

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Weese S39121

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District of Washington SS.

On this 30th day of August 1824 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Circuit Court of Law & Equity of record for Greene County within the state of Tennessee Michael Weese aged seventy two, a resident citizen of s'd County & State who being first duly sworn deposed & stated, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, towit in the spring of the year 1776 in the County of what was then Hampshire Virginia [now Hardy County WV] on the South Branch of Potomack [sic: Potomac River] he enlisted into the continental service of the United States under Captain Abel Westfall of the eighth regiment of the Virginia line, then commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Lee, of which Mullenberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was the Colonel, after which enlistment which was for two years he was taken into service, and marched to Suffolk, then to Norfolk [sic: Norfolk], then was marched to the southward, Hallifax [sic: Halifax] North Carolina, thence to Charleston S Carolina [sic: Charleston SC], and was before his discharge again returned to the North, where he received his discharge from his s'd Captain [Robert] Higgins, having faithfully served out his two years & was in the following engagements towit between Suffolk & Norfolk he was in an engagement, again at the seige near Charleston [sic: at Breach Inlet during the Battle of Sullivans Island, 28-29 June 1776], at Hatterals point [sic: Haddrell Point near Charleston SC during the Sullivans Island campaign], Fort Moutery [sic: Fort Sullivan, later named Fort Moultrie on Sullivans Island] & served small engagements - which discharge he kept for many years, until by casualty he lost the same

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 intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 or its subsequent amendments 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, & by me subscribed, towit -

2 head of horses, horse \$30, mare 25	\$55.00
2 cows & two calves, & 2 small steers[?] -	
cows \$8 each, calves \$2 each, small ones 5 each	34.00
2 head sheep & lamb	5.00
fifteen head of sows shoats & pigs	15.00
1 oven & skillet (oven one gallon, skillet 3 pints)	1.00
3 knives, 3 forks & one butcher knife	0.50
4 delph plates & 1 pewter dish	<u>1.50</u>
	\$112.

Sworn to & declared in open Court this the 31st of August 1824 [signed] Mcl Weese
that he has a wife & six children all young the youngest at the breast, & gradually rising. all
incapable of supporting themselves, but being a dead weight on his hands.

Sworn to & subscribed this date before

[signed] Michael Weese

State of Tennessee }
Green County }

On this 26th day of April 1825 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record the subscriber Michael Weese who formerly made out a declaration to obtain the several provisions of the acts of Congress for those who were engaged in the land & navel service of the United States during the Revolutionary War & made oath, that the schedule attached to his original application contains a true account of all the property he had at the time of making the same, as also all that he was possessed of since the 18th of March 1818 except such articles of stock as he was necessitated to kill & use in the sustenance of his family, that he has neither

bought nor sold so as to be enabled to give any statement on that subject. he further states that he would have applied for a pension at an earlier period but from the difficulties in obtaining the same and his ignorance of the manner of obtaining the provisions of the acts of Congress, as also his aversion to apply for the charity of the Government whilst able to support himself.
Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above written [signed] Michael Weese

NOTE: On 11 May 1839 Elisa Weese assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension due to her husband from the last scheduled payment on 4 Mar 1829 to the date of his death on 20 Apr 1829, and to obtain any other pension that would have been due for her late husband's services.