

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Benjamin Webb S3487

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834 personally appeared before me William Rockhold a Justice of the Peace for said County Benjamin Webb aged 79 years or thereabouts resident of the state and County aforesaid who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he was drafted from Burks County Pennsylvania in the year 1777 [? could be 1776—last digit is overwritten] in the fall of the year and did serve said three months tour under Captain David Webb in Colonel Webb's Regiment and marched through Philadelphia to Morristown in the state of Jersey to General Washington's head quarters and did serve said three months and he thinks was verbally discharged by his brother Captain D. Webb.

The next spring or summer he removed with his father's family to the neighborhood where he now lives; in the latter part of the summer or early in the fall of the year he was drafted to go against the Cherokee Indians for three months and did serve said tour under Captain Asher [in] Colonel Cristie's [sic, William Christian's?] Regiment and floated or marched to the Nation in canoes; 1500 men in the same body; went to the look out [Lookout] Mountain; chicomauga [Chickamauga] towns burnt their towns destroyed their property killed some Indians and made many prisoners; was verbally discharged by Captain Asher and served in said tour of five months; some time in the spring of the year of the next season he says he volunteered for the expedition against the Cherokee Indians then supposed not to be longer than three months and served under his brother Captain Jonathan Webb [in] Colonel Cristie's Regiment & served something over four months and was verbally discharged; in said last tour deponent says that he destroyed much of the enemies property, killed some Indians &c. marched through the Coosey [?] country and was verbally discharged by Captain Jonathan Webb.

In the summer of the next year he says he volunteered under Captain Jonathan Webb, Colonel Severs [sic, John Sevier's] Regiment; went to the Indian Nation; was at the Chota town, the towns on Hiwassee [River] & this trip as it was called we scoured the Nation & made a few prisoners; came back to Tellico block house & was stationed there for some time & was left on the frontiers for a term longer than we volunteered for & then was verbally discharged by Jonathan Webb. This last tour served between five & six months, say at least five months. Deponent further saith he was drafted for a tour to King's Mountain and marched under Captain Jonathan Webb, Colonel Shelby's [Isaac Shelby's] Regiment and did serve said three months and was verbally discharged. Deponent says he served in all from one year & nine months to two years at the least he served 21 months in the revolutionary war and does declare his name is not on any pension roll of any agency of any state or territory and does hereby

relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned.

S/ Benj. Webb, X his mark

We George Webb & William Lindamow [?] citizens of Sullivan County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Webb who has signed the foregoing declaration and we do believe his statements to be correct and the said George Webb does positively say he well recollects that he served every tour as he sets forth in his declaration and that he is recognized and believed in his neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier and we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed before me 24 January 1834.

S/ George Webb

S/ William Lindamow

Sworn & subscribed. S/ Wm Rockhold, J.P.

William Rockhold one of the Justices of the peace for the court of pleas & quarter sessions for Sullivan County do hereby certify that I have attended to this examination out of term time at the house of Benjamin Webb he being a cripple & unable to leave home and attend court and that I have put the following questions and have received the following answers:

Q. Where and in what year were you born?

A. In Burks County Pennsylvania in the year 1755.

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. The record of my age is in the possession of my Brother George as he has this morning told me and I believe it.

Q. Where were you living when called into service & where do you now live?

A. I lived in Burks County Pennsylvania when first called into service; the balance of the service rendered, I lived in Sullivan County & have lived there ever since the revolution.

Q. How was you called into service etc.

A. The first tour drafted some of the others volunteered & some drafted as set forth in the declaration.

Q. State the names of some of the officers etc.

A. I knew Colonel Webb, Colonel Shelby, Sevier, Christie & served under them.

Q. Did you ever receive a written discharge if so where is it?

A. I was for every tour I served verbally discharged.

Q. State the names of some of the persons in your neighborhood who can testify to your services & veracity.

A I know the witnesses who have certified and almost every person near me and I do believe all that knows me believes my statements.

And I do further certify that the foregoing questions & answers were posed by me as they were stated by the applicant and the reason why it was done out of court was because the applicant is a cripple and unable to attend court. I further certify there is not any regular ordained minister of the gospel in this neighborhood and that I believe the declarant is 79 years old as he has stated and the two witnesses and applicant are esteemed honest respectable citizens and I further certify from an acquaintance of 38 or 40 years with the applicant I do believe he served as he set forth in his declaration given under my hand and seal the day & year first above written.

S/ Wm Rockhold {Seal}

Justice of the peace

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year and 9 months service in the revolution.]