

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Weathers (Wethers) ¹ W25935 Sarah Weathers f70SC
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State of Georgia County of Newton } On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Valentine Wethers a resident of Covington in the County of Newton and State of Georgia, aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit in Captain William McKenzie Company in Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] Regiment & in General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Brigade, that deponent entered the service in the year 1781 months & day of the month of said year the deponent does not now recollect that the deponent left the service in the month of May 1782 having served the space of 10 months, that deponent resided in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service, as an enlisted soldier called one of the State Troops of South Carolina, that deponent was at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], and Orangeburg [May 11, 1781] and was engaged in the said battles -- that deponent marched from what is now called York District South Carolina through the intervening Country to Eutaw Springs and Orangeburg, that deponent marched some of the time in company with the Troops under General Marion [Francis Marion], that deponent was acquainted with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], deponent was also acquainted with Colonel William Washington and Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Horse, deponent thinks Colonel Lee's name was Henry, deponent was born in Stafford County in the Northern neck of Virginia on the 3rd day of Marched 1765, that deponent has no record of his age, there was a record but when deponent saw the said record last the same was in North Carolina, deponent has lived in South Carolina & Georgia since the revolutionary war, the most of the time in Georgia, that deponent received a discharge at a place called New Market from Major Bluford [William Buford] of Colonel Hill's Regiment that said discharge has been lost for many years, that deponent has no means of proving his service that he now has a knowledge of, only the testimony of one John Hufman & one John Clark² the said Clark was adjutant to the Regiment the first named of Lincoln County North Carolina, the last named of York District South Carolina whose affidavit & certificate is hereto attached, (only by his declaration) that deponent's name, may be found on record at Seat of Government and South Carolina. That deponent afterward entered the service in North

¹ BLWt36818-160-55

² Possibly a reference to [John Clarke SC1371](#)

Carolina for 3 months as a volunteer, in Captain Wilson's Company under General McDowell [Charles McDowell] -- that said deponent marched from Lincoln County North Carolina in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians, that he served out the said tour, was discharged at a place called the Pleasant Gardens near the head of the Catawba River, that said deponent received a written discharge from Captain Wilson which said discharge has long since been lost or destroyed, deponent says that the said last mentioned service began in September or October 1782. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of South Carolina & North Carolina.

Sworn to, & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ McCormick Neal, JIC

S/ Valentine Wethers, X his mark

[Howard Pattillo, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally came John Hufman before me Isaac Holland one of the acting Justices of the Peace of said County and made oath according to law & on his oath saith that he was in the ten months Service in the State of South Carolina in General Sumter's brigade in the year 1781 & 1782, then called the State Troops of South Carolina that Valentine Weathers served in the same brigade his ten months Service against the British forces that we were discharged in the month of May 1782 at a place called New Market that said Weathers served in Colonel Hill's Regiment & Captain William McKenzie's Company. Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of November A.D. 1827 before me

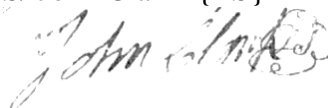
S/ I. Holland, JP

S/ John Hufman³



I John Clark of York District South Carolina do hereby certify that I acted as Adjutant in the above named Service at the time & during the time said Valentine Weathers served his ten months Service & was acquainted with him & do hereby certify that he (Weathers) did serve as stated in the above Hufman's probit [sic?]. Given under my hand & seal this 12th of November 1827

S/ John Clark⁴ {LS}



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day Elisha Wethers personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for and in said County and made oath in due form

³ I cannot find a veteran by this name who claimed service in the 10 months service of South Carolina who filed for a federal pension for his services. Consequently, this may be the only record of this man's service.

⁴ Doctor Bobby Gilmer Moss lists in his *SC Roster* a man by this name as serving as adjutant under Sumter but does not indicate that he filed for a federal pension.

of law that he was well acquainted with and lived in the same house with Valentine Wethers in the above County of Lincoln during the time of the revolutionary war who he believes to be aged sixty-nine years and that the said Valentine Wethers enlisted for the Ten Months Service in the South Carolina State Troops & General Sumter's Brigade and thinks Nathaniel Martin was his Captain and has reason to believe & does believe he served his time out faithfully & was legally discharged, that he enlisted in this County or early in the spring of 1781 under Captain McKenzie he thinks a recruiting officer and further saith that sometime in the year following 1782 the aforesaid Valentine Wethers volunteered a 3 months tour (as he believes) against the Cherokee Indians and believes he served the three months fully and discharged that the said Valentine Wethers removed from this County long since, and has resided many years in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of June A.D. 1832
S/ And. Hoyl, JP

S/ Elisha Weathers



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: I Andrew Hoyl one of the Justices for said County do hereby Certify that a Mr. John Hufman of said County made oath on the holy Bible deposeseth & saith on oath that he the said John Hufman enlisted in the ten months Service of the South Carolina State Troops and that he served under General Sumter during the Revolution and this Deponent further saith that he was well acquainted with Mr. Valentine Weathers formerly of the aforesaid County & State & who is now residing in the State of Georgia as he understands & believes and that he believes that the said Weathers also Enlisted in the ten months Service of the South Carolina State Troops also served under General Sumter and this same Brigade and that he the said Valentine to his knowledge served out his time and was legally Discharged at New Market near Columbia South Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 3rd day of September 1831

S/ And. Hoyl, JP

S/ John Hufman

[p 72: on June 4th, 1833 in Lincoln County North Carolina Andrew Hoyl, JP, testified in that he was acquainted with John Hufman since the revolutionary war; that he has lived a near neighbor to said Hufman; that said Hufman gave a deposition on September 3, 1831 in favor of Valentine Weathers; that said Hufman is a man of strict veracity and that he died September last.]

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Georgia, Fayette County

Personally came before me Jesse Ward an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Samuel Houston who being duly sworn saith that he was in the service of the United States of America and in the State of South Carolina in General Sumter's Brigade in the year 1781 & 1782 then called the State Troops of South Carolina, that he the said Samuel Houston served in Captain Nealey's Company and says on his oath that Valentine Weathers served in the same Brigade in Colonel Hill's Regiment and Captain William McKenzie's Company and that as

well as I now recollect and believe that said Valentine Weathers served out his tour.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June 1833
S/ Jesse Ward, JP

S/ Saml. Houston⁵



[p 16: On October 26, 1855 in Newton County Georgia, Sarah Weathers, 49, a resident of Henry County Georgia, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Valentine Weathers; she states that she married him in 1831; that they were married by one Richard Lifest, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Rollins; that her husband died in Newton County Georgia February 16, 1852. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On January 24, 1856 in Newton County Georgia, Sarah Weathers, 48, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Valentine Weathers; a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him in 1831 and that her husband died February 16, 1852; that she is unable to appear in court by reason of bodily infirmities; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 13 months service in the revolution as a private.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁶ relating to Valentine Weathers	AA 13
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8293C	
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[p 2]
Petition of Valentine Weathers praying Compensation for Revolutionary Services
rejected
Claims
Postponed

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To the Honorable the Senate of the State of the State of South Carolina –
The Humble Petition of Valentine Weathers respectfully Sheweth that he enlisted in the year 1781 in the State ~~troops~~ of South Carolina in Colonel Hill's Regiment under Captain William McKenzie who was under the Command of General Sumpter and that he served ten months under said Command in the State Troops that he has lost the discharge he received on

⁵ [Samuel Houston W7810](#)

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

quitting the Service but refers to the affidavits accompanying his petition as to the best Evidence now in his power to produce: that he has never received any Compensation in no shape for his Services – having been informed and always acted under that Information, that the amount due him had been paid to a forged order, but that he has been recently informed that under the then Existing Regulations this Could not have taken place, inasmuch as no payments were made Except on the personal application of the Claimants that the bounty offered by the state Legislature to the said State troops was a horse & military Equipment, a Negro & one hundred acres of land for which indents were afterwards Issued but your petitioner is ignorant at what rate the services of the troops was Estimated. That your petitioner is old and in very indigent Circumstances & stands greatly in need of assistance from his Country under these Circumstances your petitioner humbly submits his Case to your Honorable body and Craves such Relief as in your Wisdom and discretion may deem it proper to Extend and that your Petitioner will ever pray

S/ Valentine Weathers, X his mark

Test

S/ Wm Brown

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Valentine Weathers praying compensation for Revolutionary Services beg leave respectfully to Report

That they have considered the same and Recommend that the Prayer thereof be not granted.

On examining the Records in the Comptrollers Office your Committee find that the Petitioner has been paid in full for the services for which he seeks compensation

S/ Jacob Axson, Chairman

[p 8: repeat of the above petition addressed to the SC Senate]

[p 10: copy of the affidavit dated November 12, 1827 of John Hufman transcribed above from page 19 of the veteran's federal pension application.]

[p 11: copy of the affidavit dated Nov. 12, 1827 of John Clark transcribed above from page 19 of the veteran's federal pension application.]