

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Seth Babb W327

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State of Tennessee Green County September Term 1832

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Cureuct[?] of Law and Equity now sitting, Seth Babb Sr. aged 72 years who being duty sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following decleration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the united States, that in the year 1781 the 4th day of September he was a Resadent of Frederick County Virginia and was drafted to go a six month Tour against Lord Cornwallaic [sic: Cornwallis] who was with his army in little York Virginia and enrolled in Frederick County Va. under Cap'n. Armstead [sic: Thomas Armistead] who was ordered up from litle York to collect the delinquents, this aplicant having been sick was unable to march, previous to the fourth of September 1781. he states that he and his mess mate John Saprel from Berkly [sic: Berkeley County] were ordered to march on to York and were not marched under any particular officer was marched through Shanandore [sic: Shenandoah County], Orange to gadsland [sic: probably Goochland] Courthouse, where we were informed the Company we were to have joined were marched to the Seige at York we then turned our course to little york and marched by way of Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] to little York where we joined the main army under the command was placed under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney who commanded the State Regiment, Cap'n Armstead. the names of the other officers not recollected. the seige had commenced [28 Sep] before he arived and continued ten days after he joined the army at that place before the capitulation took place [on 19 Oct]. during the whole of which there day and night there was a heavy cannonaiding without cesation with the exception of short intervals when the white flag would come out which was met by the American flag. and immediatly after the flag would return into the gate the cannon would again play upon the Britin Bateries. he states that he never had seen General Washington untill after the surrender of Lord Cornwallace when General Washington and Lord Cornwallace rode round the American encampmet to visit each Colonels Markee on the York side, that being the side [of York River] at which he this declarant was stationed at. he states that the company to which he belonged was then marched down to Norfolk and portsmouth to level the entrenchments and guard against refugees and tories. marched down to Hampton by land then took watter on the hampton road [Hampton Roads] and passed Norfolk to portsmouth and remained in that section of country untill about the 25th of December following. he states he does not recollect any officers names at that place but Sergent Readen. from there he was marched from there he was marched by way of Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] to Richmond where he was placed under the command of Frederick Woodson who was a Cap'n or Lieutenant of the Virginia State legion, where he was discharged by the s'd. Woodson after having served his six month Tour. he states that he was discharged on the seventh of march and enrolled the 4th of the September previous. he states that from the time he was enrolled until he returnd home was six months and about fifteen days – as it is as he believes near two hundred miles from Richmond where he was discharged to Winchester Virginia where he lived. he states that in examining among some wast papers, he discovered some small scraps of his discharge tho not in such a state that there could be any sense made out of it. he states that he is now a Resadent of Green County Tennessee and has been a resadent of s'd county for upwards of forty years. – he states he has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person whose testamony he can procure who can testify to his service. he states that there is no resadent menester of the gospel residing in his neighborhod He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity, except the present, and declairs, and declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

[signed] Seth Babb Senior

NOTES:

Seth Babb's declaration was certified by Phillip Babb and Thomas McAmis.

On 27 Mar 1844 Mary Babb, 82, applied for a pension stating that she married Seth Babb on 22 Jan 1791, and he died 26 Aug 1836. As proof of marriage she submitted the family register from her Bible, certified by her daughter Miss Nancy Babb and transcribed below. On 28 Mar 1845 Sarah Stonecypher, 79, deposed that she had seen Seth Babb leave his home in Green County with his sister on the way to marry Mary McClelan.

Seth Babb was Born February the 1st in the the of our Lord 1760

Mary McClelen was Born October the 7 in the year of our Lord 1762

Ezz Babb was born Oct the 2 in the year of our Lord 1791 Munday morning

Hiram Babb was Born March the 10th in the year of our Lord 1793 Sunday Morn

Ruth Babb was born August the 25th in the year of our Lord 1795 Munday Morning

Mary Babb was Born the 22nd of June 1797 Thursday Morning

Huldah Babb was Born the 28th of April in year of our lord 1799 Sunday Morning

Seth Babb Jun'r was Born the 4th of April 1801 good Saturday Mor

Rachel Babb was Born the 11th of March 1803 Saturday Morning

Rhody Babb was born the 4th of July 1805 Thursday Morning

Nancy Babb was born the 30th of March 1807 Ester Munday Morning

Seth Babb and his wife Mary McCleon was Mared in year of our Lord January 22nd 1791

Ezz Babb was marred March the 19th in the year of our Lord 1812

Hiram Babb was Mared September the 3rd in the year of our Lord 1816

Seth Babb Jur was Mared June 1 in the year of our Lord 1820

Mary Babb was Mared August the 22 in the year of our Lord 1820

Rhody Babb was mared September the [blank] in the year of our Lord 1829

Ruth Babb was Mared March the 23rd in the year of our Lord 1830