

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Walker¹ R11040 Jane

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State of Virginia Rockbridge County: SS

On this fifth day of January 1846 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of said County now sitting Archibald B Walker a resident of Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia aged forty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in behalf of himself and the other surviving children of Jane Walker deceased of said County in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That the said Jane Walker was the widow of Alexander Walker deceased of said County who was an officer in service during the Revolutionary War. The declarant is unable to state very fully the details of the Revolutionary Services of his father the said Alexander Walker, who has been dead about twenty-five years. He has frequently heard his father speak of his services in the Revolution, but most of the particulars have escaped his memory from lapse of time. The declarant believes from the information he has received that the said Alexander Walker held the rank of Lieutenant in the militia from the commencement to the close of the war. That he was frequently drafted and always acted in that capacity. His first service was performed in 1774 having been called out against the Indians he marched from the County of Augusta as Lieutenant in a company. The troops were commanded by General Lewis. They proceeded to the Ohio River and had a bloody engagement with the Indians. The battle was fought at a place called Point Pleasant. The said Alexander Walker was dangerously wounded by a ball which passed through his body. The declarant cannot state the precise length of his service at this time. He presumes however that it was not for a shorter period than three months, as it would have required nearly this period to have performed the march. The next service of which there is any proof was performed in the year 1781. The said Walker it is believed performed a tour of Militia duty in the winter of 1780 and 1781. That he marched as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Gilmore [probably Capt. James Gilmore] of Rockbridge County and performed a tour of duty in the State of North Carolina, that he was engaged in the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. The length of this Tour was four months. It is believed that the said Walker was discharged soon after the battle of the Cowpens, but that he was almost immediately recalled to service as he was engaged in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], serving as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Elliot. How long the said Walker served at this time the declarant cannot state. He however presumes when that the tour was of the usual links as troops would hardly be called

¹ McAlister in his roster of Virginia Militia officers lists a Lt. Alexander Walker from Rockbridge County "sworn July 7, 1778."

from the Valley of Virginia to North Carolina for a shorter period. The last service performed by the said Walker was in the summer of 1780. The declarant believes that he served as Lieutenant in this campaign which was made in Eastern Virginia. He returned from this last service in the month of August 1781. This tour is believed to have been 3 months long. From all the information which the declarant has received in reference to his father's Revolutionary services, he believes that he and served not less than 12 months as Lieutenant having been called out 4 times, he may and probably was in service at other times of which there is no proof, he was wounded 3 times whilst in service. The declarant would further state that his father the said Alexander Walker died in the County of Rockbridge in the year 1820, and that his widow Jane Walker died on the 13th of December 1843, and that they were married in the month of September 1777, according to the information which he has received, and that the said Jane Walker at her death left the following children to wit Archibald B Walker, Elizabeth Walker, Priscilla Walker, Melinda Jane Kelso widow of Walker Kelso deceased of Kentucky & John C Walker of Indiana. The said marriage of Alexander Walker took place in the County of Rockbridge Virginia the maiden name of his wife was James Stuart. The declarant would further state that the said Jane Walker died without having drawn the pension which was due her on account of the Revolutionary services of her husband the said Alexander Walker, and that this declaration is made for the purpose of drawing the arrearages of said pension. For the evidence of the Revolutionary Services of the said Alexander Walker, the declarant refers to the accompanying affidavits.

S/ Arch'd B. Walker



[fn p. 48: On June 3rd, 1845 in Rockbridge County, Robert Cummings, 71, gave testimony that he distinctly recalls to conversations he had with Alexander Walker in which he, Walker, told him about his service during the revolution, saying that he was in an engagement at the Point in which he was shot through the body and in the battle of Guilford Court House in which he was struck by a ball in the forehead which wound produced a scar which he carried to the date of his death.]

[fn p. 51: On August 4, 1845 in Rockbridge County Virginia, James G. W. Youel, 48, gave testimony that he is the son of William Youel² a resident of Rockbridge County who died in 1835 at the age of 85 years; that his father was a soldier of the revolution and frequently spoke of his comrade in service Alexander Walker; that his father served 2 campaigns in the revolution one in North Carolina of 4 months duration in which the battle of the Cowpens was fought and another in the neighborhood of James town Virginia of 2 months duration; that his father told him that he served with Alexander Walker in one campaign and he believes the campaign to the Carolinas in which Walker served as a Lieutenant under Captain Gilmore of Rockbridge County; that said Alexander Walker was a gunsmith and repaired the arms of the company to which he belonged in addition to his other services.

² [William Yowell \(Yowel, Youell\) W5551](#)



.Note: William Youel did not claim to have been at the Cowpens in his own application for a pension.]

[fn p. 23: On October 10, 1845 in Monroe County Virginia, Eleanor Walker gave testimony that she will be 80 years old the 29th day of next November; that she is the sister of Jane Walker who died a year or 2 since in the County of Rockbridge; that Jane was the widow of Alexander Walker; that the marriage of Jane and Alexander took place about 68 years ago in the month of September; that at the time affiant was nearly 12 years old; that she was living at the time with her uncle Edward Hall in the County of Augusta; that she knows Alexander Walker served in the revolutionary war but cannot state the length of his service; that she remembers one tour in which Alexander Walker wrote his horse to the home of Edward Hall so that she, affiant, could ride the horse back to stay with Jane Walker during his absence in a tour to Jamestown; that he was gone on this tour 2 or 3 months; that at the time Jane Walker had one or 2 children.]

[fn p. 53: On August 4th, 1845 in Rockbridge County Virginia, James Walker, 54, gave testimony saying that he was well acquainted with Alexander Walker; that he well recalls Walker telling him about his service; he specifically recalls the following: "He [affiant] heard him [Alexander Walker] speak of having been at the battle of Guilford, where he was wounded slightly in the side of the head. The affiant likewise heard the said Walker speak of an encounter which he had with a Hessian soldier who had in his possession an American Prisoner named Captain Elliott. Whilst the Americans were retreating the said Walker stated that he passed near the Hessian soldier who commanded him to surrender which he declined doing. There upon both parties fired, the Hessian was killed and Captain Elliott was released by Walker. The affiant thinks that he remembers having heard the said Walker relate another incident to wit that he was pursued by two British Troopers who commanded him to surrender which he refused to do saying that he would kill one of the pursuers if they advanced upon him which they then declined doing. The affiant does not recollect any other campaigns which the said Walker spoke of having been engaged in."]

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State of Virginia Botetourt County: SS

Affidavit of Archibald McClung³ made before me Madison Gilmore a justice of the peace in and for said County of Botetourt.

The affiant having been first duly sworn according to law deposed as follows to wit that he will be eighty-two years old and March next. That he was a soldier of the Revolution, and is now a pensioner of the United States. That in the year 1781 he was drafted for a tour, and left the County of Rockbridge about the first of August, and marched through the County of Augusta and crossed the Blue Ridge at Rockfish Gap in passing the Mountain the Corps to which the affiant was attached met a Corps of American soldiers who were returning from a tour of duty. Some conversation took place between the acquaintances and friends thus meeting. There were some persons by the name of Tilford in the company to which the affiant belonged and these

³ FPA S9010

persons got into conversation with some friends whom they found in the returning Corps. These friends related to the Tilfords some circumstances in relation to Alexander Walker who was down with them: that the said Walker had a personal conflict with some of the British soldiers called Yangers [Jägers] who were thus named on account of the sort of Gun which they used. The affiant is very confident that the said Alexander Walker was with this Corps which was returning from a tour of duty. The affiant had no personal acquaintance with the said Walker but he has a distinct recollection of this conversation which he heard the Tilfords hold with their friends who had been down with Walker. The campaign was served by Walker in Easton Virginia, according to the affiant's belief and information. He cannot state the precise length of this tour which the said Walker served but he presumes it was for the usual period known as the know whether he held an office. The said Alexander Walker lived on Hays Creek in Rockbridge County and had married a lady whose maiden name was Jane Stuart and whose heirs as the affiant has been informed our applicants for arrearages of pension due there mother at her death. The affiant knows nothing of any of the said Walker's other campaigns. He had no intimate acquaintance with him. He believes that this tour was for the period of 3 months as that was the usual period for which the troops were called out and he heard nothing of a shorter campaign at the time.

[attested October 14, 1845]

[fn p. 9: On October 14, 1845, in Botetourt County Virginia Elizabeth Stuart of Rockbridge County gave testimony that she is 78 years of age as of March next; that her husband, Robert Stuart is deceased and was the brother of Jane Walker, widow of Alexander Walker of Hays Creek Rockbridge County Virginia; that she has been intimately acquainted with James Stuart for more than 60 years; that she, affiant married Robert Stuart in 1789; at the time of affiant's marriage Jane Walker had 5 children the eldest of whom at that time was about 10 years old; that Jane Walker had been married about 2 years before she had her first child which would mean that she was married in the year 1777; that Jane and Alexander Walker raised 13 children; that Alexander Walker was always believed to have been a soldier of the revolution; that he was severely wounded at the battle with the Indians in 1774 at Point Pleasant; that he was also engaged in the battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Elizabeth Stuart

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[fn p. 20: On April 8th, 1852 in Rockbridge County Virginia, Thomas H Walker gave testimony that he is in his 68 year and was born and lived near Alexander Walker; never doubted the marriage of Alexander Walker to Jane Stuart; that Alexander Stewart, the father-in-law of Alexander Walker fidgeted Alexander Walker frequently and treated him as his son-in-law. The relationship, if any of Thomas H Walker to Alexander Walker and his family is not stated.]