

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Isaac Webb S1266

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828. I Isaac Webb of Fayette County and State of Kentucky do declare that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 I was appointed & commissioned a second Lieutenant in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment (see the commission here enclosed) and I continued in said services until I was appointed and Commissioned a first Lieutenant in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental line on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779 and I continued in said service until February 1780 at which period I was in Charleston South Carolina, and having been in Bad health for several months resigned my commission & returned home to Richmond County in Virginia, and that upon a proclamation of General Stueben [Baron von Steuben] inviting the officers of the army absent on Furlough or resignation to return to the army and promising to reinstate them in the army and that I accordingly returned & reported myself to said Baron Stuben for service and was appointed & Commissioned (which Commission I have lost or mislaid) Brevet Captain and ordered to South to join General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] which I did and was recognized by him (Gen Green) as Captain & he gave me the Command of a Company [see note below], and I continued as Captain in said service until the summer or fall of the year 1781 at which time the period of the enlistments of the Company Commanded by me was about to expire and I was ordered by General Green to march my Company to Virginia and discharge the soldiers of said Company which I did & I remained at home subject to the orders of the Government, and I did not resign my commission, nor was I discharged but was not again called into service.

And I further declare that I never applied for nor received Certificates commonly called commutation certificates not knowing the law and believing that the compensation given by a resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>d</sup> of March 1783 applied to those who were wounded or disabled in service only - and since I have seen the resolutions of Congress on the subject I consider myself entitled to the benefits of the Resolve of Congress of the [blank] of October 1780

I reside near to Lexington Kentucky and it will be convenient to me to receive a draft on the Branch Bank of the United States at that place [signed 16 Sep 1830] Is Webb

IN CONGRESS.

The DELEGATES of the UNITED STATES of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, TO Isaac Webb Gent'n

We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be a Second Lieutenant in the Seventh Regiment of Virginia Regiment in the Army of the United States, raised for the Defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a Second Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as a Second Lieutenant. And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress, for that Purpose appointed, a Commander in Chief for the Time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. DATED the thirteenth day of January 1777 seventy seven

By Order of the CONGRESS,

ATTEST. Chas. Thomson S'cry

[signed] John Hancock PRESIDENT.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

To Isaac Webb Gentleman Greeting. We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Lieutenant in the Fifth Virginia Regiment [several illegible words] in the Army of the United States to take rank as Lieutenant from the third day of October A. D. 1778. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do Strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders, as Lieutenant, and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States or any other your superior Officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, or a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office  
and examined by the Board  
Attest

Witness His Excellency John Jay Esquire President of  
the Congress of the United States of America, at  
Philadelphia the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779 and in the Third  
Year of our Independence [signed] John Jay

[illegible signature] Secretary of the Board of War

[On reverse side of above commission, resignation directed to Gen. Benjamin Lincoln and Col. Richard Parker; almost illegible:]

Feb'y 26 1780. This may certify that Lt Webb has resigned his Commission by order to  
G'l. Lincoln R'd Parker  
Charles Town Coll Comand't of the [illegible] Brigade

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Nelson late a Capt. in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. who is now drawing his pay under the Act of Congress of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828 made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that he was personally acquainted with the above named Isaac Webb in the Revolutionary War & knew him as an officer as he has stated in his declaration above, & he knows him to be the identical person he represents himself to be, & further he believes the whole of said Webbs declaration above to be true. [signed 18 Sep 1830] Jno Nelson

Fayette County Kentucky 7<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1831

Hon S. G. Iregham[?] Treasury Dept.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> ult. requesting certain explanations of me in relation to my Military Services during the Revolutionary War, and in reply thereto I can inform you as follows. You ask me why I did not receive or apply for my commutation at the close of the War. my answer is, that I understood and believed that the five years full pay, or half pay for life was only given to those Officers who were wounded or disabled in service, and to those that now in reduced circumstances - this was the rumour. and I had never seen this Law and so I let it rest ever since.

You enquire what Regiment I was attach'd to in 1780 or 1781 when I went to the South and who were the field officers. in answer I can state that in 1780 or 1781 I was call'd into service By Baron Stuben and given by him a Brevet Commission of Captain in the Virginia Continental line, the same service I had just left. I had no other than a Brevet commission at that time, the Brevet commission was signed by Baron Stuben by order of the Government, and he ordered me to report myself to Gen'l. Green, I did so and was recognised by him as a Capt. and he gave me the command of 104 men (Virginia Regular Troops) The Virginia Regiments had been so cut to peices & taken prisoners at Charleston that I do not know to what particular Reg't. I belonged to - but I considered myself as belonging to the 5<sup>th</sup> if it should ever be filled up again. I know of no Field officers that was stationed in that region of Country as I only command

the above mentioned detachment of 104 men.

If it is necessary for me to make oath to the above statement you will please instruct me to do so - as almost a half Century has lapsed since I closed my service it will I hope not be expected that I can recollect all the circumstances clearly.

Very Resp'y. your Ob't. Ser't. [signed] Isaac Webb

Being required by the Commissioner of Pensions to make an amended declaration showing more precisely the length of time I served as Captain in the Army of the Revolution I state, that in consequence of having lost or mislaid my Commission and the great lapse of time since, I am not able to give particular dates, but from the best of my recollection not more than six or seven months elapsed between the time of my resignation as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. and my appointment as Captain. The Endorsement on my 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Commission shows that I resigned on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb'y. 1780 and believing that I was not out of service more than six or seven months I must have again joined the army as Captain in August or September 1780 and that I remained in active service in that grade, until the summer of the year 1781 at which time the term of the enlistment of my Company expired & I was ordered by Gen'l. Greene to march the soldiers of said Company into Virginia and discharge them and there to remain subject to further orders, which I did, but was not called again into service. I further state that I did not resign my Commission as Captain, nor was I discharged from the Army untill the end of the Revolutionary war.

[signed 15 Sep 1833] Is Webb

NOTE: The company commanded by Webb was called the "Eight Months Company" from the fact that it included militiamen who had been sentenced to eight month's service under Continental discipline for fleeing at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780. See the pension application of James Hopkins (W3553), who deposed as follows: "[B]y this time our term of service was nearly expired, we were permitted to draw up a petition and sent it on by express to Genl Greene, stating our situation; that we were almost naked, almost worn out with fatigue and praying him to send orders to the Captain to discharge us which he did and we met the express in the County of Halifax, near Banister River in State of Virginia where the Company were accordingly discharged, which was about the 1st of March 1781."

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Addendum to Isaac Webb S1266

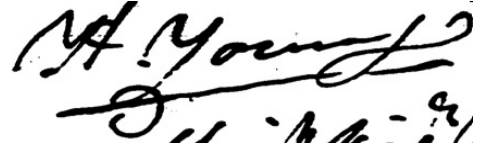
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond 13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 17[page torn]

This Certifies that Lieu't Isaac Webb was appointed an officer in the Virginia line of the army the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan'y 1777 & continued in service untill the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1780 at which time he resigned his appointment.

H. Young [Henry Young BLW2466-300]  
Maj'r Virg'a C. L.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Young" with a flourish underneath.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I John Nelson [S35537] of the Town of Lexington, County of Fayette & State of Kentucky late a Captain in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia Continental Infantry in the Revolutionary war, do certify that I was well acquainted in service with Isaac Webb who entered the service from Richmond County in the State of Virginia as a Cadet in January 1776 and that he was appointed a second Lieutenant in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in January 1777 and promoted to a first Lieutenant in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in October 1778 and that he was in the year 1779 or 1780 promoted to a Captaincy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Infantry and served in that rank. He never was cashiered or suspended.

Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of of July 1830

Jno Nelson Late Captain  
5<sup>th</sup> Reg't Va line Cont. Establishment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nelson" with a flourish underneath.

[The file contains a letter explaining that John Nelson could not certify that Webb served to the end of the war because he, himself, did not.]