

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to John Walker VAS3825  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Petition for bounty land.

The Heirs of John Walker – Sergt – Illinois Regt.

John Walker Sergeant in the Illinois Regt has been reported by me, in the printed Illinois list (No 4) entitled to land for the war.

When that report was made, I had seen that the settlements of soldiers [undeciphered], of the Illinois Regt. shew'd that John Walker Sergt of Infantry receivd pay down to the first of the year 1782 – I had seen also, that he had been Serjt of artillery in Capt. Ro Georges [Robert George R14396] Company, of the Illinois Regiment, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1779 until Oct. 8 1781 – when it appears by the payrolls he was discharged from that company.

The document above mentioned viz the settlement of the accounts of or the list of balances due, the Illinois Soldiers (on file in 1<sup>st</sup> Auditors office) shews that John Walker was sergeant of Infantry, after Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1781: and I presum'd, that he had been transfered from Captain Rogers Company to some Company of Infantry belonging to the Regiment. Such transfers were often made. There is no list of balances due the Illinois Officers & Soldiers, of the later date, than the one just mention'd. The Payrolls in existence are not complete. There are no payrolls of some of the Companies. The Illinois Regiment was in service until after 1784. Their men enlisted for three years, or for the war.

Perhaps, I should have reported John Walker entitled to land for a service of three years, in the absence of positive proof that he enlisted for the war & served to the end of it.

There was positive proof of his actual service, of two years & seven months, and at the end of this time the public documents left him in service. I therefore, presum'd, under the circumstances, a service to the end of the war, a service of three years might be presum'd more reasonably & safely

Resply submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1834

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell [Littleton Waller Tazewell]

11 August 1834 All'd as Serg't for three years

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Governor of Virginia

I have the honor to represent to Your Excellency that I received from the Register of this State 200 acres of bounty land for the heirs of sergeant John Walker of the Illinois Regiment as their attorney in fact as will appear from the Registers certificate herewith enclosed The report of Commissioner John H Smith shows that the Sergeant aforesaid served during the war an extract of which report is also herewith enclosed. 200 Acres is the allowance of a private in the Regiment aforesaid and of course a Sergeant must be entitled to double that quantity I respectfully ask of your of Excellency to Consider of this Subject and if you think the Said Sergeant entitled to additional bounty land I will, as attorney for the heirs be greatly obliged. I am Sir, your Excellencys/ obedient Servant Wm. Helm

Executive Department/ Richmond August 11<sup>th</sup> 1834

The Heirs of John Walker are allowed Land Bounty for his services as a Sergeant in the Illinois Regiment for three years. The Register will issue a warrant accordingly if not heretofore drawn.

Attest/Jno B Richardson

Litt'n W Tazewell

On the tenth day of January 1835, a Warrant No 8094 for 120 acres issued to William Walker Delilah Gaines and Sarah Kemper, three of the Heirs of John Walker deceased.

On the twenty first day of January 1835, a military warrant No 8098 for 80 acres issued to Benjamin and John Walker two of the Heirs of John Walker deceased. (see No 8094 an anti P[?] 370.)

Copies from the Records of the Virginia Land Office./ Teste, W Selden R Loff  
The above mentioned Warrants were delivered to Doctor Helm  
Teste W Selden Reg'r L off L off Richmond/ Feb 16 1832

no evidence filed to shew on what ground Mr Smith reported this soldier as entitled for the war  
Rejected DC [Gov. David Campbell]