

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Walker R11051

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

On this 13th day of October 1834 personally appeared before the justices of the peace for the County aforesaid now sitting Moses Walker a resident of said County aged about seventy 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in Bedford County in the State of Virginia about the middle of August 1781 in the militia Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Arthur and Lieutenant Joseph Hembrick [?] and afterwards when it was ascertained that I was in the habit of making Kanteans [sic, canteens], orders were given for me to engage during the tour making kanteans as the Army was in great want of such vessels and so I continued in said County in the United States employed at that business during this tour (the work was delivered by me to Captain Thomas Crump at New london [New London]) which ended about the middle or last of October in the same year – being 3 months tour. He was then discharged by his Captain and had a certificate of discharge for said work as a tour of duty which was signed by said Captain Crump which has been lost or mislaid so as not to be found. He served a second tour of three months which commenced the last of December 1781 under the command of said Captain Arthur and marched to Otter Church where the ammunition was deposited to guard the same and when I reached the said Church I was placed under the Command of Sergeant Neal and Leach and continued there three months as a guard until about the last of March 1782 – and then discharged at the said Church by said Neal without a written discharge as well as he recollects. That he was born in Bedford County Virginia the 15th day of November 1763 – His age was registered in his father's family Bible which was left in Virginia in his father's possession. That he was living in Bedford County Virginia when called into service; resided in Virginia until 1801 & then moved to Jessamine County Kentucky where he has ever since resided – That each tour of duty served by him as aforesaid he was drafted. The names of officers & General Circumstances of his services above stated. He states Andrew Hoover, Thomas Butler, Lemuel Butler, John Rowland, Thomas Hawkins, John Hawkins, & Josiah Elgin all persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He further states that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure to prove his services aforesaid – 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 of any State, that he knows of that he never has received any Compensation for his services aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Moses Walker



[Andrew Hoover, a clergyman, and Thomas Butler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Jessamine: SS

On this 21st day of November 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Jessamine County aforesaid now sitting Moses Walker a resident of the County of Jessamine and State of Kentucky, aged between 80 & 81 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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. That in June 1781 he was drafted to reinforce General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the siege of Ninety Six, was ordered to meet at Major John Ward's Bedford County Virginia and met but no officer appeared to take command, the draft was ordered home to await further orders, and about 10 days afterwards was ordered by Captain Benjamin Arthur to whose militia Company he belonged to meet at Captain Thomas Leftridge's [probably Capt. Thomas Leftwich's] in the said County of Bedford at which time he had a sore foot and did not attend, he was then tried by a court-martial as a delinquent and was excused for that time, but was ordered to stand in readiness for the next tour which was as the siege of Little York, at which time being a cooper by trade he was detached from the company for the purpose of making canteens for the Army and was required to make 120 canteens for a tour of three months that he made the 120 canteens which were received & receipted for by Captain Thomas Crum of New London the County seat of Bedford County, at £.16 a piece but he never received the pay, and he further states that the said receipt is lost. That in the winter 1782 he was again drafted to guard a Magazine at Otter Church in the said County of Bedford and there served 3 months under Sergeants Neal & Leak, & received a receipt for the tour but which receipt has been also lost. He further states that the aforesaid Neal & Leach were officers in the regular service. He further states that his discharges are lost, and that he does not know where to find a witness by whom he can prove the services aforesaid. That he lived at the time he was drafted in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. 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 of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Moses Walker, X his mark

[Robert G Rowland, a clergyman, and Thomas Hawkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where & in what year were you born? Answer in the State of Virginia in the year 1762

November 16. Have you any record of your age? Answer. I have none. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Answer. In Bedford County Virginia now Campbell, lived in said County about 24 years, then moved to Surry County, North Carolina lived there about 6 months – then moved to Caswell County in said state lived there about one year – then moved to Halifax County Virginia & resided there until 1801 then moved to Jessamine County Kentucky where I have resided ever since. How were you called into service? Answer. I was drafted. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you were? Answer. He can only recollect the names of Neal & Captain Leak then acting as Sergeants in the regular service – the Circumstances of his service are set forth in his declaration aforesaid. Did you ever receive a discharge for your service &c? He states he received discharges but they are lost, and cannot

now recollect the names of the Officers who gave them except the one mentioned as received from Captain Thomas Crum.