Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Weaver1 W9158 Sarah fn40VA
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[fn p. 16]
State of Virginia Augusta County: SS

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared before me James [last name too faint to discern] one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in & for the County of Augusta in the State aforesaid in my County aforesaid, John Weaver a resident of the said County & State, aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man in 1776 or 1777 under Captain Robert Cravens [Robert Craven] of Rockingham, served in Tigers Valley [Tygart Valley] Virginia, served three months on this tour and was regularly discharged, he believes in the month of February 1777.

That he entered the service of the United States the second time as a drafted militia man sometime early in the year 1781 under Captain Michael Coger or Cowger, Major Hamilton, Colonel Nall [William Nall?], served below Richmond, and at Sandy Point & other places on & near James River, served with ____ Regular Officers during this tour. Served three months this tour and was regularly discharged.

That he entered the service of the United States the third time as a drafted mounted militia man, sometime in the year 1781, under Captain John Rush, served at Richmond Virginia served only 20 days this tour and was regularly discharged.

That he entered the service of the United States the fourth & last time in 1781 as a Drafted militia, under Captain George Huston [George Houston], was marched to Yorktown Virginia Served there during the Investment siege of Yorktown, and at the capture or surrender of Lord Cornwallis & the British forces under his command. General Officers, Generals Washington, & Lafayette &c, served three months during this tour and was regularly discharged. That he was Born in the County of Augusta in the year 1760. That in 1765 he was brought or taken by his Father to Rockingham County Virginia. That he resided in the said County of Rockingham when he was called into the service of the United States as aforesaid, and went into service from the said County of Rockingham. That he removed from the County of Rockingham to the County of Augusta about 17 years since, and has continued to reside in the County of Augusta since that time. That his Father's or the family Bible in which his birth is entered by his father, is in the possession of Charles Weaver of Rockingham County Virginia. That he has no

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documentary evidence of his services. That if he received any written discharge or discharges he has lost them. That he is well known to John Michael, Wm Cave and Dan'l Sheffer & James A. [illegible last name] residing in his neighborhood, and who can Testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution, that he can prove his services by Charles Weaver. That he has no more distinct recollection of the periods of his entering, or being discharged from the service of the United States, or of any officers (except at Yorktown which he conceived it unnecessary to name any others) with whom he served and before stated, that his memory is considerably impaired by infirmity & age.

That from age and infirmities of body & the distance from his residence to the Court House of Augusta County Virginia he could not attend their without great pain, suffering & inconvenience. He 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 State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Weaver, X his mark

[Charles Weaver and John Michael gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[fn p. 10: On April 22, 1857 in Lawrence County Missouri Sarah Weaver, 67, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she married John Weaver, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that they were married in Augusta County Virginia by the Reverend King who was a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Hines; that her husband died in the state of Virginia in Augusta County in the year 1832 or 33. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was supported by the affidavit of James Weaver, 37, he says that he is the son of John and Sarah Weaver; that his father died he thinks before Christmas in the year 1832 or 1833; that shortly after the death of his father, Sarah Weaver moved to the state of Ohio with the affiant in the fall of 1838 they removed to the state of Missouri where he has resided with his mother ever since the death of his father. He to signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 13: On July 11, 1857 in Lawrence County Missouri, Sarah Weaver, 67, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Weaver; in this application she states she was married to her husband by the Reverend Doctor King a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the month of March 1812.]

[fn p. 8: Certificate dated April 17, 1857 from the clerk of the Augusta County Court stating that his office contains a record showing that John Weaver was married to Sally Hines on March 3, 1812 by the Reverend William King.]

[Facts in file: veteran died in Augusta County Virginia December 13, 1832; there is no other family data in this file.]

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $32.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9
months & 20 days service as a private in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing February 3rd, 1853.]