

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Webb S35113

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State of Tennessee, Overton County: September 18th 1818

This day before me, Parry W. Humphreys, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee, now presiding in said County came Moses Webb in the 63rd year of his age an inhabitant of said County who being first by me duly sworn to declare & state the truth & nothing but the truth concerning his service in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war with a view to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war": declares & saith that when he was a youth about 14 or 15 years of age he enlisted as a drummer with Captain Nagle in the town of Reading in the State of Pennsylvania for the term of 18 months & was engaged with the recruiting service. Captain Nagle commanded a company of Regulars on Continental establishment but to what Regiment he does not remember. He served the term of 18 months with him in the recruiting service, part of the time & during the space of his 18 months service he was in the battle of Germantown & had his drum shot to pieces & he had been five months in service before that he was in what was called the flying camp at the battle of the White Plains a drummer also. Sometime after his service had expired he removed to Holston [River] in North Carolina now the eastern part of Tennessee. He joined Colonel Shelby's [Isaac Shelby's] troops & was at the battle of King's Mountain. Afterwards he went with Shelby to the state of South Carolina & with Captain McKelvey [Robert McKelvey] who resided at the Eutaw Springs he enlisted for one year. McKelvey commanded a troop of horse in Colonel Mayham's [sic, Hezekiah Maham's] Regiment of Cavalry. What has become of his discharges he does not know having taken no notice of them.

The foregoing was taken before me the day & date above written.

S/ P. W. Humphreys, Judge &c.

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State of Kentucky, Cumberland County

On this being the ninth day of October 1820 in the first day of the October County Court, it being a Court of record for the County & state aforesaid, Moses Webb, aged 64 years, resident in Cumberland County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows and he makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by

the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 in the 1st of May 1820. That he, the said Moses Webb, enlisted for the term of one year on the ___ day of November in the year 1781 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain ___ McKelvey in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Maham in the line of the state of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued serving as Sergeant in the said corps or service until the ___ day of November 1782 when he was discharged from said service of the United States in ___ County in the state of South Carolina. That he served under Captain George Nogle [sic, George Nagle] of the Pennsylvania line as a recruiting drummer for the term of 18 months prior to the entering the service in the state of South Carolina in the year 1781 -- and this declarant does not recollect the time -- and that he was honorably discharged by Captain Nogle in the year 1777 and that his discharges from the officers of the lines of Carolina & Pennsylvania were last in the state of Pennsylvania at his father's many years ago; that he was in the battles of Germantown, Santee in South Carolina, at Simmermen's [sic] in South Carolina and Hazewell point [Haddrell's Point?] near Charleston in South Carolina, at White Plains & King's bridge & many other small engagements not recollected & too tedious to mention and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with the intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818" and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One rifle gun & shot pouch worth \$25
and mare, saddle (old)
necessary bedding & clothing excepted.

S/Moses Webb

The declarant is advanced in life, unable to support himself from his own labor & frequently disqualified to do any sort of service or labor from age & infirmity -- his wife has been dead near four years past, he has a widow daughter with two small infant children to wit, Hannah Sevier my daughter & a widow & her two children named Washington & Moses first about four years old & the latter about two years old, and the declarant has four sons to wit, John Webb aged about 19 years, Benjamin aged about 14 years, Mary Webb aged 12 years and Washington Web aged and near 7 years -- and they now live in this County with sundry persons for their victuals & clothes. This Declarant again states that he has one other child named Moses Webb aged about 14 years and a resident of Cumberland County and that the date of his first declaration is the 16 day of September 1818 -- and which will accompany this declaration & schedule taken in pursuance of the act of Congress passed the first of May 1820 -- This declaration and schedule sworn to and declared in the day & year first mentioned in this Declaration --

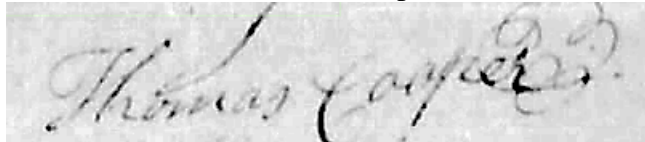
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State of Tennessee: Overton County March the 4th 1821 this Day came Thomas Cooper¹ of said County Before me Amos Richardson one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that sometime in the month of November in the year 1781 Moses Webb who had come out of North Carolina on a tour of duty under the command of Colonel Isaac Shelby and out of his Regiment enlisted in a Regiment of light Dragoons (~~for the term of one year~~) belonging to the State of South Carolina commanded by Colonel Hezekiah Maham that the said web enlisted for the term of one year and served as a Sergeant in the 3rd troop commanded by Captain McKelvy.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this day and date above written

S/ Amos Richardson, JP

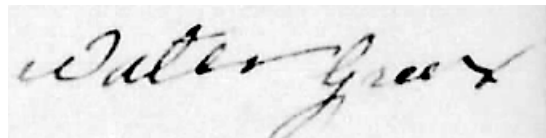
S/ Thomas Cooper



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State of Tennessee Overton County: Be it remembered that on this 17th day of March 1821 Personally came Walter Greer² a Respectable citizen of said County before me Joseph Bates one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after being lawfully sworn as the law directs Deposeth and saith that Moses Webb did enlist in the year 1780 in the United States service in South Carolina in the month of November out of Colonel Isaac Shelby's Regiment into Colonel Hezekiah Maham's Regiment of Light Dragoons in the State Carolina and that the said Webb enlisted for the term of one year. I also have a perfect recollection of seeing said Webb in the service some time after he enlisted and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above written.

S/ Walter Greer



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Danville 7th of February 1821

Sir,

I received your note of the 29th ultimo full answer to which I state, that I recollect you well, and that you did enlist in Colonel Mayam's [sic] Regiment of South Carolina Dragoons. About the first of December 1781 -- As I left the Army shortly afterwards to make preparations for coming to Kentucky, I have no knowledge how long you continued in the service.

I address you by the hand of another person, being unable to make any use of my right hand.

I am Sir very respectfully, your most obedient servant

S/ Isaac Shelby

¹ FPA S21128

² [Walter Greer S3415](#)

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Isaac Shelby

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Set

On this 21st day of October 1828 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the Cumberland Circuit holden at the Court house in the Town of Burksville in the County and State aforesaid) Moses Webb aged sixty-nine years resident in said County being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820, that he the said Moses Webb enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of __ in the year 1777, the day nor month he does not now recollect but feels very confident & would state that his present recollection that it was in the latter part of the summer or fall of said year in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain George McCormack in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the fall or summer of the year 1779 -- when he was discharged from the service at Headquarters in the State of Pennsylvania. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the pension roll of any State -- and he deems it

unnecessary here to assign reasons for not making an earlier application for he presumes that upon an examination of the papers on file in the Pension Office it will be discovered that he made an application in the year 1819 for services in the Revolutionary Army in Captain McKelby [sic] Company in Colonel Mayham's [sic] Regiment under General Greene in the southern quarters of the Continental -- not knowing at that time a single Officer or soldier who could testify as to the services on which he now relies -- but was then enabled to procure the testimony of some persons who can testify as to his having been in the service but could not been satisfactorily show that he or his officers under whom he served along to the Continental line -- consequently he his claim was rejected -- he then believed that all the officers and soldiers with whom he was acquainted and who knew of his services in the 13th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line were dead -- but having met with John Emerson³ who was an officer in said Regiment & not long since removed from Greenburgh to this County -- they were enabled to recognize each other -- as 2 of the few survivors who belonged to the Revolutionary Army and in the same Regiment he was therefore induced to renew his application founded upon those services rendered previous to the year 1780 -- and relinquish his former claims --

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed -- To wit -- a few working tools -- not worth more than about \$5.

S/ Moses Webb

A Schedule of the estate of Moses Webb an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & pursuant to the requisitions of the act of May 1820 --

To wit --	one broad ax	\$1.00
	one following ax	— .12 ½
	two planes	— .12 ½
	two chisels	
	one Agger [auger?]	
	pair Crompans [?]	

all of the value of \$5.00 and no more

He the said Webb is a Rough Carpenter and very old and infirm and has no family residing with him --

S/ Moses Webb

[f p. 8: on October 6, 1832 in Morgan County Illinois, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Illinois agency stating that his reasons for removing to Illinois "his desire to reside amongst his children."

³ FPA W8694I may well have missed it, but I didn't see a separate supporting affidavit given by John Emerson in support of Moses Webb's application.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Moses Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The name "Moses" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Kelly".

Moses Kelly]

[Veteran pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 21, 1828 for 2 years service as a private in the Virginia line.]