

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Walker R11041

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: Be it remembered that this being the 25th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me William Fugate one of the Justices of the peace of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session the same being a court of record held for said County Edward Walker aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

This applicant states that he is so old and infirm that he cannot attend court without greatly injuring of his health and he states that he is afflicted with a disease as he is advised by his Doctor called the dropsy which has so completely unmanned [?] him that he has scarcely any use of himself he further states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he resided in the State of North Carolina in the County of Dupeland [sic, Duplin] in the year of 1777 where he was drafted to perform a three months Tower [tour] in the service of his Country and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Nathan Hill which company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Askew [?] and we marched to Willmington [sic, Wilmington] in the State of North Carolina and joined the Army commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] where the Army was stationed to prevent the British from landing at Wilmington and a place called Brunswick and during the time that this applicant was there we had no general engagement but had a few skirmishes and exchanged several shot at each other and after my term of service had expired I received my discharge from Colonel John Askew and returned home and returned home to Duplin County which said discharge I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it. Applicant states that it was in the spring of 1777 that he performed the above named services.

The applicant states that he still resided in the County of Duplin and in the spring of the year of 1778 he was again drafted to perform a three months tour of duty in the cause of his country and that he belonged to a company commanded by the same Captain Nathan Hill in the Regiment commanded by the same Colonel John Askew and we marched again to Wilmington and Brunswick where we were stationed during my term of service and I then received my discharge from Colonel John Askew and returned home which said discharge I have lost or

mislaid so that I cannot produce it and this applicant further states that he still lived in the County of Duplin and in the spring of 1779 he was again drafted for three months and that he served under the same Captain in the same Colonel and marched again to the town of Wilmington where we joined General Rutherford and we were again stationed at the two above named places to wit Wilmington and Brunswick and after my term of service had expired I received my discharge and returned home which said discharge I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it and this applicant further states that it was some time after the spring of 1779 in the County of Duplin he was again drafted to perform one other tour of duty for 3 months and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain James Harrison or Harris which said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun?] And from there we marched to Halifax on Roanoke [River] where we were stationed until my term of service had expired. I received my discharge from Colonel Hogun and returned home which said discharge I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce the same.

And this applicant states that he volunteered himself several times to fight the Tories and states that in one of the scouting parties he got into an engagement with the Tories and that this applicant received two wounds on the head from the sword and then took him prisoner and shortly after he made his escape from them the scars upon his head caused by the wounds that I received are now shown to the Justice who holds the court before whom this declaration is made.

This applicant states that putting the whole of that time together that he did serve his country in the Army of the United States for more than 12 months in the Revolutionary war. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no living testimony by whom he can prove his services by but James More [sic, James Moore] whose affidavit is here with respectfully submitted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what so ever to a pension or any other annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State what so ever.

Questions by the Justice

When and where were you borned Answer I was borned in 1756 in the state of North Carolina

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it Answer I have no record of my age

3. Where were you living when you were called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live Answer I lived in the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina when I was called into service I lived while in the County of Russell in the State of Virginia since the revolution and I now live in the County of Claiborne in the State of Tennessee

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. Answer I was drafted and I volunteered.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers whom you knew. Colonel James Armstrong General Rutherford and others

6. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so from home Answer I received several several from Colonel John Askew and one from Colonel Hogun all of them I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce them

7. State the names of persons to whom you [are known in your] present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolutionary war Answer I now [illegible name] and Thomas [illegible name]

S/ Edward Walker

S/ William Fugate, JP

[Thomas Sulfrage [?] and James J. Belvin [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[The attesting justice of the peace, William Fugate, states that there is no regular ordained minister of the gospel in the neighborhood in which the applicant resides.]

[fn p. 29: on May 18, 1843 and Claiborne County Tennessee, Jane Walker, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Walker, a pensioner for his revolutionary services at the rate of \$40 per annum; that her husband died August 27th, 1838; that she married him in the month of May 1790, about the first of the month; that her were married by Richard Murrel, a Baptist preacher, in the state of North Carolina in the area which is now Sullivan County Tennessee at a place called Island Flatts about 3 miles from what is now Kingsport or North fork of the Holston on Reed Creek; that their first son was born in 1791; that her name before her marriage was Jane House.]

[fn p. 32: on May 19, 1840 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Jane Walker, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow and relic of Edward Walker a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that her husband died August 26, 1838; that she was married to him and Sullivan County on horse Creek by a Baptist minister named Richard Murrel about the first day of May 1790; that she submits in proof of her marriage the Bible record in the hand writing of Jonathan Walker showing the ages of her children.]

[facts in file: E. widows name was Jane House or Horne, daughter of Frederick House or Horne of Hawkins County, Tennessee; the children of the veteran and his wife are as follows

Joseph born June 26 1791

William born May 15, 1792

Edward born September 7, 1795

Martha born November 9, 1797

John W. born October 20, 1801

Samuel born January 30, 1802 or January 31, 1803

Jonathan born June 2 or 4, 1805

Henry N. or H. born August 16, 1807

Susanna born November 5, 1809

Margaret born April 15, 1812

Elizabeth born May 30, 1815

Son Jonathan is referred to in 1845 as being a minister of the gospel.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for one year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]