

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Webb W8990

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[fn p. 25]

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818

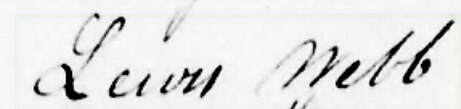
State of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

On this 28th day of February 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid because its Judgments and orders are directed by the laws of Kentucky to be entered of record and preserved as such Lewis Webb resident of said County aged sixty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Lewis Webb entered as a Captain of Marines in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States on the Continental Establishment on the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ in the Brig *Jefferson* commanded by Captain James Markham and as such served the Term of five years and six months, during which time he was transferred to the ship *Cormorant* commanded by Captain Callender [probably Eleazer Callender]; that previous to receiving his Commission he had recruited 44 men to whom he paid the bounty's out of his own money (with the exception of 10) and never received from government more than \$100 Bounty money. He further states that all the soldiers which were reconnoitered [sic] by him were designed to serve in the revolutionary war and actually served under him in the ships aforesaid; he further states that during his servitude he assisted in the capture of 17 valuable prizes which were sold in the Town of Urbana on the Rappahannock for a considerable amount of which he received no part – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of Virginia, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. that when he heard the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 spoken of relative to pensioners he conceived he was able to support himself and family without a pension, being at that time engaged in teaching a small school and able to follow that occupation.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 one cow two beds and furniture. I would further state that I had no real estate of any description whatever on the 18th of March 1818 and at that time I had about the amount of personal property named in the above schedule. I therefore state that there has been little or no change in my property since that time. I live in a small village in this County – my Occupation is a Teacher of a small School of ten Scholars. I have living with me a wife aged about 55 years and very infirm, one daughter named Catharine age 16, one daughter named Lucy Ann aged 14 years very infirm and one grand son named Richard Faris aged 10 years; home I have to support. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of February 1828

S/ Lewis Webb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Webb". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 9]

I do hereby Certify that at the first of the late revolutionary War with Great Britain I was appointed a Captain in the Continental Army on condition that I raised a sufficient number of Men to entitle me to said Commission. I turned out immediately to recruit Man and enlisted forty-four able-bodied Men to serve during the War, for which I paid each Man \$10 – Bounty and I received from Government only \$100 the rest of the Bounty Money I paid out of my pocket sometime after I was in the Land service the State Brig *Jefferson* was finished and had no men to man her. I was ordered then by Mr. Patrick Henry who was then Governor of Virginia who signed my Captain's Commission to proceed on board of said brig with forty of the men I had raised. I did so, we took one Cruse and retook seven prizes. Four British Men of War got in pursuit of us and we were obliged to run up James River and finding we should fall into the hands of the British our Brig and about four or five vessels more were run ashore and blew them up, myself and men then returned to Richmond and joined the Land Forces and was again ordered to Williamsburg and remained in the Land service when Lord Cornwallis was on his march to York Town Virginia, myself and said Men was with the Army and was at the siege of York until Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington; a few days after the surrender we were ordered up to Richmond where we were stationed until peace was concluded.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of October 1828

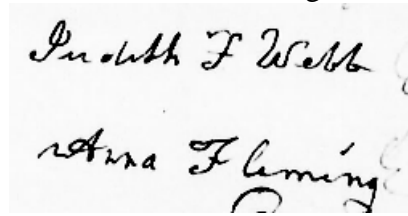
S/ Lewis Webb

[fn p. 7]

Kentucky Mercer County October 21, 1828

We do hereby certify that Lewis Webb was an Officer in the late Continental Army of the United States of America and that he the said Webb brought men several times to my uncle George Webb's to have sworn in who lived near the city of Richmond Virginia and we have no doubt but that he was a Captain in said Continental Army, and had his commission as such and we further certify that the Troops was stationed at the Barracks near my said uncle's, we saw the said Webb frequently pass from my uncle's to the said Barracks until the said troops were ordered down to Williamsburg and we further state that the said Webb and the troops were stationed at said Barracks more than twelve months before the said Webb and Troops were ordered to march to Williamsburg. Given under our hands and seals the day and year above written.

S/ Judith F Webb
S/ Anna Fleming

Handwritten signatures of Judith F Webb and Anna Fleming. The signature of Judith F Webb is written in cursive and is positioned above the signature of Anna Fleming, which is also in cursive.

[fn p. 2]

State of Kentucky Washington County Sct. February County Court 1829

Lewis Webb an applicant for a pension under the laws of Congress exhibited in Court and Amended Declaration and made oath to the same and the Court values the property contained in said schedule to the value of \$25.45 which is ordered to be certified.

Amended Claim

Amended Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of the 18th of March 1818.

State of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

On this 23rd day of February 1829 personally appeared in open Court in the Washington County Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Lewis Webb aged sixty-nine years the 14th day of July 1828 resident in the said County and being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the provision of the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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, which together with the written statements on the paper marked A are here referred to and made a part of this Declaration as fully and completely as though the same was here inserted.

S/ Lewis Webb

[Transcriber's note: the portion of this document which I believe to be part of the schedule of the property of the applicant is so faint on both the Footnote and HeritageQuest versions that it cannot be read.]

As to debts I have none due me. [Illegibly faint lines of text] I was born in the County of New Kent State of Virginia and I have been a Citizen of the United States by birth until the present day for I never was out of the United States in all my life. I was 69 years of age the 14th day of July past. Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of February 1829

S/ Lewis Webb

My Family consist of at this time myself, my wife and two daughters one daughter by name Catherine S. Webb aged 20 years the other by name Lucy A. Webb aged [indecipherably faint] years, my wife aged 59 years in April last. The reason I called on Government before for a pension, my four sons lived with me and by their help I was enabled to support my family, they are all grown and married and left me. I have nearly lost the use of my left hand in consequence of [one or more illegibly faint words] last March and am not able to work. My wife is unable to

do any kind of work of any kind except to knit a little [one or more indecipherably faint words]. She has been under a doctor's care for near three years and I am unable to pay his bill. Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of February 1829

S/ Lewis Webb

I do hereby certify that I was a Captain in the Continental Army of the United States of America in the late war against King of Great Britain. I entered in the Army some short time after the War began and remained in the War until the conclusion of the War. I was at the Siege of Yorktown in the State of Virginia when Cornwallis the commander of the British Army surrendered to General Washington. After the surrender we were ordered up to Richmond with the Prisoners and from Richmond the Prisoners were sent to the Saratoga Barracks Virginia Albemarle County myself and part of the Troops were left at Richmond where we remained until peace was concluded. I enlisted 45 men to serve as soldiers during the War. Colonel Parker commanded as Colonel of the Regiment I belonged to. I do hereby exonerate the Government of the United States of America from all claims that I have as an officer except the present Pension, I am now praying for. Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written.

S/ Lewis Webb

I have under my care at this time a small school consisting of 12 Scholars in the Town of New Market Washington County Kentucky. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of February 1829

S/ Lewis Webb

Land I have none, slaves I have none, no horse

one Cow	\$5.00	1 coffee pot	.37
1 half cupboard	5.00	3 old ?	1.00
6 Common Chairs	3.00	2 old Hoes	1.00
1 old Cedar Table	1.00	2 Tin Canisters	1.00
6 cups and saucers	.50	2 Empty Barrels	.37 ½
2 Dishes	.75	2 Piggins	.37 ½
6 Plates	.40	6 knives & forks	.40
2 Small Bowls	.25	1 Tea ? Canister	.35
1 pr ? Irons	1.50	1 Iron Pot Rack	1.50
5 Large ontana ? spoons	.50	1 Iron Tea Kettle	.50
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1 old Iron Shovel	.40	2 Glass Tumblers	.25
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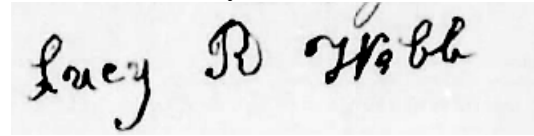
The affidavit of Lewis Webb taken at New Market Washington County Kentucky

Affiant is in the 77th year of his age deposeth and saith, That in the fall of 1775, he was commissioned a Captain in the 2nd Virginia Regiment, that he acted in said Regiment as an officer aforesaid until in the month of October or November 1781 sometime after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, at which time the affiant retired as a Supernumerary Officer on the reduction of the 2nd Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Parker, that I never have received from Virginia or the United States, the bounty land due me in virtue of my services as a Captain in the Virginia line nor have I transferred or otherwise disposed of the same to any [one] further [affiant] saith not.

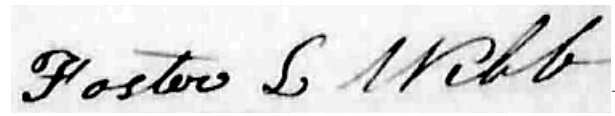
S/ Lewis Webb

[attested September 17, 1832]

[fn p. 15: Him March 15, 1843 in Boyle County Kentucky, Lucy R Webb, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Captain Lewis Webb, the recipient of a bounty land warrant from the state of Virginia in the amount of 4444 acres of land for his service as an officer in the revolution; that she married him September 29, 1787; that her husband died July 12, 1841.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy R Webb". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[fn p. 11: Foster L Webb, a resident of Boyle County Kentucky, gave testimony that he is the son of Captain Lewis Webb and his wife Lucy R Webb; that his father was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum for his service as a Captain in the revolutionary war; that the leaves from the family Bible submitted in support of his mother's application for a pension are mostly in the handwriting of his father; the entry as to his father's death is in the handwriting of his brother George Webb; the family Bible passed from the possession of their father to their mother upon the death of their father

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Foster L Webb". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[facts in file: Veteran married September 29, 1787, Lucy R Cary, of King William County, Virginia; at the time of his marriage he was a resident of New Kent County Virginia. His wife was born April 5, 1768. The veteran and his wife had the following children:
Margaret L born June 25, 1788
Elizabeth born September 12, 1790
Ann Bickerton born October 27, 1792, married January 5, 1817 Razen Davis of Green County
Theodosia Cocke born September 17, 1794, married July 5, 1817 James Burns of Green County
Edward Cary born December 22, 1796
William Roscar born December 11, 1798, married February 12, 1824, Jane More
Lewis Foster or Foster Lewis born September 22, 1801, married January 27, 1825 Martha Balbo
George Bickerton born December 9, 1805
Catherine Power born January 9, 1808, married April 19, 1832 Bluford Musser or Mussen; they were married by the Rev. McCane of Lebanon
Pleasant Fleming born June 26, 1810, married June 7th, 1832, Amanda C Short of Lincoln County
Lucy A Dandrigge born April 9, 1813, married Alfred H Tucker

the following family died or also on record in this file:

Children of William R Webb:

Lucy A born October 13, 1824
Margaret More born November 15, 1826
Richard born May 7, 1829
Theodosia born November 23, 1831
Jane Hawkins born March 3, 1834
Lewis Foster born September 15, 1836

William Alexander born May 27, 1839

William Lewis, son of Bluford Musser (or Mussen) and his wife, Catherine, born December 25, 1832 in Washington County, Ky

Susan Martha, daughter of Alfred H and his wife, Lucy A. D. Tucker, was born February 1, 1840

Pleasant F. Webb had a Daughter born the 1st [?] day of November 1833

Martha Catharine Cary a daughter of Foster L. Webb was born the 14th of December 1833

Franklin Knox was born 10th of Feby 1837 Departed this life May 9, 1839

Lewis Webb departed this life on the 12 day of July 1841 at 35 minutes past 2=O clock P. M.

Aged 84

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Captain in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843, for her husband's service as a Captain for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Lewis Webb W8990

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 February 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file consists mainly of a copy of the pension application plus the following note: 1833 Nov 29 Rejected.]

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Lewis Webb most respectfully asks, that the honorable Executive of Virginia may reconsider the claim [undeciphered] up by him, for land which he believes himself justly entitled to for services rendered in the revolutionary war.

And represents that in addition to his own solemn oath, also his rank and term of service; his witnesses (who are certified by an acting magistrate of the State of [undeciphered] to be “intelligent ladies & of the very first credibility,” and one of them represented by Mr Thos P Morse[?], late minister Plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary, from the US to the Government of Columbia [sic: Colombia], in a certificate given by him, to be a lady “with whom he had long been acquainted, & that he would regard any statement made by that lady, whether on oath or not, as entitled to the most implicit confidence;” these ladies he says, have, solemnly sworn “that to the best of their knowledge and belief the s’d Webb entered the service in 1776, as Captain, & that he continued as such until the time he retired as supernumerary” &c Thus his own testimony is corroborated, by the testimony of two witnesses “entitled to the first credibility, and implicit confidence,” which it does appear ought in justice to entitle his decrepid old age, to the earnings of his youth, and to alleviate the want of his declining years, which his health and strength will no longer enable him to provide for

The affidavits of Judith F Webb and Nancy Fleming taken at their own house in the County of Washington Kentucky, to be [undeciphered] the behalf of Lewis Webb a captain in the revolution.

Affiants being of [blank] years of age State that during the revolutionary war they & each of them resided in the suburbs of the city of Richmond Virginia, that they were both sisters that said Lewis Webb who now resides in the County & State aforesaid, was a commissioned Captain in the war of the revolution, in the regular service, in the Virginia line, the No. of the rignment they could not state, that said Webb was a cozzen of the affiants, and visited these affiants very frequently while in the City of Richmond, while at the Barax, that he wore two appaulets [sic: epaulets] and a corresponding uniform was allways Called Captain Webb, at the balls Theatres and other places, where they would meet him, at other places than when at their own house on a visit (which was frequently) that on several occasions while said Webb was in the recruiting service these affiants saw said Webb bring several soldiers who he had enlisted in the service to a Mr Cock an uncle and magistrate in Henrico County Va, who swore said soldiers in the service, that he s’d Webb was in every respect recognized as a Capt. that in the month of october 1781 the period of Lord Cornwallis’ surrender said Webb was in office, that he never resigned but left the service as a supernumerary, and so continued untill the close of the war in 1783 the time the provisional articles were signed, that said Webb never was after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis again required to go into the service, but was allways ready, because these affiants lived in the city aforesaid, where these matters was often times spoken of & debated, that s’d Webb to the best of affiants knowledge & belief entered the Service in the year 1776 as captain and continued as such untill the time he retired as a supernumerary aforesaid, that said Webb was reported & spoken of as a gallant officer and it was said he belonged to Josiah Parkers [Josiah Parker VAS130] Regment, of this they could not (being females) know of their own knowledge, that they were both distantly related to General Washington, that the Husband of Nancy Fleming was a col in the late war, [signed] Judith F Webb Nancy Fleming
[19 September 1833]

Feb 26 1834 Rejected J. F.

March 15 1834 Referred to the commissioner for Land claims. J. F.

March 18 1834 Allowed from 1776 to the close of the war. J. F.