Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Webb W8735 Transcribed by Will Graves Susanna Smith¹ f73SC 5/21/10: rev'd 8/5/20

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State of South Carolina Sumter district

On this 14th day of November 1853 Before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared Susannah Smith widow of Richard Smith deceased and formerly the Widow of John Webb a Revolutionary Soldier who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of pay and pension due her husband the said John Webb and herself under the acts of Congress of 7th of July 1838 -- 2nd of February 1848 -- 28th September 1850 and 3rd February 1853 and all other previous facts applicable thereto --

That she is the Widow of Richard Smith deceased who died on the 16th day of January 1845 and formerly the widow of John Webb who died in 1801 in Sumter district South Carolina that her said husband John Webb was a Soldier in the Army of Revolution under Captain Daniel Conyers, Major James Conyers, Major Gamble, Red McCoy² --a Rev^y pensioner -- William Pringle, William Daniel and David Brunson was the names of a few of the fellow Soldiers of the said John Webb and General Marion's brigade; that the said John Webb was at the attack on Colonel Tyne's party³ who were Tories at Fort of Black River, battle of Fort Motte⁴ -- Battle of Black Mingo⁵

He was a Sergeant in Reid's [John Reid] troop -- W. Hampton's [Wade Hampton] Regiment Sumter's Brigade State Troops as per Comptroller Generals Certificate hereunto annexed: That her said husband John Webb and the declarant was married on the 10th day of May 1785 and that the said John Webb her husband died in 1801 -- as aforesaid; that her age and marriage are recorded in her Bible in the hand writing of the said John Webb her husband as follows "Susanna Webb was born September the 27th 1768 & was married May the 10th 1785 being 16 years 8 months & 17 days old."

She further swears that she had one surviving child named William to the said John Webb who now survives; that she married the said Richard Smith in the 6th day of October 1803 who departed this life the 16 day of January 1845 as aforesaid leaving her a widow -- and not again married, but is now the widow of the said Richard Smith and also the widow of her first husband

² Redden McCoy S7198

¹ Former Widow

³ Tearcoat Swamp, skirmish October 25, 1780. http://gaz.jrshelby.com/tearcoat.htm

⁴ May 8-12, 1781 http://gaz.jrshelby.com/motte.htm

⁵ September 28, 1780. http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackmingo.htm

the said John Webb: she further swears that she has never received any arrears war back pay or pension money for the Services of the said John Webb nor has she made any application therefore except the present.

S/ Susanna Smith, X her mark

[attested by William Lewis]

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"Susanna Webb was born September the 27th 1768 and was married May the 10th 1785 being 16 years 8 months and 17 days old"

On the 14 day of November 1853 Before William Lewis Esquire Judge of the court of ordinary in and for the district of Sumter State of South Carolina personally appeared William L. Brunson who being duly sworn according to law on his oath says he is now 64 years old that the above extract is a true copy of the record from the family Bible of John Webb deceased and his widow Susanna Smith widow of Richard Smith deceased formerly of John Webb of the time of marriage between the said John Webb and his wife Susanna that the said original record is in the handwriting of the said John Webb having frequently seen him write and familiarly acquainted with it: He further swears the said John Webb departed this life in 1801 and that fact is brought to the recollection of this deponent by reference to the said family Bible wherein he finds following record of the marriage of said widow Web to Richard Smith the is "Richard and Susanna Smith was married the 6th of October 1803." That the said extract is a true copy of the original made in the handwriting of the said Richard Smith with which this deponent is familiar. He further swears that said Richard Smith died in 16 January 1845.

S/W. L. Brunson

[p 5: affidavit dated September 23, 1854 filed in Sumter district South Carolina by Richard S. Webb, grandson of Susanna Webb, a pensioner of the United States for the services of her husband in the revolution. The affidavit deals with the loss of the certificate of pension and its replacement.]

[p 9: On March 24, 1855 in Sumter district South Carolina, Susannah Smith, 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Webb a private of dragoons in the revolutionary war, she being a pensioner under a certificate dated April 12, 1854.]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$34.72 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for the services of her deceased first husband as a private in the dragoons.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to John Webb Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8307 Transcribed by Will Graves

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South Carolina New acquisition} John Weeb [sic] Personally appeared before me and made oath that he served the full term of ten months in Ye state troops under the Command of General

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in Captain Reeds [John Reid's] Company of Light dragoons for which service he was entitled to Receive one Neagroe [sic, Negro] and one quarter having served as a Sergeant in said Company and having never Received said Neagroe or any value from said State for ye same. Have Bargained and sold his right of said Neagroe to Lieutenant James Robinson of said Troops and this Deponent further saith that he never before Bargained or sold his Right of said Negro to any other person whatsoever. Sworn before me this 3rd February 1785

S/ Jno Webb