

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Johnson (Johnston) Webb¹ W3904

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 27th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Johnson Webb, a resident of the County of Orange and State aforesaid, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was in three different Tours -- The First a Tour of one month, when the applicant volunteered as a private in the service of the United States -- The date he cannot now remember, but thinks it was sometime in 1776 or 1777 nor does he remember the names of the officers except that of the Captain whose name was Falkner -- The company was organized and marched from Hillsboro -- crossed Haw River at Galbreath's Ferry -- marched through Salisbury & Charlotte and crossed the Catawba [River] at an old "Indian Ford" -- and before we had proceeded much further -- we were countermanded understanding our service would not be needed it -- We were returned to Hillsboro and were there discharged -- Colonel William Moore this applicant thinks commanded this expedition he thinks a Major or Colonel Williamson was with them also.

He was likewise in the same year 1776 or '77 in a three months Tour will commonly known as the "Scotch Camp" -- a large number of Scotch Tories were embodied on the Cape Fear River on this side above where Fayetteville now stands. This company was Light horse, and this applicant entered it a private -- the names of none of the officers are now recollected except that of the Captain, whose name was John Adkison [sic, John Atkinson or John Adkinson?] that when upon this tour they had no engagement, but took 2 prisoners -- This Tour as well is he can now remember was in the spring of the year of '76 or '77 -- that after the expiration of the Tour the Company returned to Caswell "old Court House" and were there dismissed.

This applicant volunteered a third time in the service of the United States on a 9 months Tour in a company commanded by Captain Robert Moore, were organized and marched from Moon's Creek in Caswell County northward with the view of joining General Washington's Army, but when we got to Peytonsbury in Virginia we were countermanded & ordered to the defense of the South -- On our march to the South we crossed the Yadkin [River] at Long's Ferry passed through Salisbury & Charlotte, crossed the Santee [River] and went "to the 10 mile House" -- where we stayed some time, being in the month of December as well as this applicant

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now remembers (1778). From the 10 mile House we marched to Purrysburg on the Savannah River -- From there we marched up the River on the South Carolina side -- passed "Golphin's" -- Thence to Moore's Bluff or High Bluff as it sometimes called, a little below Augusta, after staying at Augusta a day or 2 we crossed the Savannah River there, and went down said River, upon the Georgia side to "Brier Creek bridge;" and under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe] & Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle], we were routed by the British forces under Lieutenant Colonel Prevost and driven across the Savannah, to the South Carolina side where we joined General Rutherford -- After our union with Rutherford we were marched to the "Two Sisters" [ferry] on the Savannah -- Soon after this, this applicant was taken sick and lay at Golphin's till the expiration of his 9 months Tour -- and soon as he recovered from his sickness he returned to Hillsborough where he was discharged by Colonel Lytle -- That his discharges all now lost and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of Samuel Nelson² who served with him in part of his 9 months Tour.

This applicant states in conclusion that he was born in Hanover in the State of Virginia -- but was living in Caswell County in this State when called into Service -- Has no record of his age, but from the best information is now in the 87th year of his age -- that he resided in the County of Caswell during the war of the revolution, and resided there till about 6 years after said war -- when he moved to the Hawfields in this County -- where he now resides and has since his first moving into Orange. -- and that in the several tours of service he was always a volunteer.

That he was acquainted in said war with Major Nelson, Colonel Lytle, General Ashe & General Lincoln & Rutherford & others --

And that he is acquainted in his neighborhood with James Turner,³ Samuel Allen⁴ & William Allen each of whom served in said war of the revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he [can] procure except those above named --

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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/ J. Taylor

S/ Johnston Webb, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 24th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Orange in the State aforesaid Samuel Nelson of the County of Orange aforesaid now in the 77th year of his age who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that in the year 1778-'9 he served a 5 months Tour to the South, under General Rutherford, and in said Tour, whilst above Purrysburg in South Carolina fell in with Colonel Lytle's nine months men, and remained with them till evening after General Ashe's defeat at Brier Creek on the 3rd March 1779 -- And he further states that during said 5 months service he was not acquainted with Johnson Webb, now an applicant for a pension, and who states he served a 9 months Tour under Colonel Lytle in 1778-9, but from the details this affiant has heard Webb relate of occurrences that happened whilst he was with Lytle, he feels fully satisfied that said web must have been

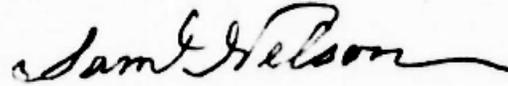
² [Samuel Nelson S8916](#)

³ [James Turner W11573](#)

⁴ [Samuel Allen S6480](#)

under Lytle as he has set forth in his Declaration.
Sworn to and subscribed on the 24th day May 1833

S/ Saml Nelson



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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 24th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid James Turner now in the 71st year of his age of Orange aforesaid, who being qualified maketh oath, that he has been acquainted with Johnston Webb an applicant for a pension near 43 years and as far back as his acquaintance extends with said web remembers to have heard him recount his services in the war of the Revolution, as he has set forth in his Declaration for pension, and is of the belief that said Johnston Webb, Served in the War of the Revolution as he has set forth in his Declaration.

S/ James Turner



[f p. 12: On March 18, 1839 in Chatham County North Carolina Grace Webb, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Johnston Webb, a pensioner at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Caswell County in 1781; that they were married by Robert Dickens, Esquire; that her husband died July 3, 1838 and that she remains his widow.]

[f p. 10: On May 2, 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina, Grace Webb, 108, filed a bounty land claim stating that she is the widow of Johnson Webb, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$66.44 per annum.]

[f p. 15: Prudence Zalock [?] gave testimony that she is the sister of Grace Webb; that she was present at the marriage of Johnson Webb to Grace McCarver in 1780 or 1781 in casual County; that they were married by Robert Dickens.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]