

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Weitsel (Weitzel) R11288

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Virginia Augusta County to wit

On this 23rd day of [illegible] 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Augusta County now sitting Abraham Weitsel a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania on the 6th day of August 1760 as appears from a record of his age now in his possession.

That at the age of 11 years he removed to Shenandoah County Virginia where he continued to reside until the close of the revolution after which he removed to the County of Augusta Virginia where he has resided ever since.

That as one of the Shenandoah militia he was drafted sometime in the early part of the year 1780 and marched from the County aforesaid to Culpeper Court House under the command of Captain All. At Culpeper Court House the troops were disbanded and returned home, after remaining at home for a short time his term of service not having expired he was again ordered out & marched to Falmouth under the same Captain. After remaining at Falmouth about 2 weeks the militia were discharged & returned home. The whole time he continued in service was about 5 weeks during his first & second tour under the same draft.

He further states that in the year 1781 he was again drafted from the same County from whence he marched about the first of July in the same year to the headquarters of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] at tinkling Spring about ten miles above Williamsburg. The time he served was about 3 months. He further states that he was attached to the 2nd Regiment Battalion of Virginia militia, the Colonel's name he does not now recollect, the Major's name was Welch. He did not receive a written discharge from the service in either case.

He further states that Peter Weitzel & Christian Hunter are well acquainted with the fact that he actually served the tours of duty above set forth during the war of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all claims whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

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

S/ Abraham Weitsel, X his mark

I Peter Wetzel do of my own knowledge know that my Brother Abraham Wetzel did serve 2 tours in the war of the Revolution as above set forth & that he is 72 years of age as he states and me Christian Fauber is well acquainted with the applicant Abraham Weitzel and that he is of opinion as well as that of his neighborhood that the said Abraham Weitzel served as he states & he also certifies that he is a man of good character & any statement which he may make can be relied

upon.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year first above written.

S/ Peter Weitzel, X his mark

S/ Christian Faber [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christian Faber". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Virginia Augusta County to wit

This day Abraham Weitzel personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Augusta and made oath according to law that heretofore to it in the year 1832 he made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 in which he set forth his services as well as he could remember them, in the manner prescribed by the War Department, but in conversation with his sister Elizabeth Fauber since he has ascertained from her, as appears from her affidavit herewith transmitted that he was mistaken as to the length of time he served, this mistake has arisen from the loss of memory consequent upon his age (being seventy-five years old last August) and ill health with which he has been greatly afflicted for ten years past. He cannot now swear positively as to the length of his time he served but to the best of his belief thinks it was not less than 6 months. Given under my hand this 16th day of September 1835.

S/ John C. Sowers, JP

Augusta County to wit

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Fauber aged seventy-four years and made oath according to law that she is the sister of Abraham Witzel her maiden name was Elizabeth Weitzel – that she well remembers that her said brother Abraham Weitzel left home on two tours of militia duty in the war of the revolution, on the first tour she states that he left home in the early part of the month of December 1780 and did not return until late in the month of March 1781. In the month of June following her said brother was again drafted and marched and was gone until sometime in October. The said Elizabeth Fauber states that she prepared her brother's clothing & for both of the above tours of duty and feels very confident from her recollection of the fact he served the length of time she has above set forth and further she states not.

Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1835

S/ John Porterfield [JP]