

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Walker R11029

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State of North Carolina, Orange County }

On this the 27th day of November A. D. 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now in Session Andrew Walker, resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy-six 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 7th 1832. --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated.

That between the year 1779 and 1780, the precise year not remembered, the declarant volunteered, in the County of Orange, N. C., where he resided, as a private in the militia of the State – whether for the particular emergency then existing, or for the then usual tours of three months, the Declarant cannot recollect – under the command of Captain Hugh Tinnen, then of Orange aforesaid, and was attached to his company, which was organized & mustered into Town of Hillsboro N. C. From Hillsboro, declarant was marched to Fayetteville N. C. -- the object of the levy of the troops & their march, being to subdue the Tories in the neighborhood & below Fayetteville – who were understood to have mustered a considerable force. The other Officers in command in this expedition were Colonels Rochester and Moore – Governor Caswell [Richard Caswell] being Commander in Chief. A short time before the Regiment, to which declarant was attached, reached Fayetteville, the enemy were met & vanquished by the troops under Governor Caswell, at Black water below Fayetteville – so that the emergency which called out declarant's Regiment, no longer demanded his service; and thereupon declarant was marched back to Hillsboro and discharged by his Captain, after having been under orders under said engagement, not less than four weeks and exceeding five weeks, as well as his memory serves him. His discharge is lost or destroyed.

Afterwards, and before the British occupied the town of Hillsborough in 1781¹ – but what particular year not remembered – the declarant again volunteered as a private in the Militia in the County of Orange, where he resided, for three months – and served that period under the command of General Alexander Mebane – who was Commissary to the Army – with John Reeves deceased late of Orange aforesaid in procuring provisions for the Army, who was Deputy Commissary under said Mebane – as will appear by reference to the Affidavit of said Reeves hereunto appended. He was discharged, he thinks by said A. Mebane, by parol.

In the summer of 1780, the declarant volunteered as a private in the Militia, for what particular term, he does not recollect, in the County of Orange, in a company of Cavalry

¹ On September 12, 1781, loyalist militia forces under the command of David Fanning attacked Hillsboro and took the Governor and most of the members of the state's Legislature prisoner.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html

Commanded by Captain George Hodge – which assembled & was organized at General Butler's [John Butler's] residence, on Haw River, in said County of Orange. At this time, Governor Caswell was stationed with the Militia of the State at the Cross Roads in Randolph County N.C. and declarant was marched under Captain Hodge from Orange to Randolph County & thence through the Country bordering the Pedee River in pursuit of Tories, for the purpose of disarming them & making prisoners of them and conveying the arms & prisoners so taken to Governor Caswell at Cross Roads aforesaid. Declarant was engaged in this service at the least four weeks and was discharged by his said Captain on their arrival at a place whence they set out on the expedition. This discharge was by parole.

On the declarant to return home from the last mentioned service, he ascertained that he had been drafted in the County of Orange aforesaid as a private in the Militia, for the term of three months – whereupon he immediately entered the service again, under said draft, under the command of Captain Searcy [Bartlett Searcey], & joined the Granville Troops, who were on their march to join General Gates [Horatio Gates] in South Carolina. Declarant marched through Randolph County – crossed the Yadkin [River] at Moore's Ferry – thence to where Rocky River runs into Pedee [River] – thence down the Pedee to Massey's Ferry – and thence in the direction of Camden, SC: on this last route he met some of our soldiers returning from Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], whereupon he was marched back to Orange County, and was disbanded after being in actual service under said engagement, two months. In a short time after his return home from the last mentioned expedition, Viz., in the Fall of 1780 declarant volunteered as a private in the Militia for three months, in Orange aforesaid and went into service, under said engagement, under the command of General Butler, with his wagon & team, as a Baggage Wagon; he marched from Orange County to Salisbury N. C. crossing Deep River at Bell's Mills and the Yadkin at the Island Ford. At Salisbury, he remained until he was discharged being employed in guarding the Jail & prisoners there confined. He was discharged from this service by General Butler, after having been in service, under said engagement, at four months, instead of three for which he volunteered as aforesaid. Declarant's Captain was Captain Hadin [Douglas Hayden], Ensign John Watson – Field Officers Colonel Collier [John Collier] & Major Sharp. This discharge is lost or destroyed.

The above is as circumstantial an account of Declarant's services in the War of the Revolution, as his memory enables him to give – save some service rendered by him with his wagon & team for 15 days, being pressed into that service by a Continental officer by the name of Salter [possibly James or Robert Salter, both of whom were Continental commissary officers] near the Atlantic Coast of N. C. at the time Sir Peter Parker was understood to be making for Charleston – and was discharged by Colonel Martin at Wilmington, N. C.

The declarant hath no documentary evidence of his said service -- & knows of no persons by whom he can prove the said service, excepting James Clark of Orange, N. C. whose affidavit is hereunto appended – as is the Affidavit of John Reeves deceased late of Orange, whose affidavits were taken in January 1833, when he made a declaration before a Justice of the Peace to obtain a pension, he then being infirm and unable to attend Court – which declaration has not been presented to the Department of War, on account, as declarant is informed, of its informality.

The declarant was born in the County of Dary [Derry] in Ireland on the 5th of October 1758. He has a register of his age at home in his Family Bible. He removed with his parents, to North Carolina, in the year 1772. He landed at Wilmington N. C. & thence went to Orange County – where he has ever since resided – and where he entered the service at each of the several times in enumerated above. The declarant is known to the Reverend Thomas Reeves and James Forrest – who reside in his County.

This declarant does relinquish hereby every claim whatever 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 in open Court.

S/ Andrew Walker

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S/ J. Taylor, CC

[Thomas Reeves, a clergyman, and James Forrest gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day personally appeared before me Joseph D. Hughes one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid James Clark Esq. of the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, doth State as follows that he was acquainted with Andrew Walker of the County and State aforesaid at the time of the War of the Revolution, and this deponent states that the said Andrew Walker he believes went with his wagon with the Army under General John Butler from Orange County through Randolph County crossed Deep River at Bells Mill then crossed Uwharrie – on to the Yadkin, from there crossed the Yadkin & took up camp near Salisbury remained in camp until three months expired which was the Time of Service, it being in the latter part of the Summer of 1780 or rather in the fall of that year. This deponent has entered the 71st year of his age.

Sworn & subscribed to before made the ninth day of January A.D. 1833

S/ J. D. Hughes, JP

S/ James Clark

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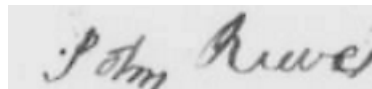
State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day personally appeared before me J. D. Hughes one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid John Reeves² Esq. of the County aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth State as follows Viz.: that he was acquainted with Andrew Walker of the County of Orange, & that he was an active Soldier in the Revolutionary War – this deponent says that he well recollects, that the said Andrew Walker entered the Service as a volunteer, & when he the said deponent, was acting as Deputy Commissary for Alexander Mebane, that the said Andrew Walker was out with him the said John Reeves as much as three months aiding & assisting in collecting Cattle & driving them, & also in procuring other provisions for the Army – The said deponent says he further recollects to have seen the said Applicant at Granville Old Court House with his wagon & team in the public Service again I seen him in Caswell County says the deponent with his wagon & team in the public Service – further the deponent says that the Applicant was a very Zealous Whig & that he has no doubt that the Applicant rendered various other services to his Country, but not now distinctly recollected – the said deponent has entered his 87th year.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this ninth day of January A.D. 1833

S/ J. D. Hughes, JP

S/ John Reeves

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