

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Weekes S31467

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State of Kentucky County of Spencer: SS

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County now sitting James Weekes resident in the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky aged 83 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

The said James Weekes states that he was drafted as a private soldier in the County of Stafford & State of Virginia in the militia of said State and entered the service on or about the month of August in the year 1776 under one Captain Prymm [possibly James Primm] in the Regiment under the command of Colonel James Garrard, recollects that Major Grigg [possibly John Grigg] was one of the Officers, the Services he was called upon to perform was to guard the Potomac River & prevent if possible depredations from being committed by the British shipping upon the persons & property of the Colonists, that he continued in service until the month of August in the year 1777 when he was discharged, he states that during his service aforesaid he was not always in actual service but from the terms of his enlistment & the nature of the service he was compelled to be and was actually in readiness at a moment's warning, he was in no actual engagements but was marched to the house of one Mr. Brent in Stafford County which had been plundered & set on fire by the British, but they had fled before we reached the place. During the period of his service aforesaid he states he was never marched out of the County of Stafford but once & then was marched to Fredericksburg Virginia on the Rappahannock [River] and was not in service with any Regiment or company of the Continental Army during his services aforesaid. The said James Weekes states that in the spring of 1781, but does not recollect the month, he was drafted in the County of Stafford Virginia in the militia of said State for a three month tour of duty & he furnished one __ Arrowsmith as his substitute who was marched over on James River & served out a full tour of three months and was discharged. He states that in November 1781, he was drafted under Captain Prymm aforesaid regarding company of Prisoners taken at the surrender of Cornwallis from Fredericksburg to Winchester Virginia, that he did march & guard said Prisoners from said Fredericksburg to Winchester and was engaged in this service 8 or 10 days from whence he returned home & was discharged. He states he has no written discharges, they having been long since lost, and that he has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid services, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states in all the services aforesaid rendered by him he was a Sergeant. He states he was born in Westmoreland County Virginia in March 1749, has no record of his age & only knows from tradition his age, his father moved from Westmoreland County to the County of

King George Virginia when he was 4 or 5 years old & there lived until the counties of King George and Stafford were divided when he fell into Stafford County & there lived until 1786, when he moved into Fauquier County Virginia, he lived in said County until 1816 when he moved from thence to Bullitt County Kentucky & has lived in the Counties of Bullitt & Spencer ever since & now resides in Spencer County. He hereby relinquishes 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Weekes, X his mark

[William Stout, a clergyman, and Horatio Day gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County of Spencer & State of Kentucky James Weekes, who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, for nine months and ten days. I served as a Sergeant, for three months, I furnished a substitute who served three months, as a private Soldier, and for such service I claim a pension. He states by way of amendment to his Declaration that he does not recollect the name of any regular officer which was with him while in service, has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge from any Officer of his services, thinks he did not, that he knows one William Stone, a clergyman and Horatio Day his neighbors to whom he is well known who can testify & who have testified as to his character for veracity and who can testify and who have testified as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Subscribed & sworn to before me this 4th day of January 1833.

S/ Thomas Newman, JP

S/ James Weekes, X his mark

[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.]