

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Webb S42059

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State of North Carolina Craven County} Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1826

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1826 personally appeared in open Court (the said Court being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having power to fine and imprison), Joshua Webb, aged Seventy two years, who 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Joshua Webb enlisted for the term of three years on the twentieth day of May in the year 1777 at the town of Newburn [New Bern] in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Fenner [William Fenner] in the Second Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Patten<sup>2</sup> in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps and was transferred to the company commanded by Captain Thomas Armstrong until he was taken prisoner at the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], and detained by the enemy until after the Peace when he was landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia. That he was in the battles of Monmouth (June 28, 1778), the Storming of Stoney Point [July 16, 1779], & fought at West Point – That he has no other evidence of his services now in his power, except the Certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina from the Muster Rules of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war hereto annexed and the affidavit of Thomas Taunt also annexed, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 – and that I am a Native of the town of Newburn in the County of Craven and State of North Carolina, and that I have not since 18 March 1818 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 – And that I have not nor has any person for me in trust any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income or property (wearing apparel excepted) upon earth[?]. He has no wife nor child. He has no trade but a labourer – he has been afflicted for years with Asthma, which has lately increased in the

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<sup>1</sup> This file is erroneously posted on Fold 3.com under Rhode Island veterans. I found it on Ancestry.com

<sup>2</sup> In May 1777, the 2nd regiment of North Carolina Continental line was commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin. John Patten was then a Lieutenant Colonel in said Regiment but was promoted when Martin resigned.

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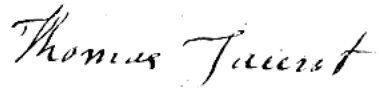
Sworn to October 27<sup>th</sup>

1826 in open Court

S/ Joshua Webb, X his mark

Thomas Taunt<sup>3</sup> of Craven County maketh Oath that he is acquainted with Joshua Webb the petitioner for a pension – that he knows said Webb was a Soldier in the North Carolina line, on the Continental Establishment of the Revolutionary War – deponent served with said Webb in Captain Fenner’s Company in the Second Regiment, and knows he was transferred into the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Armstrong – deponent knows Webb was taken prisoner at Charleston

S/ Thomas Taunt



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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify, that it appears from the Musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that Joshua Webb a private soldier in Captain Fenner’s Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment enlisted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1777 for the term of three years, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. – Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1826

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Craven County} SS

Before me John R Donnell one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity of the State of North Carolina, which said Court is a Court of Record, Personally appeared Joshua Webb of the town of Newburn who being duly sworn, makes the following Supplemental declaration to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 – Deponent declares that he has no trade, but has lived by his labour as a Gardener and had no tools or implements but a hoe, a spade and a rake, that by his labour he maintained himself, but acquired no property; That he resided in the neighborhood and in the City of Philadelphia. The increasing severity of a disease (Asthma) with which he has been for years afflicted, induced him to think of seeking a pension. He has no property to dispose of and walked from the City of Philadelphia to the town of Newburn, North Carolina in the months of June, July and August last where he hoped to find means of establishing his claim. He did not make his application for a pension earlier, because his health & strength enabled him to maintain himself until lately – and because without returning to North Carolina, he could not as he believed & as he still believes he could not, make the proper proof of his services. Since his return to North Carolina, he finds nearly all who served with him have died. At the time of his making his first declaration Thomas Taunt who deposed for him, (himself a Pensioner) was the only person he could conveniently procure to attend the Court. Since the Court he has heard of several whose depositions he can

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<sup>3</sup> [Thomas Taunt S42036](#)

obtain but the delay with him is almost equal to a denial of relief. John Anderson<sup>4</sup> of Pitt County, a man of high respectability and above the necessity of asking assistance, has written deponent that he can prove the fidelity of his services: and James Jones of Carteret County, also a pensioner, has also writ him the same message

S/ Joshua Webb, X his mark

Sworn to before me John R. Donnell one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for the State of North Carolina this 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1826

S/ J. R. Donnel

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1826, for service for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the same man as [John Anderson S6511](#) who was a resident of Pitt County and a veteran of the 5th regiment of the North Carolina line.