

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Mathias Walker R11048

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State of Alabama, Wilcox County

On this seventeenth May A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me Samuel Pitts, a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mathias Walker, a resident of the County and State aforesaid (he being unable to attend Court by reason of bodily infirmity, and being nearly blind) aged seventy five 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. (says)

That he entered the service sometime in year A. D. 1777 or 1778 as a volunteer. And he served as aforesaid under the command of Capt. Benjamin Odum in Col. Levy Hammond's [sic, LeRoy Hammond's] Regiment and afterwards under the command of Capt. Odum. He was present at the siege of Augusta on the Savannah river and before the surrender of Augusta, he was marched under the command of Col Levy Hammond and General Lee [sic, Col. Henry Lee, a/k/a "Light Horse Harry Lee"] to Golfin's [sic, Galphin's] Fort which surrendered in a few days after his arrival. He returned to Augusta and was present at the surrender of General Brown [Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown], the commander of the British. He was afterwards employed in watching the movements of the Tories and defending the frontiers. While in this employment, he was at an engagement with the Tories on Windy Hill Creek, a branch of South Edisto [River]. The Tories attacked them before daybreak and killed sixteen men. He served at various periods in the years 1778, 1779 and was principally employed in protecting the settlements from the ravages and depredations of the Tories. He received no written discharge and has no documentary evidence of his services. When called into service he lived in Barnwell District in the State of South Carolina. He hereby relinquishes 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 in any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Mathias Walker and answers thereto--

Question 1st: Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in the state of North Carolina, March 15, 1759.

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

A. I have no record of my age.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. When called into service, I was living in Barnwell District in the State of South Carolina. After the

revolution, shortly after the war, I moved to Buncombe County, North Carolina, thence to the barrens of Kentucky, thence to Duck river and from thence, I moved to Basset Creek in Clark County in the state of Alabama and from that place, I removed to Wilcox County, where I now live.

4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom?

A. I volunteered in the militia-and acted as such when occasion required-the whole term of my service was six months and upwards, as I believe.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. I recollect General Lee of the regular service and Capts. Odum and Roberts and Col. Hammonds of the Militia. I was at the Siege of Atlanta at the surrender at Galphin's Fort and at the surrender of Genl. Brown at Augusta and at an engagement at Windy Hill Creek and for further particulars, I refer to the preceding declaration.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I never received a discharge from service.

7th. State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. I know Robert C. Dunnam, a minister of the Gospel and James A. Edens and Martin Pruit who reside in my immediate neighborhood in this County.

Sworn and Subscribed May 17 1834

S/ Sam. Pitts. J. P.

[Robert C. Dunnam, a clergyman, and James A. Edins and Martin Pruit gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Alabama, Wilcox County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the Court aforesaid Mathias Walker, who being duly sworn deposes and says that by reason old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of knowledge and recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below. Viz: For the period of six months, I served as a volunteer in the militia and for such service, I claim a pension.

S/ Mathias Walker, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed May 17, 1834

S/ Sam. Pitts, J.P.