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Pension Application of James Weaver W4581

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State of Virginia towit

On this first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia allotted by law to the thirteenth Circuit, which comprehends the county of Lee, personally appeared James Weaver, aged seventy three years, resident in the County of Lee, in the State aforesaid, 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 Weaver enlisted as a private, for the period of eighteen months, in Captain J Anderson's company belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Samuel] Hawes of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, about the first of July seventeen hundred and eighty that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the term for which he enlisted, and was discharged from the service at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, on the seventeenth day of January seventeen hundred & eighty two that he was in the battles of Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], in the second battle of Cambden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], & at the seige of Ninety six [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781]. that he is possessed of his discharge, which is in the words & figures following [see endnote] Towit, "The bearer hereof James Weaver soldier in the second Virginia detachment and Captain Anderson's company having served 'til the last day of December 1781 the time for which he engaged is hereby discharged from the service and we do certify that he has behaved as a brave and faithfull soldier given at Salisbury the 17th of January 1782

John Anderson Capt

Isaac Sneed Major

that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support

Virginia Lee County to wit,

On this 30th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record established by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, designated the Superior Court of Law for the said County of Lee, James Weaver aged seventy seven years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit; That he enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Army in the year 1780 in the month of July, as well as he now recollects, under Capt. John Anderson, in the Infantry of the line. That he was marched to Petersburg in Virginia and was placed in the 2^d. Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col. Hawes. That he was marched in the spring of 1780 to the South, and joined the Army of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] before the Battle of Guilford in the State of North Carolina. That shortly after joining General Green [several illegible words] was fought in which he participated, and was subsequently at the battle of Cambden, the Siege of Ninety Six, and at the Eutaw Springs: And was honorably discharged in Salisbury in North Carolina in January 1782 having served eighteen months, and obtained from Major Sneed and Capt. John Anderson an honorable discharge for his said services, which has been forwarded to the War Office of the United States with his former declaration made before the Judge of this Court, on the 1st day of September 1818 in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and for which services he obtained a pension Certificate under the hand & seal of the Secretary of War dated the 29gth day of September 1819 Numbered 15.316. — And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; And that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to

diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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. to wit. One Cow, seven small hogs, one flax wheel, one washing tub, one churn, two tin cups, three earthen plates, two pewter plates, two mugs, one crock, one axe, one hoe, one pewter dish, two tin pans, two spoons & one tin Buckett James Weaver

The said James Weaver also upon his Oath declared that his occupation, so long as he was able to pursue one, was that of a farmer but that he is now so old and infirm as to be totally unable to labour. That he has no family living with him but his wife, whose age is about seventy two years, and who is nearly as infirm as himself. and that from his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for his support.

NOTES:

Weaver's discharge is clearly signed by "J Anderson Capt.," but the signature said to be of Maj. Isaac Sneed is almost entirely faded. No officer by that name could be identified. It is probable that he was actually Maj. Smith Sneed.

On 25 June 1855 Judith Clark, about 87, of Lee County, applied for a pension stating that she was one of the children of James and Nancy Weaver, that they were married in Charlotte County VA in July 1767, that he died 21 Jan 1825, and that Nancy Weaver died 18 July 1838. Judith Clark listed the names of the other children as Lucy, Nancy, Elizabeth, Susannah, William, Mary, Sylvia, and James, and she stated that Susannah died before her mother, and Elizabeth, William, and James had died since. In another document the names of the surviving children were listed as Judith Clark, Lucy Bishop, Nancy Reynolds, Mary Sowders, and Sylva Jones. Judith Clark's application was accompanied by a copy of a family register transcribed as follows:

Judith Weaver was born August the 4th A.D. 1768

Lucy Weaver was born September the 14th A.D. 1774

Nancy Weaver was born November the 25th A.D. 1776

Elizabeth Weaver was born January the 15th 1779

Susannah Weaver was born February the 2nd A.D. 1781

William Weaver was born February the 10th A.D. 1783

Mary Weaver was born October the 11th A.D. 1785

Sylvey Weaver was born June the 16th A.D. 1788

James Weaver Junior was born May the 31st A.D. 1790