

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Weeks S3500  
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State of Tennessee Perry County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January term 1833

On this 24 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court for Perry County now sitting John Weeks a resident of Morgan's Creek in Perry County and State of Tennessee aged seventy-nine years the 11th day of June next 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated

This declarant states that he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Brumfield his Lieutenant's name was Toock [?] the Ensign's name was Sabans [?] the orderly Sergeant's name was Jesse Weathers he was in Colonel Locke's Regiment his Majors name was Nelson he entered the service in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in the year 1779 he believes he was from thence marched to what was called the ten mile house from Charleston South Carolina from thence to Purrysburg on Savannah River he declarant was then detached to Colonel Lytle's Regiment of light Infantry but was to be discharged when the rest of his company was discharged he was then said Regiment up to Augusta we here lay some time probably two months then General Ash [sic, John Ashe] there joined us we were in the South Carolina side of the River till Ashe joined us then the British left Augusta and we crossed over the River to the Georgia side and pursued them down to brier creek<sup>2</sup> then the British there attacked General Ashe who was about one mile and a half from us, Colonel Lytle's Corps then marched on to the assistance of General Ashe. Ashe's men were here broken into disorder when we got up to them they were Militia and we were also defeated -- that is Colonel Lytle's Corps then we recrossed the Savannah & he was attached to his own company again from thence we were marched down to Black Swamp and there lay till discharged he thinks his Captain was all the officer that signed his discharge, he served this Tour of five months & five days, he entered the service in November of the year 1779 to the best of his recollection as above but he is possible in very probable it was in 1778.

The next tour he served he volunteered under Captain Flanagin [Flanagan?] his Colonel

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<sup>1</sup> At the time this file was viewed on Footnote.com, the page numbers assigned by Footnote.com to the digital images of each of the pages in the file were nonsensical.

<sup>2</sup> The Battle of Brier Creek occurred on March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

was Davy [William Richardson Davie] does not recollect his Major's name his Lieutenant's name was Cook. The rest of his company officers he does not recollect, he entered the service in the same County & State his tour he served some -- probably in the year 1777 or 8 but he at this lapse of time & not expecting at that time the dates ever to be of importance to him he does not know for he did not charge his memory with them particularly he was this term of service marched to the hanging rock<sup>3</sup> to fight the British and Tories when we got there we had first an engagement with the Tories, we killed several of them and drew the rest Back then the British came on to reinforce them the Tories & we soon put them to the sword [sic, sword?] we killed all except what we made prisoners General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] commanded us as our General at this place here General Sumpter returned to South Carolina & we were marched home to Charlotte. Declarant served this Tour three months after he got home he heard not long after but he thinks a week or two that General Sumpter was defeated.

And but a little while after he heard this news the British came on to Charlotte our County Seat at this critical time the dates of which declarant does not recollect precisely but he thinks in the year 1780 but as to the time he does not wish on his oath to say the memory of man being so frail he may in this as well as in the other dates be mistaken a year or 2. Joined himself to Captain Lowry's Volunteer Company as a volunteer company the camp being the place more safe than any other at this time and attached ourselves to General Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Corps -- as our General had been taken at Sumpter's, that his General Rutherford<sup>4</sup> who commanded the Militia we were marched to the lower end of the County we lived in & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] we done nothing this Tour of note but guard the settlements he declarant served this Tour three months.

Just before peace was made he was drafted & sent out but before he was joined to the Main troops we heard of news of peace & went home his Captain was Wm Potts his Major's name was Thomas Harris & the highest officer. He served this Tour one month.

He knew Colonel Lytle & some of the other regular officers that were in the service that are mentioned in his declaration he served twelve months in all he never was discharged from the service only onst [once?] just dismissed.

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 any State agency.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Weeks

[Alex Farlaneson and Nat. Dickison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1754 June the 11th

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when I entered the service then in

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<sup>3</sup> The Battle of Hanging Rock occurred on August 6, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm>

<sup>4</sup> Griffith Rutherford was taken at the battle of Camden on August 16, 1780, not at Sumpter's defeat as this veteran states.

Pendleton South Carolina then to Tennessee & has lived in several counties & now lives in Perry  
4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer all but one Tour of one month I was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was with Colonel Lytle's Regiment of Infantry General Greene & the regiments as in my declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge by my Captain but it has long since been lost the Captain that gave made the discharge was Brumfield

7<sup>th</sup> 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 their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Nat. Dickerson & Alx Farlaneson & Divers others

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]