

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randolph Walls R11090

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State of Tennessee Sevier [?] County to wit

On the sixth day of June 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for the County of Sevier [?] aforesaid it being a court of record now sitting Randolph Walls a resident of said County and State aged seventy-five years who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (to wit) he entered the service about the middle of the month of July in the year 1780 as a drafted militia man for a tour of six months in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain William Dawson & Lieutenant Abraham Maury of the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia and was marched under the command of said officers to join the southern Army then lying at the Buffalo Ford on deep River North Carolina they crossed the Roanoke River at Skipwith's ferry and marched through Halifax North Carolina to the encampment on deep River to join General Gates on reaching that place it was found Gates had moved into South Carolina where we were moved on in that direction to join him after advancing a short distance we were informed of Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780 at Camden, SC] by the British and on receiving this information we moved on the direction to fall in with his troops who were then retreating into North Carolina and joined them at Hillsboro on reaching that place it was found the Tories were rising in the different sections of North Carolina and the Company of Captain Dawson was ordered to move down the Country to observe the movements of the Tories & keep them under between Hillsboro and the South Carolina line in the direction of Charleston to prevent them from assembling or communicating with the British in that place. In this service declarant and his company was engaged some part of their time at what was then called Cross Creek now Fayetteville and different places until about the middle of January 1781 when his term of service expired and he was dismissed and returned home declarant remained at home about two weeks when General Green [Nathanael Greene] retreated across the Dan River with the Southern Army at which time there was a call on the adjacent counties of Virginia for troops to reinforce him. When declarant turned out as a volunteer for a tour of three months as he now believes but it may have been for a less period & joined General Green on the Dan River in the month of February 1781 on the day before he with his Army recrossed the Dan River and remained with his Army in Captain Dawson's company in the Regiment commanded by the militia Colonel Cocke [perhaps Colonel Nathaniel Cocke] and was in the Battle of Guilford and continued with the Army until as he thinks the 7th day of April after the Battle and was then discharged by his Captain at Ramseys Mills on Deep River and the State of North Carolina.

He was born in Dinwoody County [Dinwiddie County] in the State of Virginia 12th of

March 1761 as informed by his parents he lived in the County of Lunenburg in that State when he entered the service of the United States he lived since the War in the Counties of Montgomery & Lincoln in North Carolina Union in South Carolina and now lives in Sevier County Tennessee.

He recollects General Green and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] & General Gates –

He has no documentary evidence of his Service as he has lost his discharge and does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to his service.

Question 1st where were you (& & in what year) Born

A. in the County of Dinwoody in the State of Virginia on the 12th of March 1761

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

A. I have none.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

A. In the County of Lunenburg Virginia when I entered the service I have lived since in the Counties of Montgomery & Lincoln North Carolina Union South Carolina & now live in Sevier Tennessee

Question 4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

A. I was drafted in the first tour the second I Volunteered

Question 5th. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you recollect & the general circumstances of your Service

A. General Green General Stevens & General Gates –

Question 6th Did you receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

A. I received none for the first tour the last I received one which I have lost

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier in the revolution

A. The Reverend Eli Roberts and Richard S Shields

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Randolph Walls, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Isaac A Miller, Clerk

[Eli Roberts, a clergyman, and Richard S Shields gave the standard supporting affidavit.]