

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Walker R11036

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County: Sct.

On this 18th day of August 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the County Court now sitting James Walker a resident of the said County of Jessamine & State aforesaid of the age of about 80 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, and served as herein stated. I entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 or 1778 as well as he can recollect in the County of Goochland Virginia under the command of Captain Curd [probably Edmund Curd], Jesse Lacy [Elliott Lacy or Matthew Lacy] was Ensign, we met at Colonel Cavels [probably, Cabell's] ground and there the Barroc [barracks] was in we remained there guarding the British prisoners three weeks and was then discharged by said Captain Curd without a written discharge; I then returned home and was called on again in the same year (the month I cannot recollect owing to age & the length of time) to go and guard the same prisoner and went under the Command of Captain Parrish [probably Humphrey Parrish] and continued as one of the guard three weeks longer at the barroc and was then dismissed by said Captain Parrish without a written discharge as well as I recollect – In September in the year 1778 or 1779 as near as he can recollect the militia were all called down to Richmond Virginia and I went down in the 7th division under the command of Captain Thomas Hatcher and William Taylor was our Colonel we marched from Richmond to James River and was on one side and then on the other some time going down and then up for the British were burning the towns and doing much injury and we were in pursuit of them. We were on the Richmond side of the River in a march we discovered the British on the Manchester side of the River we made seven rounds of fire at them; they fired into our vessel on the river and thereby set fire to it and in that way our powder being in the vessel was blown up, we were stationed one week during this tour at a place called Old hundred hundred on James River, and was dismissed at Guilford Court-house after a tour of 3 months by said Captain Hatcher without any written discharge (as well as I can recollect) and I returned home and stayed there two or three weeks and the militia were all called down again to Richmond, I went down under the Command of Captain Guid Hatcher [probably Gideon Hatcher] and the same William Taylor was our Colonel, and we marched from Richmond to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] and was stationed there for 3 months in the 7th division and there remained until the 3 months expired & was then dismissed by said Guid Hatcher without a written discharge (as far as I can remember).

I was born and raised until 12 years old in Hanover County Virginia. I have no knowledge of the month or year I was born, my age was set down in Samuel Lamays family Bible in Virginia and have not seen it for a great many years – it was left in Virginia. I do not

know what has become of it, but to the best of my recollection and belief I am about 80 years old.

I was living in Goochland County Virginia when called into service; since the Revolutionary War I lived in the County of Goochland & Louisa Virginia and removed to Jessamine County Kentucky & have lived about the year 25 and have continued to live here ever since I'm moved and it is still my place of residence –

I was called into service by being drafted. The names of Officers & Circumstances of my services I have stated as well as recollected by me. Owing to old age, the length of time since these services were performed and the consequent loss of recollection I am unable to state the General Circumstances of my Services any better than I have already stated. I never received a written discharge as well as I can remember –

I state Captain Thomas B. Scott, William A. Fry, Henry Overstreet, James Overstreet, John Harris, William Harris, James Harris, John Hill, Jacob Rohrer, Josiah Bangler, William Reynolds & Thomas Reynolds are persons to whom I am known & in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State that he knows of.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. PS. He further states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services & well attached the affidavits of Mrs. Gilman & Henry Overstreet whose affidavits will prove circumstances &c.

S/ James Walker, X his mark

[Jacob Rohrer, a clergyman, and Henry Overstreet gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: on August 19, 1834 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Henry Overstreet gave testimony that James Walker is an honest and truthful man though very poor that Walker and his wife have no children and are both unable to work, the wife being a cripple under the necessity of walking upon crutches. Mrs. Sarah Gilman gave a similar affidavit adding that she was aware of James Walker being absent serving in the militia several times during the revolution as she lived a near neighbor to him at that time; and that she has been living in Jessamine County the last 27 years and has known Walker and his wife.]

[fn p. 4: On June 19, 1843 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Elizabeth Walker, about 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Walker, a pensioner of the United States for his service during the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis she thinks in the year 1782 or 3; that her husband died November 27, 1840 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: On July 4th, 1843 in Mercer County Kentucky Edward Houchins, aged about 83, gave testimony that he was born and raised in Goochland County Virginia; that he was well acquainted with James and Elizabeth ball or, Elizabeth being the widow of James and an applicant for a pension under the 1838 act; that he knew the family of William Walker and Samuel Lemay; that James Walker was the son of William Walker and that he married Elizabeth Lemay the daughter of Samuel Lemay he thinks about the year 1782; that he was not present at their wedding but that James and Elizabeth lived together as husband and wife; that Parson Renson Ford lived in the same neighborhood with the Walker and Lemay families and they were

all Baptist.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 12 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]