

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Weaver S17770

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State of Ohio Champaign County: SS

On this second day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before George B. Holt, President, James Smith, William Runkle, Obed. Haw, associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Champaign County, now sitting, William Weaver, a resident of Madriver [Mad River] Township, in the County of Champaign and State of Ohio, aged seventy-two years, seven months, nine days, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as within stated.

In the year 1781, he resided in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia, and to the best of his recollection, he was drafted, in the month of August of said year, to serve in the militia of said State of Virginia, under Captain Jacob Linder [sic, Jacob Snider?], and marched from Berkeley County to Yorktown, in Virginia, and effected a communication with the forces under the command of General Washington – after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, he was one of the guard which conducted the prisoners to Harper's Ferry after which he received his discharge – he then returned home; – and in about a month thereafter, he marched as a substitute for Daniel Colgan, under Captain Stephens [probably Robert Stephens], to Winchester barracks, in Virginia, and was placed as one of the guard over the prisoners there – sometime in the winter of said '81 & 2, he was sent with others in his company to conduct some prisoners, destined to Frederick Town in Maryland – he, with the company & prisoners proceeded to Shepherdstown, where they were met by a guard, which took charge of the prisoners – he then was marched back to Winchester barracks & remained there until sometime in March 1782, when he obtained his discharge –

He further states that he has lost or mislaid the Certificates of his discharge – that he believes he served in the two terms nearly seven months – at least over six months.

He has a record of his age in his Family Bible, as taken from the Family Record of his father, – born A.D. 1759 December 24th near Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

Shortly after the Revolutionary War say in 1792, he removed to the State of Kentucky – & in 1802 removed to the State of Ohio, Champaign County, where he has continued to reside ever since –

His brother Christopher Weaver,<sup>1</sup> served with him in his first term; but he has no

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<sup>1</sup> I could find no indication that a person by this name filed for a pension from the federal government based upon service in the revolutionary war.

documentary evidence of either of his discharges and knows of no person by whom he can prove his last term of service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

Witness S/ L. Weaver

S/ William Weaver, W his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

By order of the Court

S/ John C Pearson, Clk.

[John C Pearson, a clergyman, and William Colgan gave the standard supporting affidavit

I, Christopher Weaver, residing in Madriver Township Champaign County, Ohio, hereby certify that I served in 1781 in the same company with William Weaver, during all of his first term, as herein before mentioned.

Attest

S/ L. Weaver

S/ Christopher Weaver, X his mark

State of Ohio County of Champaign: SS

On this 22nd day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting William Weaver a resident of Madriver Township Champaign County and State of Ohio aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendments to his declaration by him made in this court on the 2nd day of August A.D. 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

This applicant swears that he is the identical person who made and swore to the declaration above mentioned, and that said declaration has been returned from the War Department for errors therein appearing and in correction of those errors this applicant says that he was born near the city of Philadelphia Pennsylvania in the same County that the city is in, he thinks the County of Philadelphia, about 5 miles from the city – in the year 1759. He has a record of his age at home in his family Bible. He was living in Virginia Berkeley County when called into service. He lived about five years after the war of the Revolution in Berkeley County Virginia when he moved to Mason County Kentucky, thence he moved in the year 1802 to Madriver Township Champaign County of Ohio where he has ever since lived and now resides. He was drafted the first tour of service, the 2nd term of service he was a substitute for one Daniel Colgin. His Captain in the first term of service was Jacob Linder, and his lieutenants' name was Linder, he cannot recollect his first name. His Captain in the second term of service was of the name of Stephens but he cannot recollect his first name. He cannot recollect his Lieutenant's name. He received two discharges from service that he has many years since lost them both. His discharges were given by his captains.

He is acquainted with the following named persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, Christopher Weaver, William Colgan, William Ross, Charles Rector and John C Pearson.

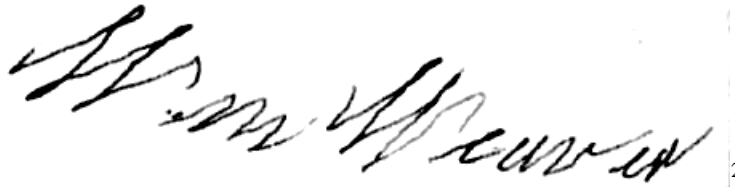
He further states and swears that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For

6 months I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court April 22, 1833

S/ John C Pearson, clerk

S/ Wm Weaver

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Weaver". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a small vertical line and the number "2".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> It is interesting to me that he signed his first application with his mark, yet signed his amendment. I think out of all the transcriptions I've made, this may be a first.