commission as such. (See Hen. Stat. at large. 309.10)

1841 May 25 Rejected

Brevet Rank conferred by Congress. If this was a mere compliment (it was passed near the close of the war) it conferred no ad[ditional] emolument, except for the time the officer was actually in discharge of the duties of his Brevet Rank. (See over) RTD

Sept 3, 1847.

The Resolution of Congress conferring the Brevet rank passed in Sept 83, when the war was in fact over.
The officer himself shortly after claimed & was allowed Bounty as a Brigadier.

Rejected R T Daniel/ L. Gov.