

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Webb W18333

Lucretia

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State of North Carolina Franklin County

On this 12th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting, Jesse Webb, a resident of said County of Franklin, and State of North Carolina, aged about 76 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia on the 29th day of April 1756, according to a record of his age which he now has in possession. That at the time he entered into the service of the United States, he was living in that section of Bute County which now forms Franklin County State of North Carolina -- that since the revolutionary war, he has lived, and is now living in the said County of Franklin. That he entered into the service of the United States as a drafted militia man, for 5 months, in a company commanded by Captain Britton Harris & Lieutenant Edward Richardson, that he marched from Lewisburg to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Lenoir County, thence to Elizabeth on the Cape Fear [River], thence to Charleston, thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah River, thence up to Augusta, where he crossed over into Georgia, thence down to Briar Creek where the Americans under General Ashe [John Ashe] were defeated by the British in the confusion of the route, this applicant was separated from his company and with difficulty and danger made his way back to Purrysburg at which place he was discharged at the expiration of his term of service owing to changes of his company officers he does not distinctly recollect the name of the officer who gave the discharge which was in writing, but is now lost. He served 6 months and more in this tour and recollects General Ashe, General Thomas Eaton and Colonel Williams among the field Officers, under whose orders he served. He belonged to the first Regiment that went from North Carolina to the South. He was in no other battle except that at Briar Creek. He does not recollect the month in which he entered the service, but thinks, it was the fall of the year. He is also not certain of the date, but he thinks that Bute County was divided while he was out on duty, the act for which purpose, he understands was passed in the beginning of the year 1779 -- He has no documentary evidence to prove the above facts but believes he can prove the most material of them by the affidavit of Richard Pippen¹ hereunto subjoined.

This applicant further declares that in a few months after his return from his first tour he was hired as a substitute by a man named Bud Lee in a company raised partly in Franklin and partly in Nash County, for a term of 3 months in the militia service, that he marched out through Wake County to Drowning Creek in South Carolina, thence to Matthews Bluff, at which place he

¹ FPA S8962

was when General Gates was defeated by Lord Cornwallis, from Matthews Bluff he was marched back by Drowning Creek up to Salisbury, thence to the Yadkin River where he was discharged, he believes by Major John Williams, but his discharge is lost. He acted in this Tour under the orders of Colonel Benjamin Sewell, Colonel William Brickell, Captain Solomon Carter and Lieutenant John Davenport. His company was at Salisbury at the time he received his discharge from Major Williams he being at that time as above stated at a temporary hospital on the Yadkin. He was in no battle during this term of service, and does not recollect that his my was called by any other name than Sewell's Regiment. He has no documentary evidence to prove the above facts, but he believes the deposition of Thomas Griffin which is hereunto annexed will prove the fact of service during this tour.

This applicant further declares that in the month of February 1781 he volunteered in Louisburg in a company commanded by Captain James Richards and Lieutenant William Wilhight [?] that he marched to Harrisburg in Granville County thence through Hillsborough to Guilford Old Court House to the Head Quarters of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. He was in the battle which took a few days afterwards between the Americans under General Greene and the British under Lord Cornwallis. That his company was placed a small distance to the right of the open field through which the British made their attack and saw the commencement of the retreat of that portion of the militia who were posted behind a fence. Soon after the retreat became general among the militia and this applicant in the hurry and confusion of the retreat became separated from his company, and not knowing at the time where do go, he started to return home but hearing afterwards that the American Army was at Ramsey's Mill, he returned thither where he understood that during his absence a court martial had been held by General Butler and others and all absentees had been condemned to serve for 12 months. At Ramsey's Mills, he was placed under the command of Major Pinckney Eaton [sic, Pinketham or Pinkethman Eaton] a Continental officer who had charge of all the 12 months men under Major Eaton's orders he went to Fort Thompson [Fort Thomson] on the Wateree [River], which he assisted in taking, he then went to a Fort on the Congaree [River] which had surrendered before his arrival, and he marched on to Augusta Georgia where were established two forts one commanded by Colonel Grayson [sic, Grierson], a Tory and Colonel Grayson's Fort, the other under the charge of the British commanded by a British officer named Brown. That the Americans insisted the forts and finally succeeded in capturing them. Major Eaton was killed during the Siege and the command of the American troops devolved upon an officer whose name is not recollected. That soon after this event, having served seven months of the twelve months he hired a substitute for the balance of his time and returned home. He had a written discharge from the commanding officer whose name is not recollected and the discharge is now lost. He states that he served eight months in this tour, to wit, one month before the battle of Guilford and seven months after he was placed under Eaton's command. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know any witness to whom he can apply, to prove the facts stated as having occurred during this last tour of service.

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/ Jesse Webb

S/ S. Patterson, Clerk

[Thomas Crocker a clergyman and A. H. Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Franklin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court Richard Pippen who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he has heard the declaration of Jesse Webb read, that he well knew the said Webb at the time he was drafted to serve for 5 months under the command of Captain Britton Harris, that he the said Deponent entered the same company and served with said Webb during the whole tour and that the facts as set forth in the declaration of said Webb relative to said tour are correct to the best of his recollection & belief. He does not indeed remember the name of the Lieutenant in Captain Harris's company.

S/ Buk Pipin [sic?]

State of North Carolina Franklin County

The deposition of Thomas Griffin² of the County of Nash taken at the instance or in behalf of Jesse Webb of the County of Franklin both of the County and state aforesaid by me Guilford Lewis (at my own house) one of the justices of the peace in and for said County on the 3rd day of September A.D. 1832 in behalf of the said Jesse Webb, who served as a soldier of the revolutionary war, as being entitled to a pension under an act of Congress. After being carefully examined and sworn to testify the whole truth in behalf of the said Jesse Webb, a private of the Army in said Revolutionary war –

I Thomas Griffin deposes and saith, (of the County of Nash) that I knew the said Jesse Webb as a Soldier of the revolutionary And that he served with me a Tour of 3 months under the command of Benjamin Seawell and William Brickell Colonels of the Army at that time and that I knew the said Jesse Webb, as a soldier or private under their command as Colonels of the said Army, further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the 3rd day of September A.D. 1832

S/ Thos. Griffin

State of North Carolina Franklin County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Jesse Way of who being first duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the dates of his service in the Revolution except by reference to public events as he has done in his declaration to which this is annexed by reference to which it will appear that he states that his first tour of service was in the South and that he was engaged in the Battle of Briar Creek where the Americans under General Ashe were defeated and that while absent on duty Bute County was divided, which event he is informed fixes the tour of service to be the latter and of the year 1778 and the beginning of 1779. I further reference to his declaration it will appear that he states he is 2nd tour of service was during the time which General Gates was defeated by Lord Cornwallis which fixes or he is informed fixes the period of service to the summer of 1780 -- His last tour of service he distinctly stated commenced in February 1781 and continued for 8 months thereafter.

Sworn & subscribed to the 22nd day of April 1833

S/ Jesse Webb

[fn p. 8: In March 1845 in Franklin County North Carolina, Lucretia Web, 88 filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Webb, a pensioner at

² [Thomas Griffin S6923](#)

the rate of \$53.53 per annum of his services in the revolution; that she married him April one, 1777; that he died October 3 1837; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: issued to Jesse Webb and Obed Green of Bute County North Carolina on March 23, 1777 to secure the marriage of his Jesse Web to Lucretia Taylor.]

[fn p. 4: power of attorney given by Wilson D. Webb in pursuit of claims based on the claim of his mother Lucretia Webb as widow of Jesse Webb, on behalf of himself and his sister Clarsey [?] Evans; dated September 9, 1851 and given in Franklin County North Carolina]