

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Webb R11245

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[Transcribers Note: although this veteran's application is included among those of Virginia veterans, it appears from the affidavit of Jacob Danner that the services of May have been rendered in the Pennsylvania line. Also, the application and supporting testimony by the attending physician are copies of the originals. The original application and affidavit appear to have been sent to Congress at the request of a member of the House of Representatives.]

At a Court held at the Courthouse for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 13th day of March 1837 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Botetourt County now sitting the same being a Court of record Benjamin Webb a resident of Botetourt County in this State of Virginia aged seventy-six years the 10th day of December last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year he cannot recollect his memory being very much impaired, he thinks he enlisted with a Captain Buchanan the Regiment he does not recollect perhaps the 5th or 8<sup>th</sup>. That he served under Buchanan in the recruiting Service perhaps six months when he joined the main Army commanded by General Washington. After joining the main Army Buchanan's men were divided he thinks between Captain William Wilson and White and this deponent was transferred to Captain William Wilson's Company the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded he thinks by Colonel Taylor or Stewart. This Declarant enlisted during the war but did not serve until its close, in the battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine] in which he was engaged he received several severe wounds which are particularly described in the affidavit of William A. McDowell M. D. an eminent Physician to which he respectfully refers the war Department. In consequence of these wounds he was left among the slain on the field of battle insensible and when he came to his senses he found himself lying with a number of the wounded in a barn about five miles from the battle ground, how he got there this Declarant is unconscious but he was removed thence by his Father who lived in the immediate neighborhood five miles from Chads=Ford [Chadds Ford], that he did not regain his strength while the war lasted and never afterwards joined the Army. He says he never received a discharge in consequence of the facts above stated and supposes he was numbered among the slain. He enlisted in the County of Chester & State of Pennsylvania where he resided, he was in several skirmishes and in the battles of Trenton, Princeton & Brandywine. He has a vivid recollection of lighting up the fires before the Army left Trenton and he recollects that the engagement at Trenton commenced about sunrise. He marched with Washington's Army through the Jerseys. He was very young when he entered the service and knew very little about what was transpiring around him at the time and has but a very imperfect recollection now of but few of the

Circumstances, he was in actual service two years in the field during which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He knows no one living by whom he can prove his service and has no documentary evidence unless his name should be on the rolls in the Department, he was born in the year 1760 but has no record of his age in his possession, he had the leaf upon which his age was recorded in which he took from his Father's Bible, and carried in his pocket book until within a few years back when it was somehow or other misplaced and he has not seen it since, he remained in Pennsylvania for several years after the war when he removed to Virginia – where he has been living ever since following the business of Milling, he refers to the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution to wit Jonathan Lee, Thomas H Burns and Robert Anderson and Daniel :-) hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Signed Benj. Webb

[Jonathan Lee, a clergyman, and Thomas H Burns & Robert Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William A. McDowell a practicing Physician residing in the County of Botetourt have examined the scars of Benjamin Webb who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and do hereby certify that he has a scar of what I conceived to be a gun shot wound in the left ankle which seems to have produced at the time an exspoliation of the bone two inches above the joint also a Saber wound across the left rist [wrist] which seems to have produced a division of two thirds of the exterior tendons of the fingers also a dislocation of the elbow joint which he says was from the trampling of the Cavalry which still remains [indecipherable word<sup>1</sup>] also two saber wounds in the head the one detaching the scalp from the parietal bone within a half inch of the sagital [sagittal] enter [?] to the middle of the temporal bone showing a semicircular Scar of the Superficial extent of about ten inches the other showing a scar of about five inches on the right of the occipital bone. The wounds of the head are of such an appearance as clearly to show the kind of weapon with which they were inflicted.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. McDowell

Botetourt County to wit

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the said County Benjamin Webb who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 2 years I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Benjamin Webb

[attested March 13, 1837]

[fn p. 9: On April 17, 1837 in Botetourt County Virginia, Jacob Danner,<sup>2</sup> alias Jacob Tanner, gave

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S39411

testimony that he was personally acquainted with the veteran; "this affiant believes that the said Benjamin Webb belonged to the company commanded by Captain Buchanan of the 7th Regiment of the Pennsylvania line which he thinks was commanded by Colonel Taylor. This affiant thinks that the said Benjamin Webb served in the War at least 2 years. He has not seen him since the battle of Brandywine until the 15th instant."]

[fn p. 11: On September 5, 1837 in Botetourt County Virginia Smith Thompson<sup>3</sup> gave testimony in support of the application of the veteran stating "he thinks he must have served at least 3 or 4 years. He does not recollect the Regiment to which he belonged or the name of his Colonel but he well remembers he was in the Army commanded by Washington & was at the battle of Brandywine."

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<sup>3</sup> This veteran was pensioned for service rendered in the Virginia Continental Line. FPA S28438