

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Weatherall

R 11187

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State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

I David Lesly, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District aforesaid, do certify, that I have examined the Office of Ordinary, & find on Record, that Elizabeth Weatherall the widow of Col John Weatherall departed this life on the 21st of April 1843. ___ That J. S. D Weatherall her son administered on her Estate: -- and that the said Elizabeth Weatherall decd left Ten children by her decd. husband Col. Jno. Weatherall, viz. George, Marshall, James L[,] A. C. S. Weatherall, Betsy J.[,] Mary, John, Sarah, Frances C. & J.S.D. Weatherall as her only heirs & distributees at Law¹.

Given under my hand & seal of Office

This 17th day of August 1846.

David Lesly
O.A.D. [?]

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

I Elizabeth Long wife of William Long who has also deposed do solemnly swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that I was personally present[*note: interlined*] at the marriage of John Weatherall the Revolutionary Solder for whose services the accompanying application is made, that I was one of the attendants, and did see him married to Elizabeth Jones by the Revd. Robt. Hale a Presbyterian Clergyman on the twelfth day of June One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven in the District and State aforesaid. I further depose that I am a half sister of the aforesaid John Weatherall, and recollect distinctly when he enlisted in Culpepper County State of Virginia, and how his enlistment grieved our mother, and I recollect well, when the said John Weatherall returned home, after an absence of three years and upwards, he enlisted in the service of the United States in the fall of the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and did not return until near Christmas of the year Seventeen hundred and eighty one, and I have repeatedly heard my half brother, the aforesaid John Weatherall speak of being in the several battles of the Cowpens [Jan. 17, 1781], Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs Sept. 8, 1781], and of Savannah², that he returned home on foot to Culpepper County State of Virginia, having left his horse which belonged to the United States, with the proper Officers of the Army, he the said John Weatherall having served out his term of enlistment as a private, in the Lighthouse or Cavalry.

The word "present: *interlined* before signing

Sworn to this seventeenth day in
October In the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and forty five

Elizabeth Long
her mark

¹ Additional genealogical information is summarized at the end of the transcript.

² Probably October 1779, see the testimony of Hugh Dickson below.

Before
Wm. P. Martin Magst.

I do hereby certify that Elizabeth Long who made the above affidavit is a near neighbor to me, and is an Old Lady of credibility and undoubted veracity
W. P. Martin
Magts.

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

I William D. Long do solemnly swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that I was personally present at the marriage of John Weatherall the Revolutionary Soldier for whose services the accompanying application is made, and did see the said John Weatherall married to Elizabeth Jones by the Revd. Robt Hall a Presbyterian Clergyman on the twelfth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven in the District and State aforesaid. I further depose, that I was one of the attendants at the Marriage of the said John Weatherall, that I attended with his half sister whom I married on the twenty second day of August following, in the same year viz. in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, and is now Elizabeth Long my wife, who has also deposed as within stated in this matter. I further depose that I have often heard the said John Weatherall speak of being in the several battles of the Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, Eutaw and Seige of Savannah, and that he was an enlisted private in the Cavalry for three years, which term of enlistment he faithfully served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War [note: interlined]. I further depose that I had two older brothers in the same service, whom I have often heard speak of John Weatherall as a brave and faithful soldier. I further depose that the said John Weatherall enlisted for three years in Culpepper County State of Virginia and served in the Cavalry under Col William Washington, and mostly in the Campaigns of the South.

The word "War" interlined before signing

Wm S[?] Long

Sworn to this seventh day of
October one thousand eight hundred
and forty five

Before
Wm. P. Martin Magst.

I do hereby certify that William Long who made the above affidavit is a citizen of of credibility and undoubted veracity.

W. P. Martin Magt.

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

On this sixteenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and fortysix personally appeared before me David Lesly Ordinary for the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid Joseph D Weatherall administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of[?] his Mother Elizabeth Weatherall decd. to be administered, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the benefits of the several Acts of Congress passed for the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. The declarent in this case, represents to the Commissioner of Pensions, that his father John Weatherall enlisted as a private and trooper at the age of sixteen or seventeen in Culpepper County State of Virginia for a term of three years, that he was first attached to the Command of Col Temple and subsequently transferred to the Command of Col. William Washington under whom his father served in the storming of Savannah, at the siege of Cambredge, Hobkirks Hill skirmish [April 25, 1781] and in the several battles of the Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse

and finally at the battle of Eutaw where Col Wm. Washington was made prisoner, his father was also attached to the Command of Col Otho Williams some part of the Revolutionary War, having served in other sanguinary conflicts in South Carolina, in addition to those stated he returned to Culpepper County Virginia having fully served his three years service of enlistment as a Private in the Cavalry, That is father the aforesaid John Weatherall, died on the fourth day of November One thousand eight hundred and twenty four leaving a widow Elizabeth Weatherall who survived until the twenty first day of April One thousand eight hundred and forty three entitled or so it is thought to a Vested Right for her husbands revolutionary services, altho she did not in her lifetime apply for it, but which Vested Right the declarent, and her legal representative now seeks, for equal distribution amongst the surviving issue or children, and distributees of the said John Weatherall and his wife Elizabeth Weatherall neither of whom were but once married, and both decd. and having ten children, amongst whom is the declarent and Applicant, Joseph S. D. Weatherall the legal representative of his mother as is herewith established by Letters of Administration together with such other evidence as is conceived necessary for the support of this claim under the several Acts of Congress passed in 1832 1836 1838 & 1843 etc. The Declarent in this case further states that his father was born on the twenty eighth day of July Seventeen hundred and sixty two and that he must have enlisted in the Cavalry of the United States in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight

Jos. S. D. Weatherall

Sworn to & subscribed
Before me on the day & year
aforesaid, In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto affixed my
name & seal of Office.

David Lesly
Judge of the Court of Ordinary
for Abb. Dist. So. Ca.

Abbeville District
South Carolina

To all whom it may concern
Greeting

I do hereby certify that I became acquainted with Col. John Weatherall decd. in the year one thousand eight hundred 1800 at that time a member of Greenville Congregation to the pastoral care of which I was called in the course of the year following Not long afterwards he was elected and ordained a ruling elder of said Congregation in which office he officiated to the satisfaction of the people till the time of his death which was in the year 1824 He was my particular friend. As an honest man, a man of truth, and a christian. I esteemed him. Such was my respect for his christian character that officiating as a clergyman of the Presbyterian Order I baptized several of his children – when I came to reside in Abbeville District as Colonel he commanded what was called the Saluda regiment and was a representative from the District to the legislature.

As to what transpired in his course during the revolutionary war I have no knowledge only as I derived it from his own statements which I consider entitled to the fullest credit – He stated to me that he enlisted in the Continental Service as a trooper at the age of 16 17 years attached to the command of a Colonel Temple they had their rendezvous at Winchester Virginia. The command of Col. Temple owing to some circumstance I do not recollect was dissolved he was then transferred to the command of Col William Washington under which officer he continued until he (Washington) was taken prisoner at the battle of the Eutaw Spring – During his continuance with Col Washington he was engaged in some Sanguinary Conflicts. He was at the storming of Savannah where the Americans and French were repulsed with great loss [probably October, 1779] – he was with Washington in the successful encounter he had with Tarlton (Banastre Tarleton) at the Ricefields during the Siege of Charleston[.] He was at Monks Corner [Moncks Corner April 14, 1780] when the Americans were surprised by Tarleton. When the battle of the Cowpens so honourable to the Americans took place he was engaged in escorting Gov.

Rutledge to Genl. Greens [Nathanael Greene] camp at Hicks creek. After the junction was formed by the two Divisions of Greens Army at Guilford C House No Carolina he was attached to the corps of Col Otho Williams formed by Genl Green for retarding the pursuit of Lord Cornwallis until the former could affect a safe retreat into Virginia We next find him combating under Genl Green in the celebrated battle of Guildford C House he then came on to South Carolina took part in the battle of Hobkirks Hill. Was at the siege of Cambridge So Ca and lastly was in the sanguinary battle of Eutaw Spring where he narrowly escaped with his life having served in the Army for the term of three years he returned to Richmond in Virginia where he was discharged. After the revolutionary war was over he moved from Culpepper County Virginia the place of his nativity to Abbeville District where he lived when I first became acquainted with him and where he closed the career of life.

Sworn to before me

this 22nd August 1846

Judge of the Court of Ordinary

& ex off. Magt.

David Lesly

Hugh Dickson

Genealogical Information

John Weatherall b. July 28th 1762 [d. Nov. 4, 1824]

m. June 12, 1787

Betsey [Elizabeth] Jones b. August 7, 1771 [d. April 21, 1843]

children of John and Betsey Weatherall

George b. Aug. 6, 1788

John Jr. b. Oct. 25 1790 d. Aug. 3, 1798

Marshal b. Nov. 24 1792

Polley b. Mar. 13, 1795 [Mary?]

James b. Sept. 18 1797

Adam Crain Jones b. March 20[?] 180[?]

Sarah Marshal b. Nov. 3 180[?]

John (second John Weatherall born to John & Betsey Weatherall) b. Sept. 30, 1805[?]

Betsey Jones b. April 7, 1808

Peggey Long b. May 6, 1810 [d. July 9, 1832]

Joseph Sanders Dickson b. March 3, 1813

Frances Evelina b. April 22, 1816 baptized July 14, 1816 in Greenville Meeting House by Rev. Hugh Dickson.

On August 22, 1846; Rev. Hugh Dickson certified that this list was in the handwriting of John Weatherall decd.