

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Weger (Wegar, Weigar) S15698

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State of Missouri County of Washington

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828,["] I David Weger of Concord Township in the County of Washington & State of Missouri do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for & during the war & continued in its service until its termination. I was a private (although I had previously been a Sergeant in room of a Mr. Everet who had been removed for desertion, but being sick at the time of my discharge do not know whether I was continued in office until my discharge or no) in Captain Stripling's Company in Buford's Regiment (the number not recollected) the number of the line not recollected. I also declare that I have afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th day May 1778.

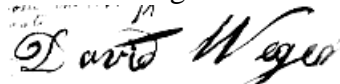
And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension List of the United States.

I further declare that I sold my Certificate to a Mr. Patterson shortly after my discharge from the Army who afterwards received my discharge whether it was ever paid or no I know not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th day of August 1829

S/ Lysander H. Flinn, JP

S/ David Weger



State of Missouri County of Washington: On this day personally appeared before me Lysander H. Flinn one of the justices of the peace within & for the County & State aforesaid, the within named David Weger whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration and known to me to be the same, who being duly qualified deposed & saith, that he enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in Staunton, in the State of Virginia some time in the fall of 1780, The precise time not recollected, in Buford's Regiment and was marched from there to Hillsboro under Major Ridley, and was discharged from said service sometime in the spring of 1782 the precise time not recollected.

And having disposed of his discharge this is all the Testimony he can produce of the facts here stated & held 4th in the declaration.

Sworn to before made this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord 1829

S/ Lysander H. Flinn, JP

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers &

soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved 15th May 1820,["]

I David Weger of the County of Washington & State of Missouri, being duly qualified doth depose & say that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution & in the service about eighteen months (viz.), I was marched from Staunton in the State of Virginia (the number of the Regiment I do not recollect) (in the Virginia line) to Hillsboro & Commanded by Major Ridley, from Hillsboro we were marched to Hick's Creek from there to Hillsboro Court house I was in that engagement [March 15, 1781], from there we were marched to Camden S. C. I was in that engagement [Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] , from there to the Siege of Ninety Six [May-June 1781], from there we were marched to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. I was in that engagement, sometime after that we were marched to Salisbury in N. C. & discharged without one penny in our pockets.

I then received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778, This deponent further states that the foregoing is to the best of his recollection strictly correct & that his declaration heretofore furnished to the Secretary, & the proof herewith furnished is all that is in his power to avail himself of any person that he was acquainted with (except Evans if he should be the one that this deponent is acquainted with in the service is either dead or in some place unknown to this deponent. This deponent further saith that he never has received anything from government either as a pension or otherwise & that he sold his Certificate & discharge as before stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 16th day of June 1831

S/ Lysander H. Flinn, JP

S/ David Weger

[fn p. 9: On June 16, 1831, Margaret Weger gave a supporting affidavit in which she states she has known David Weger about 40 years; that he is generally reported to have been a soldier of the revolution; that she was well acquainted with Abraham Miller who was a credible man who she has often heard in conversation with David Weger speak of their service together in the revolutionary war; that she does not know whether or not Abraham Miller is still living and if so where. Her relationship, if any, to the applicant is not stated.]

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State of Missouri Washington County: SS

On this 26 day of July 1836 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court within and for the County of Washington aforesaid now sitting David Weigar [sic], a resident of the County aforesaid in the State of Missouri aged about eighty-four 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 June 7th 1832.

That he the said David Weigar entered the service of the United States at Stanton in Virginia under the command of one Captain Lapsley and Major Ridley, thence he was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina where he joined Colonel Buford or Bluford's Regiment, that he was drafted for eighteen months and served in the whole of the time for which he was Drafted. He states he is now very old and his memory not good, but he thinks he entered the service some weeks or months before he joined what was called Bluford's Regiment he cannot now recollect any of the field officers except Major Snead and General Green [Nathanael Greene] who was commander in chief of the Army – From Hillsboro the Army was marched to Hick's Creek where they remained 2 or 3 weeks. From Hick's Creek he marched to Guilford Court House – where an action took place in which he the said David Weigar was engaged and where one of his

messmates Frank Simpson was killed in the battle – He was then marched to Camden, where the Army remained for some time, that they were attacked by a detachment of the British light horse, and the party to which he was attached lost 4 men –

From Camden he was marched to Ninety Six: when the American Army was a long time engaged in digging entrenchments – and were attacked by the British forces almost every night, and sometimes twice of a night. From there he went to the Eutaw Springs where he was again engaged in a hard conflict, and defeated the British Army – one circumstance in particular made a lasting impression on his mind, while he and his line was formed for action – there was a party of British soldiers which had been taken prisoners and were advancing in the direction where he was stationed; and the line to which he was attached supposing they were coming up for an attack – the American line fired on them, which caused great confusion for some time –

He recollects Colonel Richard Campbell – and thinks he commanded the 2nd Regiment – and thinks he was at the Eutaw Springs, though of this he is not certain.

The said David Weigar further states that he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of eighteen months for which he entered the service. That after the battle of Eutaw, and at that place he was commanded by a Captain Stripling or Stribling: and according to his best recollection at this time, he thinks he was commanded by a Captain Wallace at the engagement which took place at Guilford. He knows of no person at this time whose testimony he can procure to prove the services herein before stated and set forth. That he has not his Discharge having many years ago, placed in the hands of one Patterson in Virginia, perhaps Thomas Ward John Patterson but which of them he cannot now recollect. He was discharged on the Yadkin River in Carolina – But does not know what Officer.

He the said David Weigar further states that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. And Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory within the United States:

And further

1. Question. Where were you born and in what year? Answer I was born in the parish of St. Giles, in Middlesex in England and from the best information I have been able to get, I am now about 84 years of age, though I have no record of my age.
2. Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Answer, I have none, and only know my age by counting my apprenticeship etc.
3. Question. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolution? And where do you now live? Answer. In Virginia 5 or 6 miles from Stanton on Middle River. And I have lived since the Revolution in Tennessee for a number of years – Since then I lived in Illinois – and now live in Washington County Missouri.
4. Question. How were you called into service?
Answer. I was drafted by lottery for eighteen months and served the whole time accordingly –
5. Question. State the names of the Regular Officers who were [with] the Troops where you served? Such Continental Regiments as you can now recollect? – Answer. I remember General Green who was said to be the commander of the Army. Also General Eugee or Hugar [Huger] I also remember Colonel Richard Campbell, who commanded at Guilford or the Eutaw Springs – and I think got killed at one of those places – besides other subaltern officers many of whose names I have forgotten –
6. Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. – Answer. I did absolutely received a discharge from the service. But I do not recollect by whom it was given. And as I have before stated I gave my discharge to

one of the Patterson's of Virginia many years since – not supposing it was of any value to me –
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood – and who
can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior – and your services as a Soldier of
the Revolution. Answer – I am acquainted with Major John Hawkins and John G Bryan, Andrew
Casey who are and have been long acquainted with me, and as to my character there are a great
number of persons who have known me long. I do not know of any person now living I can get
to prove my services in the Revolutionary War. They are all dead or not known to me now, nor
can I procure their evidence if it were necessary –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 25th day of July A.D. 1836

S/ Israel McGready, Clk

S/ David Weger

[John Hawkins, Andrew Casey, John G Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18
months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]