

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Austin Webb W3902
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[A image 170: images out of sequence as posted on Ancestry.com]
State of Georgia, County of Walton } SS

On this nineteenth day of November 1832 personally appeared before the honorable Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record Austin Webb, a resident of the County of Walton in the said State of Georgia aged Seventy-five years the 14th of February 1833 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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 that this deponent volunteered in the militia of the State of Georgia under Captain Joseph Nail about the first of February 1779 and served in Colonel Elijah Clark's Regiment from the State of Georgia under the following named officers, Colonel Elijah Clark, Major Smith who died soon after entering the service and who was succeeded by Major George Dooly, Captain Joseph Nail, first Lieutenant Thomas Johnson who died a short time after this deponent's entering the service he was succeeded by Joseph Nail Jr. to the Lieutenancy. The other Inferior officers not recollected as this declarant is aged & infirm at this period of time and this deponent further states that he left the service in the year 1781 making his term of service about Two years ~~& six~~ months.

And this deponent further states that during his service as a Militia Soldier as aforesaid, he was engaged in the following Battles, first this deponent was in the battle at Kettle Creek¹ which was the 14th of February 1779 under Colonel Elijah Clark who commanded the Georgia militia. Boyd & Moore commanded the British -- Boyd killed first. And this deponent further states that Colonel Andrew Pickens who commanded the South Carolina Regiment was engaged in the same battle with Colonel Clark. And that Captain McCall [James McCall] commanded a company under said Col. Pickens.

And this deponent further states that he was engaged in the first ^{1st Commanders Col Elijah [Clark] Major Dooly Col Cunningham 1st September Cols Clark, Pickens September 1st Seige[sic] him -2nd 1779-1780 12 April} & Second Sieges at Augusta in Georgia² together with a number of skirmishes & small engagements the particulars of which are not precisely recollected particularly the Battle at Saula [?] ^{either before or not} Long after the Second Seige at Augusta towns against the Cherokee Indians and Tories. Col. Elijah Clark

¹ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

² Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>
Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

Commanding the Regiment from Georgia and Colonel Pickens the Commander of the South Carolina Regiment – and this deponent further states that he was in the engagement last vessel five he was under the command of Colonel Clark and in Captain Joseph Nail's Company.

And this deponent further declares that at the time he volunteered as aforesaid he resided in the State of Georgia, in the County of Wilkes on Broad River where we remained until the first siege of Augusta when we were driven by the British, Indians & Tories: forced Across the Savannah River where we were marched into the upper part of South Carolina, through the Iron & Blue Ridge of Mountains crossing the Nolichucky River into Tennessee where we made our first Stand[?] after leaving Georgia. And this deponent further states that during the retreat as aforesaid (through the upper part of South Carolina they were pursued by Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] the Captain of the British light horse were considered too strong for Colonel Clark's Regiment). From thence we reached the Nolichucky River, the Blue Ridge of mountains and marched into North Carolina where some time in October 1780 we were then marched through the Counties of Burke & Rutherford in said State and down into South Carolina again where we joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in winter of 1780 who was stationed on Pacolet River in said State, near Grindal Shoals where we remained two or three months, from thence Morgan marched his men & Colonel Clark's to a place called the Cowpens where in January 1781 [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781] he had a general engagement with the British commanded by Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]. And this deponent further states that himself and a few others were not in said Engagement but when Morgan marched for the Cowpens they were out engaged in hunting – after which engagement Colonel Clark marched his men back to Georgia where we were at the Second siege at Augusta in 1781 in April. After which last siege of Augusta we were marched to the Frontiers of Georgia into the County of Wilkes where we remained in service until some time in the month of June 1781 when we were regularly disbanded by Colonel Clark and this deponent further states that he never received any discharge in writing. And this deponent further declares that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except man by the name of Ezekiel Cloud³ came to this deponent's house of a few weeks back, whose affidavit this deponent has to testify to a part of his services as being in the same with this deponent, a copy of which affidavit is annexed marked exhibit A. And this deponent further declares that he was born in the State of Virginia [undeciphered County name] County ^{James River in the year of 1757 the 14th of February in that year} that he lived after he came to Georgia in the County of Wilkes until it was cut off into Elbert County where he lived until he moved to Walton County where he now resides. That he has no record of his age but that the same was burnt in his father's house together with very near all his father's papers by the Tories.

Exhibit A Georgia, Walton County

Personally came before me Ezekiel Cloud and after being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with Austin Webb formerly of Wilkes County, now living in Walton County – and that he served with the said Austin Webb in Captain Joseph Nail's horse volunteer Company in 1781 in the last siege of Augusta against the British the term of service not recollected. Sworn to before me this 30th of October 1832 – signed Ezekiel Cloud

S/ George Williamson, JP
Copy of Affidavit

This deponent 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 cat state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Austin Webb, X his mark

³ [Ezekiel Cloud W6920](#)

[Nathan Formby and John Barrett, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the Interrogatories⁴ annexed this deponent answers

1st That he was born in Elueman [?]⁵ County in the State of Virginia – on the 14th of February 1757.

2. He answers – he has no record of his age but the same was burnt in his Father's house by the Tories

3 – he answers that he lived in the State of Georgia in Wilkes County when called into service – And that he has lived in the same state ever since he now lives in the County of Walton in said State 6 years February last.

4th he answers – he volunteered in the service

5 he answers that he was acquainted with Colonel Morgan & Colonel Morgan's Regiment for was attached to his Regiment for a short time

[no 6th]

7th answered in the declaration

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State of Georgia County of Walton } SS

On this Sixth day of January 1834 – personally appeared before the honorable Inferior Court of Walton being a court of Record Austin Webb Senior a resident of the County of Walton & State aforesaid aged seventy-five years on the fourteenth day of February last past who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States as a volunteer being a Georgia Militiaman that he entered the service as such militia-man in the year 1779 the first of February of the year last aforesaid under Captain Joseph Nail in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark. That he volunteered & also entered the service on said first day of February 1779 for a three months tour in the company of the said Joseph Nail Captain Thomas Johnson Lieutenant who died soon after deponent entered the service & was succeeded by Joseph Nail Junior to the lieutenancy. Nathan Barnett Sergeant & William Brown Corporal Burrel Smith Major who was killed shortly after deponent entered the service & was succeeded by Major George Dooley [sic]. That at the expiration of said three months he this deponent had liberty to leave the service but did not do so

⁴ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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but immediately volunteered again for another three months tour. And deponent further states, that the when he entered the service on said 1st February 1779 [sic] he resided in the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia & deponent further states that during his first 3 months tour he was engaged in the battle at Kettle Creek. That deponent rendezvoused on said 1 February 1779 at Nails Fort on broad River in Georgia in then Wilkes but now Elbert County in said State that Deponent marched from Nails Fort aforesaid to State of South Carolina to a place opposite of the mouth of boad [sic] River near where the town or village of Vienna now stands thence deponent marched from South Carolina across the Savannah River to Kettle Creek in Georgia Wilkes County where deponent was engaged in the battle aforesaid thence deponent marched back immediately after said battle to Nail's Fort again where deponent remained stationed until said first three months tour expired And deponent further declares that upon the expiration of said first three months without ever leaving Nail's Fort on the 1st of May 1779 he volunteered for another three months tour as a Georgia Militia-man Elijah Clark being still Colonel of the Regiment & Burrel Smith Major Joseph Nail still Captain Thomas Johnson still Lieutenant Nathan Barnett still Sergeant & William Brown still Corporal – deponent still resided in Wilkes County State of South Carolina. That during said last named three months service deponent was engaged in no regular battle but only an occasional defense against sundry attacks made on Nail's Fort by large bodies of Indians that during the whole period of said last mentioned three months deponent was stationed in Nail's Fort & not marched from the Fort at all And deponent declares that upon the expiration of said last named three months he forth with volunteered again on the 1st of August 1779 for another three months said Elijah Clark still being Colonel Burrel Smith Major Joseph Nail Captain Thomas Johnson Lieutenant Nathan Barnett & William Brown Corporal that deponent still resided in Wilkes County Georgia when he volunteered this last time that he was engaged in no battle during this last named three months tour that he marched through no part of the country during this tour being all the while stationed at Nails Fort aforesaid and this deponent further declares that immediately on the expiration of said last named three months viz. on the first of November 1779 this deponent again volunteered for another three months tour Same Colonel Same Major Same Captain Same Lieutenant Same Sergeant & Same Corporal as during the three months immediately preceding & deponent still resided in Wilkes County State of Georgia During this tour deponent was all the while stationed at Nails Fort aforesaid & was engaged in no battle did not marched through the country at all being pent up in said Fort. And deponent further declares that forthwith on the expiration of said last named three months to wit on the 1st of February 1780 he volunteered again for another three months service as a militia man as before Same Colonel Same Major Same Captain Same Lieutenant Same Sergeant & Same Corporal as last before stated & still this deponent resided in Wilkes County Georgia Deponent was engaged in no battle during this three months service & was still stationed at Nails Fort aforesaid & was not marched through the country at all And deponent further declares that immediately upon the expiration of said last named three months service without leaving said Fort he on the 1st of ~~February~~ May 1780 he again volunteered for another three months tour under the same Colonel Same Major Same Captain Same Lieutenant Same Sergeant & Same Corporal as last as a Georgia Militia Man & still resided in Wilkes County & State of Georgia aforesaid That during this last named three months service this deponent was engaged in one battle on Lawson's fork⁶ in the State of South Carolina near the old iron works on said fork being a fork of Pacolet River in said State – that deponent marched from Nails Fort aforesaid during this three months service sometime in June 1780 to the Cherokee Ford on the Savannah River thence to Lawson's fork aforesaid in South Carolina where deponent was engaged in the battle last aforesaid where Major Burrel Smith was killed thence deponent

⁶ July 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_lawsons_fork.html

marched from Lawson's to a place called Gilberttown in the State of North Carolina thence to the Court House in Burke County & State of North Carolina thence back again through South Carolina through Pendleton district now in said State to Georgia & crossed the Savannah River at the Cherokee Ford again & entered the State of Georgia at the upper part of Wilkes County in said State of Georgia And this deponent further declares that immediately after the expiration of said last named tour of three months he immediately to wit on the 1st of August 1780 volunteered for another three months tour as a Georgia Militia man Elijah Clark Colonel George Dooley Major Joseph Nail Captain Joseph Nail Junior Lieutenant Lieutenant Thomas Johnson having died in North Carolina, John Stilley Sergeant & John Black Corporal & this deponent still resided in Wilkes County State of Georgia & this deponent during this last three months tour was engaged in one battle commonly denominated the first siege of Augusta. This deponent remained in Camp in the upper part of Wilkes County for some weeks after volunteering for this last tour when he marched from thence to the City of Augusta aforesaid in Georgia thence he marched being driven by the enemy on the Georgia side of the Savannah River to about Eight miles above the Cherokee Ford on said River where he crossed said River into the State of South Carolina in that part of said last named State now called Pendleton district thence he marched across the Blue Ridge [mountains] near the Saluda Gap into the State of Tennessee [sic North Carolina] upon Nolichucky River where he was stationed & and this deponent further declares that while stationed in Tennessee & immediately upon the expiration of his said last tour of three months to wit on the 1st of November 1780 he immediately volunteered again for nine months Elijah Clark Colonel George Dooley Major Joseph Nail Captain Joseph Nail Junior Lieutenant Thomas Stilley Sergeant & John Black Corporal & this deponents residence or home was still in Wilkes County State of Georgia And this deponent during this last named tour was engaged in one battle commonly called the second siege of Augusta & at a battle called Sortie Town in the Cherokee nation That during this last tour he marched from the Station in Tennessee aforesaid first through Burke County & then Rutherford County in North Carolina thence into South Carolina on Pacolet River where he joined Colonel Morgan where he was stationed a while thence he marched to Rutherford County in North Carolina thence across the upper part of South Carolina to Georgia crossing the Savannah River at the Cherokee Ford into the upper part of Wilkes County in Georgia thence to Augusta where this deponent was engaged at the second siege of Augusta thence he this deponent marched back again to the upper part of Wilkes County in the State of Georgia where on the first of June 1781 this deponent was verbally & honorably discharged & no written discharges were given his Captain Joseph Nail being on his deathbed when he discharged this deponent & there being no further call for the company as the reason why they were discharged before the expiration of said last tour of nine months.

And deponent saith that during all his tours of service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit

And the said Austin Webb Senior hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State
Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Austin Webb Senior, A his mark

[Augustus H Palmer, a clergyman, and Chls D. Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the Interrogatories propounded by the Department of War the applicant answers as follows
To Interrogatory 1st he answers That he was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia the 14th day of February 1757
2 Interrogatory 2nd he answers he has no record of his age The same having been burned many years ago and his father's house by the Tories
To Interrogatory 3rd he answers That he lived in Wilkes County Georgia when called into service then Elbert County Georgia & that he has lived in Georgia ever since the Revolutionary War &

he now lives in Walton County in said State

To Interrogatory 4th He answers He volunteered into the Service

To Interrogatory 5th he answers That he was acquainted with Colonel Morgan & many persons in Colonel Morgan's Regiment having been for a short time attached to Morgan's Regiment

To Interrogatory 6th He answers he never received a written discharge but only a verbal discharge at the end of each three months tour & then he immediately volunteered for another three months & his Captain Joseph Nail being on his deathbed when this deponent was finally discharged from service was the reason why when he left the Army he got no written discharges

To Interrogatory 7th he answers That he states the names of James Linley Esquire and James Bexley Esquire & Abraham Meadors & Bervian Williams Esquire

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Georgia Newton County} Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County John Webb⁷ who being duly sworn deposed & saith that Austin Webb the Claimant in the foregoing declaration of the County of Walton a Revolutionary Soldier that he entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the State of Georgia on the 1st of February 1779 & that he left said service on the 1st of June 1781 & that he was in & belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark & the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Nail & belonged to the line of Georgia Militia And when discharged they were verbally & honorably discharged by said Joseph Nail on the said 1st of June 1781

S/ John Webb, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of November 1833

John Holcombe, JP

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Georgia Henry County} Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Ezekiel Cloud who being duly sworn deposed & saith that Austin Webb the Claimant in the foregoing declaration a resident of Walton County & a revolutionary Soldier entered the service of the United States as Militia man of the State of Georgia on the 1st of February 1779 & that he left said service on the 1st of June 1781 & that he was in & belonged to the Regiment commanded by Elijah Clark & the company commanded by Captain Joseph Nail & belonged to the line of Georgia Militia or State Troops And when discharged he was honorably discharged on the 1st of June 1781, this deponent having been in the service aforesaid with said Austin Webb.

Sworn to & subscribed before

Me this 4th day of November 1833

S/ James is Jones, JP

S Ezekiel Cloud

[Veteran died in Gwinnett County or Walton County, Ga., July 31, 1839; veteran married Ailsey Waters in Wilkes County, Ga. In April 1785, 1786 or 1787; file contains a copy of the veteran's last will and testament.]

[A image 168: On December 20, 1839 in Newton County Georgia, John Webb gave testimony that in the spring of 1783 his brother Austin Webb and Ailsey Waters were married at his mother's house (his father being dead) by Mr. Sigmans a Methodist Preacher who then lived below the Cherokee Ford on Beaver dam Creek which empties into the Savannah River on the Georgia side of said River. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

⁷ [S32055 John Webb](#)

[A image 165: On December 24, 1839 in Gwinnett County Georgia, Sherred Morris [Sherod Morris] gave testimony that he was acquainted with Ailsey and Austin Webb before they were married; that her maiden name was Ailsey Waters.]

[A image 166: On January 13, 1840 in Gwinnett County Georgia, Ailsey Webb aged 72, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 Act stating that she is the widow of Austin Webb a pensioner of the United States for his service in the Revolution; that she married him in April 1783 or very near that time; that her husband died July 31, 1839 at his residence in Gwinnett County; and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]