Pension Application of George Weir S9528
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State of South Carolina  }  On the 24 day November 1832
Chester District  }  Personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of
ordinary of said District George Weir aged 80 years, of the district & state afores’d, who being
duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain
the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he
first entered the service in the Revolutionary War, in what was commonly call’d the Snowey
Campaign, in the year 1775 & 6 [Snow Campaign, 8 - 30 Dec 1775] In a volunteer company under
Capt John Nixon Lieut Alex’r. Adams, Col. Richisons [sic: Richard Richardson’s] Reg’l. against
the Indians & Tories. Gen’l. [Thomas] Sumter was then Adjutent.

The Expedition commenc’d in the fall of the year, & continued till some in the winter
after Chrismass. That they marched over Broad River & up to the then frontend of the State to
Reburn Creek [sic: Rabon Creek in present Laurens County] &c. Where they defeated the Enemy
& captured a number of prisoners.

That the snow fell about Christmass, supposed to be the gratest ever in South Carolina.
And then torrents of rain, that they often waded deep water through Ice & suffer’d immencely
from cold. And continued till the Campaign was over.

The next was an Expedition to Charleston, (still a volunteer in the same company) when
the British Fleet attacked Fort Moultry [sic: Fort Sullivan, later named Fort Moultrie; Battle of
Sullivans Island, 28 - 29 Jun 1776]. Was there the time of the Battle, & continued in the Town to
guard the Town, until they were discharged. And recollects that they got home in the month of
August.

That he does not recollect of being out on any other regular tour of duty untill after the
fall of Charleston in May 1780. That he had been for a long time confined with a cancer in his
foot that rendered him unfit for duty. But when the British marched into the Country, he turned
again a Volunteer in the same Company, then under Capt. Samuel Adams Col. Lacys [sic:
Edward Lacey’s] Reg’t. & joined Gen’l. [Thomas] Sumter. Was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock [6
Aug 1780]. And then marched with Gen’l. down on the west side of the Catawba & Wateree
Rivers to the taking of Caries fort near Camden Ferry [sic: Cary’s Fort, 11 Aug 1780] on the day
[sic] Gen’l. [Horatio] Gates was defeated on the other side above Camden [Battle of Camden, 16
Aug 1780]. That he was left as a centinal near the Ferry when the British fired over at them;
when the Troops retreated, & he was left alone, & nearly to have been captured by the Enemy.

That he then pursued on & came up with the Army & continued on the retreat untill they
were overtaken by the British commanded by Col. Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton], and
defeated at Fishing Creek on the Catawba River [18 Aug] which scattered the Troops. And lost
his Creature at the defeat, came home afoot, & lay out till he got some clothing, & then retreated
up into the Indian Land & North Carolina. That when the British moved up to Charlotte [sic:
Charlotte] in North Carolina, he was taken prisoner by Lord Roddams [sic: Francis Rawdon’s]
troops & ordered by his Lordship, (for old acquaintance sake) to be hanged. For he knew him in
Ireland. But by some means his Life was saved & he was put into Charlotte Jail with John Adare
[sic: John Adair], late Governor Adare of Kentucky; who was a prisoner at the same time. And
was some time afterwards paroled, & return’d home, but does not know that ever he was
Exchanged. Adare was kept a prisoner.

The next he thinks was down to the Congaree, the time Gen’l. Green [sic: Nathanael
Greene] was Beseiging 96 [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. And the British was moving up
[under Rawdon, from Charleston] to raise the Seige. And was attacked at the Juneper [sic:
Juniper Springs in present Lexington County, 18 Jun 1781] by the State Troops, where his
neighbour Samuel McWaters was killed.

The next was down by Martials Mills [possibly Marshall’s Mill] on the Congaree, where
they stoped some time, & then to Orangburgh [sic: Orangeburg] and was there when Gen’l.
Greens Army marched down the country before the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep
That he was still a volunteer in the same company & Reg't. But how long he was out on these two Expeditions he cannot well recollect, but knows he always staid until he was dismissed to go home. That he does not recollect of any regular tour, except it was to guard Tories & Horse thieves in Col. Lacey's Block House but how long he cannot recollect.

As he has no particular dates to refer to he cannot state positively how long he was in the services, but having been two tours before the fall of Charleston, & the greater part of the time afterwards until the Enemy was driven out; he thinks he must have been from Eighteen months to two years in the service of his Country & a prisoner.

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or of the United States — [signed in margin] Geor Weir

To the first Interrogatory he Answers
That he was Born in the Kingdom of Ireland in the year 1752. And Emigrated to America when he was about twenty years of age —

2d An. I have seen a Record of my age in a Book of my Fathers, and dose not know where it is now

3d An. I was living near where I now live, & have lived here eversince in what is now called Chester District

4th An. I always volunteered, for I join'd a volunteer Company at first under Capt. John Nixon, (who was kill'd in the war.) And continued to Volunteer when ever call'd upon —


6th An. The Militia & Volunteers were not discharg'd in writing, but merely dismissd when their time of service was out

7th An. I am so well known in my neighbourhood having lived here since the year 1773 that all my aged & respectable neighbours can testify for me. But I will mention a few that knew me in the time of the war. John Brown, Capt. James Harbison Esqr, John McDill. Wm. McGarrity. Joseph Gaston Esqr. The Rev'd Samuel McCreary, & John McCreary about the latter end of the war. [signed Samuel McCreary, & John McCreary about the latter end of the war.

NOTE: On 25 Mar 1857 David Weir of “Rich Hill S.C. & Roads SC” wrote to the Pension office for permission for an agent to determine whether his father might have been eligible for a higher pension because “his service was in the Cavalry which from the length of time he was in service would increase his pay.”