

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Webster S3518

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State of Kentucky Washington County: Sct.

On this 28th day of August 1833 personally appeared before Andrew Cunningham a Justice of the peace in & for said County, William Webster aged sixty-nine years a resident of said County & State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That on the first of August 1840 this affiant was drafted for two months as a private soldier, whilst a resident citizen of Amherst County Virginia, that he went into the service under Captain Ambrous Rucker [Ambrose Rucker], a militia officer, that he was in the service for two months and 23 days, when he was discharged by his Captain which he has lost or mislaid, that from old age he cannot recollect the colonel's name.

That in the month of December he thinks one week before Christmas of 1780 he was again drafted for three months, that he entered the service under Captain William Tucker Lieutenant Joseph Tucker & Ensign William Stuart, the name of the Colonel not recollected because of old age & loss of memory, that during this Tour of duty he was marched from Amherst County Virginia where he was drafted, to Richmond to Williams Burgh [Williamsburg] to Little York & Hamton [Hampton] that his time of three months expired when at Hampton that he through the solicitation of his Captain remained in service one month more and 29 days, that when said three months and the aforesaid one month & 29 days had expired, he was from the service discharged, by Captain Tucker, by a writing which he has lost long since, that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove the aforesaid service nor does he know of a living witness by whom the aforesaid service could be proved, he further states that he is unable to ride conveniently to the Court house and therefore makes this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension but the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the Union or any agency thereof, Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Webster



Questions which are prescribed by the War Department, to be put to have been put to the applicant to which he has given the following answers –

Ans. I was born in the year 1764 and the State of Virginia Amherst County

Ans. I have no record of my age he speaks from information

Ans. At the time I was called into service I lived in Amherst County Virginia. I afterwards went to North Carolina, I came to Kentucky in 1788 or 1790 within 10 miles of my present residence.

Ans. When called into the service I was drafted, I staid in the capacity of volunteer for upwards of a month at the last tour I served –

Ans. I know of no regular officers or regiments, because of old age & the calls there were few or none where I was

Ans. I received a discharge for my duty each Tour but have lost the same, each discharge was given by my Captains

I state as persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood & who can speak of my veracity Daniel Crump, & John Little

[Daniel Crump & John Little gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 22 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]