

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Augustin Webb W25939

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State of Kentucky, Bullitt County

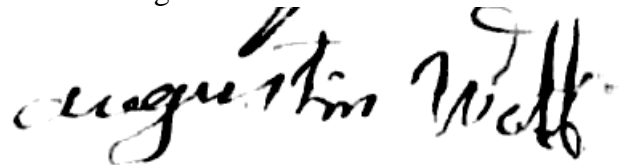
On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Bullitt County now sitting Augustin Webb a resident of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. There was a company of militia raised in Albemarle County Virginia under the Command of Captain \_\_\_ Lewis [perhaps, Nicholas Lewis] which was styled & called minute men and in the year 1775 or 1776 as well as he now recollects said Company with others were ordered to march under the command of Colonel Andrew Lewis against Governor Dunmore who was with his Shipping at Gwinn's Island [Gwynn Island]. One John Claxton who was first Sergeant of Captain Lewis's Company was unable to leave home and I went out as his Substitute & received the appointment of first Sergeant. We marched to Gwinn's Island (distant from Albemarle County about 80 or 90 miles) and on our arrival Governor Dunmore went on Board of his vessels & sailed off, and we returned home and shortly afterwards, the said Company with others was ordered to march under the command of Colonel William Christian against the Cherokee Indians. We commenced our march thus by Holston, French Broad etc. etc. got within a short distance of the Indian Towns and were met by a party of Indians who sued for peace and Colonel Christian held a Council with them after which we returned home & were discharged. He served between seven & eight months in the Expeditions against Dunmore and the Cherokee Indians. Sometime after his return home he moved to Botetourt County Virginia and in the month of October in the year 1781 [sic, context suggests he meant 1780] at a muster of the militia of said County Colonel Skilleren<sup>1</sup> [perhaps, George Skillern or Skilleren] of said militia urged the men to volunteer their services to go to Carolina to aid Generals Greene & Morgan in the defense of the Country, and Captains Robertson & Leatherdale and myself volunteered, the said Robertson as Captain, Leatherdale as Lieutenant & myself as Ensign. We immediately raised a Company and were placed under the Command of Colonel David Campbell and ordered on to Carolina. We commenced our march in the said month of October & marched to Salisbury where we stopped a short time to draw provisions – from there we marched to a place called the Cowpens & joined General Daniel Morgan first before the Battle Commenced with the British Troops under Tarleton and I was in said Battle Called the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in which the British were defeated. After the Battle General Nathanael Greene who was Commander in Chief in the South directed General Morgan to send an Express to General William Campbell on the Holston [River] directing General Campbell to send him some Soldiers and I was appointed to carry the dispatches. I secured them in the pad of my saddle but on my route to Holston I was taken prisoner by the Tories & Condemned to be hanged. I was kept tied

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1 A Google search fails to discover any reference to a "Col. Skilleren," but a search of the term "Col. Skillern" yielded 7 hits relating to a man by that name living in Botetourt County, Virginia during the time of the American Revolution.

& guarded for two days & one night, but I made my Escape & carried my dispatches safe to General Campbell. He sent a Company of Soldiers with me back to the Army. During my absence on this duty my Company had been discharged & returned home and on my return to the Army I was discharged by Colonel \_\_\_ by order of General Morgan and I arrived at home on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782 [sic, again the context suggests this would be 1781]. I have no documentary evidence in my possession proving my services to my Country and I know of no person in Kentucky who can prove it and I am too old infirm & poor to travel to Virginia in search of Tories. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. In answer to the And Robert Tories were propounded by the Court I answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> – I was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1755. To the 3<sup>rd</sup> answer that when I served my tour of duty against Governor Dunmore & the Cherokee Indians I lived in our wall County, Virginia, when I entered the service to go to Carolina I lived in Botetourt County Virginia. In the year 1782 I came to Kentucky & settled in said County and now reside in Bullitt County Kentucky. To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interrogatory answer that I have no record of my age and only know it from information heretofore derived from my father. To the 4<sup>th</sup> I answer that when I first went into service I served as a Substitute for John Claxton – when I entered the service in Botetourt County, I volunteered. To the 5<sup>th</sup> I answer that General Nathanael Greene, General Daniel Morgan were with the Troops where I last served. I do not recollect any of the Continental or militia regiments except the regiments to which I belonged commanded by Colonel David Campbell. There were some regular troops near Gwinn's Island and I do not recollect the names of the officers or regiments. On the Expedition against the Cherokee Indians there were no regular Officers or Continental or Regiments. I have already stated the general Circumstances of my service. To the 6<sup>th</sup> I answer that I never received any written discharge from the service I was appointed Ensign in Captain Robertson's Company by Colonel Skilleren but received no written Commission from any one. To the 7<sup>th</sup> state that I am known to Jesse Willson, Nathanael P. Saunders & Cornelius Bogard of my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior but there is no Clergyman residing in my neighborhood. If I were able to travel to the County of Fayette, Clarke & Shelby in this State (Kentucky) I could procure the Testimony of many persons as to my veracity & good behavior but I am too infirm & poor to do it. Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Augustin Webb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Augustin Webb". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Jesse Willson, Nathanael P Saunders & Cornelius Bogard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Transcribers Note: a large number of the pages in this file are illegible as a result of the digital images in both the Footnote.com and the HeritageQuest versions being too faint to read. This is especially true of the applications filed by the veteran's widow.]

[fn p. 6: In Hardin County Kentucky on June 20, 1855, Frances Webb, aged between 72 & 74 years, made application as the widow of Augustin Webb for her bounty land entitlement under the act of March 3rd, 1855; she states that her husband died in Bullitt County Kentucky 25<sup>th</sup> [?] day of February 1835; that at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the United States; that she married her husband in Shelby County Kentucky about 50 or 51 years ago in the month of September as well as she can recollect. Again, this document is very faint and the above represents my best guess as to what the document actually says.]

[fn p. 8: in a supporting affidavit, the statement is made that the widow's name prior to her marriage was Francis Clarke.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia. The pension was increased to \$60 per annum effective February 3, 1853.]