

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Webster S11700

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State of Alabama County of Tuscaloosa: SS

On this 21st day of August 1835 personally appeared before me Marmaduke Williams Judge of the County Court, which Court is now sitting John Webster a resident of the County of Tuscaloosa and State of Alabama aged seventy 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 made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a militia man on a tour for three months the year not recollected, under Captain Wallace Lieutenant Shackelford – Ensign not remembered in the State of Virginia Albemarle County. These three months he served out as a substitute for his father Moses Webster at the expiration of this service, he without going home, entered it again, in Albemarle while guarding Burgoyne's troops for the Term of three months as a substitute for a man whose name is John Tandy this term he also served out, his best recollection is that he still served under the same Captain. After this service, he without going home again hired as a substitute for three months more in the place of a man whose name he does not now recollect, nor does he remember the name of the Captain who commanded, nor does he remember the particular name of any of the officers – he however distinctly remembers that he continued engaged as before and guarding Burgoyne's Troop. These three months he also served out after this, he returned to his home, and shortly afterwards was drafted as a militia man (in the County of Albemarle) for three months under Captain Wood, Lieutenant not recollected – nor Ensign. The Colonel was named Richardson. In this tour, he was engaged in no battle, but the troops to which he belonged were engaged in scouring the country until he was discharged, his time being out, which discharge took place three or four days before the siege of Little York, which is a circumstance he refers to for dates, in is much as he cannot give a particular dates. At each of the times he served he obtained discharges from his commanders, but which discharges have been lost by the burning of his house, nor has he now any documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 21 day of August 1835.

S/ M. D. Williams, Judge

S/ John Webster, X his mark

[Daniel Hamer and Thomas A. Smith, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the first Interrogatory required to be propounded by the Department the applicant answers that he was born in the County of Caroline State of Virginia – the year not recollected.

To the 2nd, he has no record of his age but that he believes it may be found in the Records of Mount Church Virginia

To the 3rd, when called into service he lived in Virginia Albemarle County since then he has lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and the state of Alabama in which he now lives in the County of Tuscaloosa.

To the 4th. He answers as is contained in the above statement.

To the 5th he makes the same answer.

To the 6th he makes the same answer.

To the 7th, He states that he believes all his neighbors believe him to have been a Revolutionary Soldier, and he particularly states the names of Daniel Hamer and Thomas A Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]