

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Webster R11263

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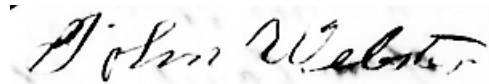
State of North Carolina Rockingham County: August sessions 1832

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, John Webster Sr aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in the 1st Virginia Regiment of the regular line under the following named officers for a term of three years in the Cavalry, Spotswood Dandrige [Spotswood Dandridge?] Captain, William Penn Lieutenant and Lindsey was Ensign, Theodorick Bland was Colonel Commandant – our company was organizing at Fredericksburg Virginia, from thence marched to Williamsburg & from there to Little York, where we remained about 2 months, from thence we marched to Baltimore thence to Philadelphia, thence to headquarters at Morristown in the State of New Jersey where we remained near one month under the command of General Washington. Fought in the Battle of Brandywine, also at Monmouth Court House also, the Battle of the White Plains. Was living at the time he entered the service in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia, 14 men of us enlisted at the same time & from the same County, some of their names are as follows: Richard Pendleton, (William McDaniel, John Coleman who both died with the small pox & were buried in one grave)(Frederic Davies who died at little York), William Tucker: the winter the British lay in Philadelphia, he was under the command of General Pulaski went into winter quarters at Trenton above Philadelphia – was with General Wayne at the Peolee Taverne [Paoli Tavern September 21, 1777] where we were betrayed by one of our own men and the Tavern keeper who deserted & gave the British notice of our situation we were surrounded by the British force before we knew it & near sixty men were killed on the ground. General Wayne by a stratagem which he used made his escape near the close of my term of service we were marched to Winchester Virginia where I was discharged the service, he further states that his discharge together with everything he had in the world was burnt in his dwelling house several years ago and furthermore that this is the first application he has ever made for a pension. That he resides in Rockingham County formally part of Guilford since the War. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ro. Gallaway, CCC

S/ John Webster



[there was no standard supporting affidavit given for this application. Three Justices of the peace

signed a statement that they believed the applicant to have been a soldier of the revolution.]

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State of North Carolina Stokes County: SS

On this 27th day of December 1834 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid the widow Mary Ray at her place of residence in the County aforesaid where her husband George Ray deceased resided next before his death, she being about eighty years of age, and of good sound mind & memory and of reputable character for veracity & credit & she being sworn according to law to declare what she knows or remembers of her brother the late John Webster Deceased late of Rockingham County North Carolina Services as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, declares that said John Webster was her Brother, that she perfectly remembers that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the Cavalry the date she cannot recollect, but it was in the County of Amherst in Virginia where we then lived about two miles from Lynchburg and that her Brother was absent from home in the Service aforesaid as she believes for the space of three years or more though she cannot remember how much longer; that she remembers of his telling our parents on his return home of his having been engaged in Battles against the British & that one time he picked up a wounded man & assisted him so that he recovered & many other occurrences he related that had happened during his Tour in the Service, which she at this time owing [to] the length of time & infirmities of old age cannot recollect. But that she is of opinion that her said Brother John Webster did actually performed the services for which he has claimed a pension. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Mary Ray, X her mark

[fn p. 8: On March 1, 1854 in Rockingham County North Carolina, Pleasant Webster, 62, a resident of Rockingham County made application under the 1836 act as the administrator of the estate of his mother Maggie Webster, deceased, the widow of John Webster; the affiant states that his father John Webster applied for a pension in 1832 or 1833 under the 1832 act as a private in the Virginia Cavalry; that his father's application for a pension was not granted because his name was not found on the muster rolls in Richmond and his affidavit was not supported by the testimony of two witnesses; that "...after an engagement and during the retreat of the Americans (he thinks at the battle of Brandywine) a half spent cannon ball struck down the commanding officer of his company within eighty yards of the British line, that his father immediately dismounted raised the wounded soldier to his horse and escaped with him, amid showers of bullets from the enemy and shouts of applause from his countrymen, that it was determined to commission him; but that upon inquiry it was found his education was not sufficient to make him an efficient commissioned officer; that he has often heard this incident related by his said father John Webster and also by old men who knew him well and knew this to be a fact...."; the affiant further states that his mother Maggie Webster married his father John Webster about the year 1779 in Amherst County Virginia; that his mother prior to her marriage was Maggie Walker; that his father died in Rockingham County North Carolina July 31, 1833; that his mother remained his widow until her death which occurred in Rockingham County North Carolina March 15, 1842; that his mother was survived by the following children: Polly Hickman, Betsy Carter, Sally Glenn, Richard Webster, James Webster, Pleasant Webster, Joseph Webster, Abner Webster, Benjamin Webster, Rebecca Foy and that the following are still alive, viz. Polly Hickman, Betsy Carter, Sally Glenn, Pleasant Webster, Abner Webster, Benjamin Webster & Rebecca Foy.

*Pleasant C. Carter
adm.*]

[facts in file: Polly Hickman was the wife of William Hickman; Betsy Carter was the wife of James Carter]