

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Webb S32055

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State of Georgia, County of Newton

On the 29th [could be 27th] day of September in the year 1833, Personally appeared in open court before ___ now sitting John Webb a resident of said County of Newton and State of Georgia aged seventy-two 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 as a militia man volunteer private under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The said Deponent to the best of his recollection in January 1777 he volunteered under Captain Joseph Nail who erected a Fort against the Indians called Nail's Fort near Broad River Wilkes County, Georgia and remained there until January 1779, thence Retreated to the State of South Carolina Abbeville District or County and in a few weeks was engaged under the command of Colonels Clarke [Elijah Clarke] and Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Major Burwell Smith and Captain Nail in the Battle of Kettle Creek¹ against a detachment of Tories under the command of Boyd and Moore, then Returned to South Carolina Fort Charlotte in July 1780 Deponent left Georgia and with Colonel Clarke &c marched through the back parts of South Carolina to General McDowell's [Charles McDowell's] Camp Rutherford County North Carolina and in August following was engaged under Col. Elijah Clarke & McDowell, Major Smith and Captain Price was engaged in an action against a detachment of British dragoons commanded by Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] near Wofford's Iron works² on Lawson's fork Spartanburg District South Carolina. Deponent further states that he was in different other skirmishes and that to the best of recollection he entered the service in January 1777 and left it May 1781 on account of sickness and that he has no documentary evidence. 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 in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ C. B. Strong, Pre. Judge

S/ John Webb, X his mark

[Charles Sanders, a clergyman, and Reuben Christian gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Walton County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Austin Webb who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that John Webb the claimant in the foregoing declaration a

¹ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

² August 8, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_woffords_iron_works.html

resident of Newton County and a revolutionary soldier entered the service of the United States as a Militia man in the state of Georgia on the 15th day of January 1777 & that he left said service on the first day of May 1781 honorably on account of sickness & that he was in and belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke and the company commanded by Captain Joseph Nail & belonged to the line of Georgia Militia or state Troops this deponent having been in the service aforesaid with said John Webb.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October 1833

S/ Leroy Pattillo, JP

S/ Austin Webb,³ X his mark

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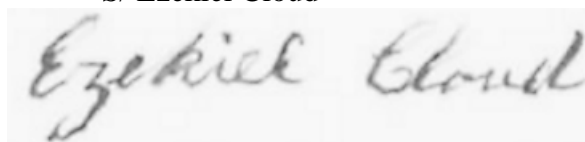
Georgia, Henry County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Ezekiel Cloud who being duly sworn depose and saith that John Webb the claimant in the foregoing declaration a resident of Newton County and a revolutionary soldier entered the service of the United States as a Militia man of the State of Georgia on the 15th day of January 1777 and that he was in and belonged to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke and the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Nail and belonged to the line of Georgia Militia or State Troops and that he said John Webb left the service honorably on account of sickness on the first of May 1781.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fourth day of November 1833.

S/ James S. Jones, JP

S/ Ezekiel Cloud⁴

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ezekiel Cloud". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of Georgia, County of Newton

On this twenty seventh day of April 1837 personally appeared before me a Judge of the Inferior Court of Newton County State of Georgia John Webb a resident of the County of Newton and State of Georgia aged seventy-six on the 24th day of April 1837 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 the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he volunteered into the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia man on the 15th day of January 1777 for a three months tour as a private soldier with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] of the Georgia line of State Troops under the following named officers Elijah Clarke Colonel Burwell Smith Major Joseph Nail Captain William Black Lieutenant Joseph Nail Jr. Ensign the other company Officers during this three months tour through loss of memory this deponent cannot now recollect. And this declarant further states that he fully served out his three months tour and that during all of said tour he was stationed in Nail's Fort on Broad River in the County of Wilkes State of Georgia – that he resided in said County of Wilkes at the time he entered the service for said three months tour that he was not engaged in any battle during this tour and did not march through any section of the Country during this tour being all the while stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until the 16th day of April 1777 when this declarant was verbally discharged but without ever leaving the same

³ [Austin Webb S3902](#)

⁴ [Ezekiel Cloud W6920](#)

this declarant immediately volunteered again as a Georgia Militia man for another three months tour on said 16th of April 1777 in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke in the Georgia line of State Troops under the same Colonel same Major same Captain in the same Ensign as during the three months tour immediately preceding. This declarant was at the time he volunteered for said last three months tour still a resident of said County of Wilkes and State of Georgia – this declarant was not engaged in any battle during this last three months nor did he march through any section of the Country being all the while stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until the 17th of July 1777 when upon the day and year last aforesaid he was honorably & verbally discharged but this declarant without ever leaving said Fort to wit on the 18th day of July in the year last aforesaid volunteered again for another three months tour into the service of the United States with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops as a Georgia militia man & a private Soldier under the same Col. the same Major the same Captain and the same Lieutenant and the same Ensign as during the first named three months tour. This declarant at the time he entered the service for said last three months was still a resident of said County of Wilkes & State of Georgia. He was not engaged in any battle during said last named three months tour nor did he march through any section of the Country being all the while stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until the 19th day of October 1777 when this declarant was verbally and honorably discharged – but immediately to wit on the 20th of October in the year last aforesaid volunteered in the Army war service of the United States as a Militia man & private soldier for another three months tour with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops under the following named officers Elijah Clarke Col. Burwell Smith Major Joseph Nail Captain William Black Lieutenant Joseph Nail Jr. Ensign and this declarant when he entered the service for said last three months tour still resided in said County of Wilkes & State of Georgia. He was not engaged in any battles during said last named three months tour nor did he march through any section of Country being all the while stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until the 21st of January 1778 when having fully served said last named three months tour this declarant was honorably and verbally discharged without leaving said Fort this declarant again upon the 22nd day of January in the year last aforesaid he again volunteered into the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia man and private soldier for another three months tour with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops under the following named officers Elijah Clarke Colonel Burwell Smith Major Joseph Nail Captain William Black Lieutenant Joseph Nail Jr. Ensign and William Hill Sergeant. And this declarant was at the time he entered the service aforesaid last named three months tour a resident of Wilkes County, be State of Georgia. He was not engaged in any battle during said last three months tour nor did he marched through any section of the Country being all the while stationed at Fort Nail aforesaid and having fully served out said last three months tour he was on the 23rd of April 1778 honorably and verbally discharged and without leaving said Fort this declarant again volunteered into the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia man & private soldier for another three months tour on the 24th day of April last aforesaid in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the line of Georgia State Troops – with Captain Joseph Nail and served under the same Colonel same Major same Captain same Lieutenant same Ensign & same Sergeant as specified in the three months tour next immediately preceding this present one. And this declarant at the time he last volunteered as aforesaid he still resided in the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia – that he was not engaged in any battle during said last named three months tour nor did he marched through any section of the Country being all this tour stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until having fully served out said last three months tour he was on the 25th day of July 1778 verbally and honorably discharged when this declarant again immediately to wit on the 26th of July in the year

last aforesaid volunteered into the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia Man and private soldier with Captain Joseph Nail for another three months tour and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops under the same Colonel same Major same Captain same Captain Lieutenant same Ensign and same Sergeant as during the three months tour next immediately preceding this present one. And this declarant says that when he entered the service for this last named three months tour that he still resided in Wilkes County & State of Georgia. And this declarant further states that during this three months on or about the 25th day of August 1778 – an attack upon Fort Nail (in which this declarant then was & engaged in its defense) was made by the Cherokee Indians in which attacks they were unsuccessful & after having stolen a number of horses they retired having taken the first & the only horse which this declarant then owned. Said Indians also wounded one Sampson Bunn and killed nine milk Cows & cut out their tongues. And this declarant did not march through any section of the Country during this three months tour last aforesaid being all the while stationed in Fort Nail aforesaid until the 27th of October in the year last aforesaid when he having fully served out said last three months tour he was honorably & verbally discharged on the day and year last aforesaid when he immediately volunteered to wit on the 28th day of October 1778 in to the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia man and private Soldier with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the line of Georgia State Troops under the following named officers Elijah Clarke Colonel Burwell Smith Major Joseph Nail Captain William Black Lieutenant Joseph Nail Jr. Ensign and William Hill Sergeant and this declarant says that at the time he entered the service for the last named three months tour he still resided in Wilkes County State of Georgia. And this declarant says that during this last named three months the fourth of November 1778 said Cherokee Indians again attacked Fort Nail aforesaid where this declarant then was stationed and engaged in its defense at said last named attack the said Indians during the last attack wounded one Thomas Moffit & took and carried away captive a little nephew of this declarant by the name of Claiborne Bellamy. And this declarant says that some time in January 1779 and during the last named three months tour he marched from Fort Nail down Broad River in the State of Georgia upon its North side to its Junction with the Savannah River & there crossed the Savannah River to Fort Charlotte which was located upon the South Carolina side of the last named River where this declarant was stationed in said last named Fort until the expiration of his said last named three months tour when having fully served out the same he was to wit on the 29th of January 1779 verbally & honorably discharged. But without leaving Fort Charlotte aforesaid this declarant again to wit on the 30th day of January 1779 he again volunteered into the Army of the United States as a Georgia Militia man & private Soldier with Captain Joseph Nail and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops under the same Colonel same Major same Captain same Lieutenant same Ensign & same Sergeant as during the three months tour immediately next preceding this present tour. And this declarant says that at the time he entered the said service for said last named three months tour he still was a resident of Wilkes County State of Georgia. And this declarant says that during this three months to wit on the 14th day of February 1779 he was engaged at the battle of Kettle Creek in Wilkes County & State of Georgia. This declarant marched during this three months from Fort Charlotte in South Carolina to Kettle Creek in Wilkes County State of Georgia where he was engaged in the battle last aforesaid thence back again to Fort Charlotte aforesaid in South Carolina where this declarant remained until about the 10th of April in the year last aforesaid when being detached with others he marched under the command of Captain Dionysius Oliver from Fort Charlotte aforesaid down the Savannah River upon the South Carolina side of said River to the encampment of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] upon the northern side of said River opposite to the City of Augusta where the said detachment were sent for arms &

ammunition and thence this declarant marched back again upon the South Carolina side of said Savannah River to Fort Charlotte aforesaid where this declarant remained stationed until (as well as he can now recollect) near the expiration of said three months tour when he was verbally & honorably discharged on the 25th or sixth day of April 1779. And this declarant's also says that at the battle of Kettle Creek the forces marched in three divisions to the battle. That Col. Pickens of South Carolina commanded the center, Colonel Elijah Clarke commanded the right wing & Major Burwell Smith commanded the left wing & this declarant was in the wing commanded by Major Smith and that the Tories were under the command of Boid [sic, Boyd] & Moore at that battle and that Boyd was killed. And this declarant further states that he remained out of the service from the time of his discharge on the 25th or 26th of April 1779 at Fort Charlotte aforesaid until the 10th day of July 1780, when he again volunteered into the Army of the United States with Captain Lindsey and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clarke of the Georgia line of State Troops as a Georgia Militia man and private soldier under the following named Officers Elijah Clarke Colonel James Jackson Adjutant General Burwell Smith Major (who was killed during this three months tour in the month of August 1780 at a battle near Wofford's Iron works on Lawson's fork in Spartanburg District South Carolina in which said Smith was engaged with a detachment of British Dragoons) and Lindsey Captain the other Company Officers this declarant cannot now remember. And this declarant at the time he volunteered into the service last aforesaid resided in the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia. And this declarant was not engaged in any battle during this three months tour and this declarant during this tour we marched as follows from the place of his then residence in Wilkes County aforesaid to the place of rendezvous which was at the Cherokee Ford on the Savannah River and then Wilkes but now Elbert County thence to a Creek called the Beaver dam thence 15 or 20 miles up the Georgia side of the Savannah River where we crossed into South Carolina thence through the Indian country to a road which we struck at Paris Fort on Reedy River in South Carolina thence down said Road to Tyger River near Captain Francis Prince's House thence to McDowell's Camps upon Green River from thence this declarant marched out in different directions being sent out upon various scouts. When this declarant finally left McDowell's Camp he marched from thence to Wofford's Iron works upon Lawson's fork in Spartanburg district South Carolina and from thence to Pacolet River South Carolina thence to Broad River in South Carolina at a place called the Cherokee Ford on the River last mentioned where this declarant was employed in guarding prisoners who had been taken partly by scouts sent out from McDowell's Camp aforesaid and partly at said battle near Wofford's Iron works until the 25th of August 1780 when this Declarant was verbally and honorably discharged for the present (no specific time being stated when he must return to the service) by Colonel Elijah Clarke and he Clarke saying to Declarant & others that there seemed to be no chance of getting back to Georgia – under which permission this Declarant with a number of others left the actual service at that time. And this declarant further says that he was not in actual service after he was permitted to leave at the Cherokee Ford last aforesaid in manner aforesaid. This Declarant was afterwards from the time of said permission staying as a Georgia Refugees sometimes in Virginia & sometimes in North Carolina until the first day of May 1781 when having been called for by Colonel Elijah Clarke he this Declarant started from Burke County in the State of North Carolina where he then was to come to the second siege of Augusta but was on the day and year last aforesaid shortly after starting thrown from his horse & his arm and collarbone broken and his shoulder mashed by which misfortune he was entirely disabled from the performance of any more or further service. And this Declarant further says that he has no documentary evidence in relation to his services whatever having never received any written discharge. And he this Declarant hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S John Webb, X his mark

S/ William D. Conyers, J. J. C.

[John Almond, a clergyman, and John Holcombe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the Interrogatories required to be put by the War Department to the applicant the said John Webb answers as follows

To the first interrogatory he answers: In Albemarle County State of Virginia on the 24th day of April 1761.

To the second, he answers: He has no record of his age whatever.

To the third, he answers: In Wilkes County and State of Georgia and since in Elbert & Putnam & Jasper and Newton Counties in said State of Georgia and that he now lives in Newton County State of Georgia.

To the fourth, he answers: He was always a volunteer and went himself & for himself and never was a substitute.

To the fifth, he answers: Col. Daniel Morgan and Colonel Washington the Regiment commanded by Col. Morgan of Riflemen. He says he has stated all the circumstances generally and particularly that referred to his services in his foregoing Declaration.

To the six, he answers: He says he never received any written discharge from the service.

To the seventh, he answers: Abraham Bush, Thomas Allmond, David Perryman, William Johnston and William White & Charles Sanders.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 27th day of April 1837 before me in Newton County and State of Georgia.

S/ William D. Conyers, JJC

S/ John Webb, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia service.]