

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wall R11089

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this the 31st day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Robert Strange one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity in and for the State aforesaid now sitting and presiding in the Superior Court of Law held for the County of New Hanover aforesaid John Wall aged seventy-four years the 20th of June 1832 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with whom this applicant cannot now recollect, neither does he know what number of the Regiment was of that he served in, that he served in the Virginia line under the following named officers, General George Washington, Colonel James Burr, Major Tillington, Captain Thomas Hopkins, that he was afterwards under the command of General Green in North Carolina, that he left the service he thinks about the first of December 1781 that he enlisted for three years and served something over eighteen months but is content to claim for that time, that when he entered the service he resided in Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia, that he was in the battle fought at Guilford Court House in March 1781 and at the siege of Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered, that he rendezvoused at Dinwiddie Court House and marched from thence to Charlotte County where he joined in with the Virginia troops destined to cooperate with General Green's Army in North Carolina, that from thence he marched on for General Green's Army and joined it the day before the battle of Guilford Court House, that from Guilford Court House he marched on in pursuit of the enemy as far as Ramseys Mills on Deep River, that from thence he marched to near Taylor's ferry on Roanoke [River] where he encamped awhile and from thence to the vicinity of York Town and besieged that place till it was surrendered, and after the surrender of York Town he guarded some prisoners to Winchester. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Wall, X his mark

[fn p. 5: On April 23rd, 1833, in New Hanover County North Carolina, Joseph H Lamb and William Mott gave testimony that John Wall died December 24, 1832 leaving a widow Zilpha Wall; that said Wall had applied for a pension for his service in the revolution; that they believe him to be about 74 years old at the time of his death and that he was reputed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution and they concurred in that opinion.]