

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach Weaver S3517

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this ___day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Shadrach Weaver a resident of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee aged sixty-six 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 stated. That about the age of fifteen in the State of North Carolina Chatham County he entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain Alexander Clark and Lieutenant John Christian Militia officers rendezvoused at Chatham Court-house and from there marched towards Hillsboro at Douglasses Ferry on Haw River joined General Butler's [John Butler's] troops from there marched to Lindley's mill¹ on Cain Creek where Applicant recollects well the United States Army met with the Tories and a battle was fought and that he was in the main engagement when one of his acquaintances fell near him a man by the name of Richard Warthing he also recollects well that Colonel Litteral [sic, John Luttrell] and Major John Nall were both killed and many more some of which he knew and some he did not know -- From the battle ground they marched to Cross Creek Cumberland County, then to the Raft Swamp where there was some skirmishes -- Applicant recollects of Colonel Robert Maybourn [sic, Robert Mebane] being with the troops and was said to be a regular officer. Also Colonel Gholston² and Major Roger Griffin Militia officers he cannot recollect the number of the Regiments but recollects from there he was marched a secure this route back to Cross Creek for the purpose of guarding that place and to procure provisions for the Main Army and sent down Cape Fear River -- and at that place Applicant was stationed until his term of Service expired and received his discharge signed by Captain Alex. Clark for a three months tour, which discharge he carried home to his Father's. Shortly after applicant returned home he again entered the service in the State troops as a Substitute for a certain Elisha Cain under Captain Samuel Jones, Rendezvous in Franklin County North Carolina at Durham Hall's Major Bennett Crafton [also spelled Bennett Crofton] commanded after being stationed there for some considerable time under this discipline, they marched to Harrisburg in Granville County NC from there to Hillsboro Orange County NC

¹ September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

² Probably Charles Goldston or Gholson.

where Major Nicholas Long took the command where we lay some time when and where the said Elisha Cain, for home he had substituted and according to their first contract, procured another Substitute and Applicant was discharged for a tour of three months and nine days his discharge was signed by Major Nicholas Long, which discharge he carried and for several years had together with his former discharge, his Father's house being accidentally burned and both were consumed. Applicant has no certain knowledge of any person now living by whom he could prove the whole of the above declaration one man he has procured viz. William Lawhorn³ who saw him and was well acquainted with him while in the first tour his certificate will be hereunto annexed neither can he recollect the dates having no learning and never procured any documents to refresh his memory. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

S/ Shadrach Weaver, X his mark

[Shadrach Mustain, a clergyman, and John Vincent gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Chatham County North Carolina 2nd August A.D. 1766

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. It is standing now in my family Bible

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

Ans. I was living in Chatham County North Carolina when called into service and lived in that County until about seven years ago I moved to the State of Tennessee Maury County where I am now living

Q 4th 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 volunteered the first three months tour and was a Substitute the second tour of three months and nine days for Elisha Cain

Q 5th 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. Colonel Robert Mebane was with the troops Colonel Taylor was with the troops Colonel Mebane was said to be a regular officer the particular Regiments I do not recollect Some of the general circumstances was the Tories had taken the Governor of North Carolina and had him Prisoner and our troops was promiscuously [?] raised to pursue them --

Q 6th 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 21 for 3 months and the other for 3 months and 9 days the former signed by Captain Alex. Clark the latter by Major Nicholas Long and they were both burned in my Father's house.

Q 7th 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. John W. [illegible last name, looks like "Record"] Esquire, Jonathan Smith, John Tilman, Gideon Harriss

³ [William Lawhorn S4506](#)

I William Lawhorn a Resident of the State & County aforesaid do certify that I was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and in a tour from the upper parts of North Carolina towards Wilmington under the command of General Butler I saw Shadrach Weaver the man who made and subscribed to the above declaration in actual service in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Clark and being acquainted with him before we met in the service occasionally saw him during the tour and have been acquainted with him ever since. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Lawhorn, X his mark

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.95 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months and 9 days service in the North Carolina militia.]