

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Weston S7858

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State of North Carolina Hertford County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting James Weston a resident of Hertford County State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth make his oath to the following declaration to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he is aged about seventy-three years and he entered the service about the year of 1781 as a private and as a substitute for Benjamin Sessoms, under Captain Thomas Gregory, Regiment commanded by Colonel Dozier and by Colonel Blount North Carolina militia. He entered as aforesaid in Hertford County North Carolina, the service of said State under the officers as aforesaid for a tour of three months. He marched with his company down through the counties of Gates, Perquimans, Camden to the North West River Bridge in Currituck County North Carolina where he remained until his term was out when his discharge was given him signed by General William Gregory who commanded the troops rendezvoused at that place.

This applicant further maketh oath that he was some time during the same year a substitute for William Best of Hertford County North Carolina a private in Captain ~~Taylor~~ Joe Yeates Company for the term of 3 months. He again went to North West River Bridge, where he served his term of service & his discharge was given him signed by General William Gregory the commanding officer. When his term of service expired he was drafted this then another three months tour, which he did at the same place. During this time the applicant remembers an attack which the Americans received at this place from a party of British Cavalry from the Great Bridge in Virginia. The militia under General Gregory & Colonel Dozier were surprised, but the British were not strong enough to actain [attain] the place. After his term expired he was discharged, his discharge was signed as before by General Gregory, which discharges he has mislaid or lost. This applicant volunteered for the term of three months a private in the course of the next year (1781) under Captain Abner Perry of Hertford County North Carolina under the general orders of General Washington encouraging volunteer corps to be raised against the British & Tories: He marched in this company through Northampton, Halifax, Warren &c to Cross Creek the place where Fayetteville now is; to contend with Scotch Tories -- after staying here several months the news of the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown arrived & we were discharged. He has no documentary evidence that can avail him anything in his application, but conceives the testimony

of Henry Best, and Nathaniel Saunders<sup>1</sup> to the material for him, which he here with submits.

He hereby relinquishes every claim except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed date aforesaid.

Test

S/ James Weston, X his mark

[Amos Raynor, a clergyman, resident of Bertie [County] & John Vann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Here the Court propounded the interrogatories the applicant hamstring on oath to the question 1<sup>st</sup> he says

1<sup>st</sup> in Hertford County North Carolina in the year 1759 as I

2nd I have not -- there was a record but is lost

3rd I was living in Hertford County, where I live now & where I lived (with exception of a short absence) ever since

4. I was a substitute in the first tour of 3 months for Benjamin Sessoms, and the 2nd tour I was a substitute for William Guest, and 3rd tour I was drafted as a private & 4th tour I was a volunteer.

5. General William Gregory, Colonel Dozier, Colonel Blount

6. I have received a discharge in tours which I served at North West River Bridge under Colonel Dozier, which were given by General William Gregory but which I have lost -- for the last tour I had no discharge -- we were dismissed by our Captain until further orders.

7. John Vann Esquire Chama of our County Court, Lewis M Cowper Esquire Clerk of the same, R P Cowper Esquire Sheriff of our County Doctor Thomas V. Roberts member of our General Assembly.

The testimony of Henry Best & Nathaniel Sanders [sic] are enclosed marked A.

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(in the matter of James Weston)

The testimony of Henry Best<sup>2</sup> a resident of Hertford County North Carolina sworn to open Court the 27th day 1832 before the Worshipful Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, who been duly sworn saith that he is about 70 years of age, that sometime during the year 1781 that he knows James Weston the present applicant & he well recollects that James Weston of Hertford County was a private soldier in Captain Abner Perry's Company that he marched with this deponent to Cross Creek where Fayetteville now is, the troops were commanded by Major Hogg -- he knows that Mr. Weston was in the service for the space of three months -- but how much longer he cannot say. They were discharged at Fayetteville, by their officer --

Sworn to in open Court date aforesaid.

S/ Henry Best

The testimony of Waring Williams<sup>3</sup> a resident of Hertford County North Carolina sworn to in open court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions the 27th day 1832 that he knows James Weston the present applicant and he well recollects that James Weston was in the service in 1780 or '81 a private soldier and Captain Joe Yeates Company Regiment commanded by Colonel Dozier, & Colonel Blount; that he marched with this deponent from Winton, Hertford County North

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S7444. Despite the reference to the testimony of Nathaniel Saunders, I found no such testimony in this file.

<sup>2</sup> No veteran by this name filed for a federal pension based on service in the Revolution. This may be the only record of this veteran service in the revolution.

<sup>3</sup> [Waring Williams S7946](#)

Carolina to North West River Bridge in Currituck County on the Virginia line, & that said West and served three months or more.

Sworn to in open Court

S. War. Williams, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year service as a private from 1780 in the North Carolina militia.]