

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Weir R11286

Jane

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[fn p. 111]

State of South Carolina District of Fairfield: SS

On this 16th day of March in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid, Mrs. Jane Weir a resident of the District of Fairfield and State of South Carolina aged ninety-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of David Weir was a private in the Army of the United States on the Continental Establishment in the State of South Carolina, that at an early period of the Revolutionary War her husband the aforesaid David Weir enlisted or was drafted in the Continental or Regular service, that he served in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Williams and Colonel Andrew Pickens' Regiment and continued in said service until he was taken with an attack of sickness when he returned to his residence in Laurens District in the State of South Carolina & as soon as he recovered from said sickness he rejoined thence to the same company in said Regiment & so continued in the same; that he was at the Snow Camps & at Savannah and was also in many excursions against the Indians & Tories in the North Western war frontier portion of said State of South Carolina; that he was at the battle of Ninety Six Fort under command of Colonel Pickens; he was regularly discharged which Discharge has, in the opinion of this deponent, then long since lost, and that he afterwards served in the militia or volunteers service of South Carolina different tours of duty in Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment under Lieutenant John Bell one of which was for the space of 2 months & another for that one month and a half or nearly so part of the time a horseman & part as footman; that her said husband was out in the service of his Country during most of the War and at its close he returned to his family & home in Laurens District and that he afterwards moved to Chester District in this State and died there in the year of our Lord 1796; that she afterwards removed to the District of Fairfield in this State which he now resides & has resided ever since her first removal to said District; that it is impossible for her to recollect all the dates of his different periods of service. She further declares that she was married to the said David Weir in the year of our Lord 1775 and before he entered the service as above stated, and that her husband died on the 10th day of March 1796 and that she has remained

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<sup>1</sup> The page numbers assigned by Footnote.com are nonsensical.

a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed; and that she has a family Record<sup>2</sup> in the hand writing of David Weir showing the dates of the births of her children the eldest of home was born in the year 1777 and that the book here with accompanying this Declaration is the identical record just alluded to.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before me.

S/ James Johnston, Magistrate Fairfield District

S/ Jane Weir, X her mark

[Jane Elliot and Joseph W. Robinson attested to the credibility of the widow.]

[fn p. 21: Power of attorney dated March 8, 1853 executed by Matthew Weir of Chester District South Carolina, the son of David and Jane Weir late of Fairfield District deceased.]

[fn p. 66: Power of attorney dated March 26, 1853 executed by David Weir of McMinn County Tennessee, son of James Weir.]

[fn p. 98: finding by the clerk of the McMinn County, Tennessee, court that Jane Weir died January 17, 1855 survived by the following children, Thomas Weir, John M C Weir, David Weir and Matthew Weir all her surviving children.]

[Facts in file: the Veteran and his wife's son Samuel was born in December 1777; the widows claim was not allowed the calls she failed to furnish sufficient proof of service for 6 months and proof of her marriage as required by the pension law. Fn p. 529: Certificate dated August 17 1849 issued by the South Carolina Comptroller General's office indicating payments to a David Weir for 100 days militia service under Lieutenant John Bell and Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment, 60 days on foot and 40 days as a horseman.]

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<sup>2</sup> The family record alluded to by the widow appears on pages 36 & 40 of the digital version as posted on Footnote.com, but the writing thereon is illegibly faint.