

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Webb S42062

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District of North Carolina

On this 13th day of September 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said district, personally appeared James Webb aged sixty-eight years or thereabout, resident in the said district, but in no particular County, being obliged to wander from place to place, to support himself by manual labor, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said James Webb, in or about April 1778, enlisted in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Bradley, of the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, for the term of 9 months; that he was marched to Petersburg Virginia, the place of rendezvous, where the company was mustered, and where the term of service commenced, which was in or about July 1778; that he continued to serve in the same company & service until the end of his said enlistment, to wit, nine months from the time he was mustered as aforesaid, when he was discharged from service in Halifax in the State of North Carolina; which discharge was afterwards consumed in the burning of his house; that he was in no battles; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

After making this declaration the applicant informed the that he had declared before Judge Murphy -- that the proceedings had been sent on to the War Department & that he had had no returned; but that the proceedings were erroneous & therefore he expected nothing from them.

S/ H. Potter

28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1819

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: This day personally appeared before me Archibald D. Murphy one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for the State of North Carolina James Webb (now of Cumberland County) a private Soldier of the Continental Army of

the revolutionary War of the United States, who wishes to be enrolled on the pension list of the United States and paid as other Pensioners of the State of North Carolina. After being sworn according to law deposed and saith that he the deponent was Drafted from the last militia in April 1778 to fill up the North Carolina Regiment for a 9 month Tour of Service & was attached to Captain Geeheu [?] Bradley's [sic, Gee Bradley's] Company at Petersburg Virginia in the month of July 1778 and marched from there under Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] of the 2nd North Carolina Regiment to the White Plains to join General Washington but did not join the General until he deponent arrived at West Point in the State of New York. This deponent further saith that he did continue in the Service in the said company & Regiment until he deponent was honorably discharged in the month of May 1779 and that the most part of the time this deponent Service as a fifer of said Company. This deponent further saith that he received an honorable discharge from the Service, which said discharge has been lost by unavoidable accident of fire which burned his house. This deponent further saith that his deponent's circumstances are so reduced and he is sixty-eight years old and so infirm as ~~to~~[indecipherable word, looks like "imperiously" or "imperviously"] to call on his Country the United States for Support in the decline of his life. Further the deponent saith not.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me

S/ Archibald D. Murphy, Judge

Fayetteville the 28th of April 1819

S/ James Webb, X his mark

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State of North Carolina in Johnston County: At a Superior Court of law and equity held for the County of Johnston present the Honorable John Joseph Daniel at the courthouse in Smithfield personally appeared in open court on the 27 day of September 1820 James Webb aged about sixty-nine years a resident of said County and State who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary wars, that he was enlisted into the regular service of the United States in April the year 1778 for nine months at Spikes in Dobbs County in this State and served in Captain Gee Bradley's company in Colonel Hogans Regiment in the 10th Regiment North Carolina Continental line and was regularly discharged in May 1779 at Halifax in this State that he was in no battle whilst in the regular service but whilst in the militia service he fought at the battle of moors Creek<sup>1</sup> under the command [of] Colonel Caswell and that he hath received a certificate of pension No. 15745 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 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 which is one Dutch oven and a broken skillet one tin basin one tin cup 6 Chunk bottles one small jug & one tin funnel. I am a farmer by occupation and from bodily infirmity and ill able to do anything at it I have no family residing with me but my wife which is about my age. I have a claim to a piece of land of 38 acres worth one dollar per acre for which I have brought a suit at law, and which is now depending [sic] -- Sworn to in open Court

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<sup>1</sup> This appears to be a reference to the action at Moore's Creek Bridge. If this is a reference to the Moore's Creek action, it occurred on February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

[illegible signature]

S/ James Webb, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

This 9th Day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County of Cumberland) State aforesaid James Webb -- aged seventy years, resident in this County, but formerly of Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] in the State aforesaid -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath declare, That he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows -- enlisted in Captain G. Bradley's Company, sometime in April 1778, of the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogan of the North Carolina line -- & was discharged in said Regiment then at Halifax N. C. sometime in May 1779. -- (date of original declaration not recollected). That he was in at the Battle of Moore Creek or Bridge & that he has no other way of proving it except as above --

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 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Schedule of Real & personal Property

Viz.

38 Acres of poor land, for which I am at Law [?]	
& if obtained, is worth say	\$38.00
one Dutch oven (lid broken)	1.00
one tin bason	.20
one tin cup pt 1/      ½ Doz. bottles 6/	.70
one small Jug 2/      1 Tea or Coffee pot 2/6	.45
5 bbs—corn valued at \$2.50	<u>12.50</u>
	\$52.85

The above is the full amount of my real and property, subject to some debts, to the amount of \$15 which I owe.

The deponent James Webb, has been a farmer & laboring man; -- but now, from old age & debility unable to follow those occupations -- he has no permanent home -- but works about from house to house for his victuals. He has 3 sons named Abarida<sup>2</sup> aged 43 years, Redding aged 35 & Josiah aged 27 years all of which in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to contribute to his support -- & one Daughter named Polly aged 25 years who is in the like indigent circumstances, -- & the said James Webb is an illiterate man & speaks altogether from memory -- having had the misfortune to lose his papers when his house was burnt some years ago.

Sworn to & declared on the day, month & year aforesaid before the Court aforesaid while in session.

[Attested by John Armstrong, Clerk]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said court -- on

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as "Varida" or "Narida."

the 9th day of March 1821

S/ James Webb, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 23rd November 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State, that James Webb a private in Captain Bradley's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of July 1778 for 9 months, but nothing is said of the length of time he actually served, or when discharged.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Personally appeared before me (Hughes Smith one of the Justices of the peace for said County) Able Moore [sic] of said County & State and made oath that he was personally acquainted with James Web [sic] at the time he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental service of the United States during the revolutionary war and that he well remembers that he saw said James Web discharge which was an honorable one and also that his brother-in-law served with him who told him that said web did serve a faithful tour all which circumstances fully convinces him the said Able Moore that the said James Web did serve a faithful tour as stated in his discharge the said Able more further maketh oath that he is at this time well acquainted with the present situation of James Web and that he is in very reduced circumstances.

Sworn & subscribed to before made this 22nd of September 1819

S/ Hugh Smith JP

S/ Abel Moore

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 13, 1819 for 9 months service in the North Carolina Continental line.]