

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Walston R11097

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The state of Kentucky Marion County

On this 4th day of March in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Marion now sitting, Joseph Walston a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty years on the 19th day of April next, who 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers & served as herein stated: – In the year 1775 in the month of April he enlisted under Captain William Richards of the Virginia state line, as a minute man & remained under him one month, after which time, he enlisted under Captain Soney Dick¹ to go to sea for an unlimited time, he states that his sea service, to the best of his recollection, lasted eight months – When he first entered the service he lived in King & Queen County Virginia & when he enlisted under Captain Soney Dick, he resided in Caroline County Virginia. He states that after his time of service expired under Captain Soney Dick, he volunteered under Colonel Anthony Thornton & his Captain William Buckner & marched under their command from Caroline County Virginia down to Williamsburg, where he was stationed to guard the County from the invasion of the British who were often coming in at that point, plundering the inhabitants & committing many depredations: he states that from his best judgment & recollection, he remained stationed at Williamsburg one month. He states that after he was released by Colonel Thornton he volunteered under the command of Captain William Buckner & Major McClumer [?] & served under them 6 weeks marching from one part of Virginia to the other, in order to stop the British, who were coming in from Carolina. Sometime after this he was taken off in a detachment under Colonel Mathis [George Matthews or Sampson Matthews?] & was attacked by Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] Corps near Williamsburg, where Colonel Mathis' forces were routed, he states that before the detachment were entirely dispersed, he fired & killed one of the enemy & wounded a horse, then he made his escape leaving his clothes & what money he had behind – this took place in the service under Captain William Buckner & Major McClumer he received a wound, in marching in his left foot which though small at first, terminated into a cancer & disabled him for better than two years, he further states that he was under several doctors, while he was afflicted with the said wound in his left foot, & that he paid Doctor [name partly written over and indecipherable]altron² thirty guineas for attending on & curing the wound in his foot, which he discharged in a fine horse, the only horse he had. He

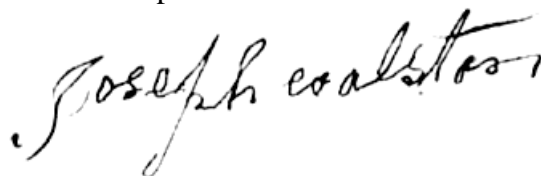
¹ This MAY be a reference to Alexander Dick who was a captain of marines on board the *Mosquito* [or *Musquetto*] in 1776. Capt. Alexander Dick's nickname was "Sawny" Dick. The *Mosquito*/*Musquetto* was a

² A supporting witness states the Doctor's name as Dr. Charltron

states that he left the service of the United States in the year 1781 about the first of July & that he was including the whole of his actual service, in the service of the United States two years & six months to the best of his recollection & judgment. In his former declaration he stated that he was in the service about five years, in that statement, he states that he included all the time that he was a minute man & liable to be called at any time & not the time that he was in actual service, which time of actual service he states to have been two years & six months. He states that on the termination of the war he received a discharge from Colonel Mathis, but that it has been lost through length of time. He states that he was born in the year 1754 on the 19th day of April that he has no record now of his age, but that he saw all the record of his birth in his father's Bible, from which he knows the year of his birth. When he was first called into service he lived in King & Queen County Virginia. After the war he lived in Cumberland County Virginia till the year 1806 after which time he moved to Kentucky Washington County, where he has resided ever since – he now lives in Marion County late a part of Washington County. He states that General Losson [Robert Lawson?], General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] & General Stephens [Edward Stevens] were the commanding Generals, of the main Army, from which he was detached, under Colonel Mathis.

He states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person, who can testify to his actual service, he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Walston



[James Ramsey gave a standard supporting affidavit adding details as to the reputation of the veteran as a soldier of the revolution and statements regarding the wound received by the veteran during the war and its treatment by Doctor Charltron.]

[Thomas G Harrison, Meshach Tucker, Allen Casky and Samuel B Robertson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the County Court of Marion to the said Joseph Walston

1. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in the year 1754

2. Have you any record of your age?

Answer, no I have no record now, but I saw the record of my age in my father's Bible, from which I know my age.

3. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the war, & where do you now live

Answer King and queen County Virginia I lived in Cumberland County Virginia after the war till 1806, then moved to Kentucky Washington County where I have lived since I now live in Marion County & State aforesaid late a part of Washington County

4. How were you called into service?

Answer I enlisted first and afterwards volunteered

5. State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served with?

Answer – I served under Captain Richards & Buckner Colonel Thornton, Major McClumer,

General Losson, Muhlenberg, & Stephens

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Answer I did but it has been lost through length of time

State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

On this 5th day of May 1834 Joseph Boston a resident citizen of said County came personally before me according to law, makes the following statement by way of amendment to the declaration heretofore forwarded to the Department of War in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress of 7th of June 1834.

He states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the dates of the different periods of the war of the revolution when he entered & was discharged from the service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, to wit, I served one month as a minute man in the year 1775 commencing in the month of April of that year under and in the company of Captain William Richards in the Virginia state line, and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Coleman; about the time of the expiration of the month from his entering into the minute service under said Richards the minute men were disbanded, when he was discharged. He had no written discharge, but was disbanded by the Captain of said company & sent home – it was in the County of King & Queen in Virginia that he was discharged – In this service he was in no engagement with the enemy while in this service – this force was raised for & did then the state of Virginia against the invasion of the British who, were then marauding the country, whenever they could. The 2nd tour of service in the American Revolution, he served as he has heretofore stated, in the company of Captain Sawney or Alexander Dick in which he enlisted, at Fredericksburg Virginia, in a few days, after he was discharged from the minute men, which according to his best recollection was about the last of May 1775. In this enlistment he entered for an unlimited time it was in the naval service, and he enlisted and served in that service for 8 months according to the best of his recollection, and was then discharged from that service. The vessel he sailed and was a privateer and engaged in the privateering service, and if she had any name he has now forgotten it, the vessel was called a row galley, the Lieutenant's name under Captain Dick was Charles Thornton – some prizes were taken by this vessel while he was in this service – the third tour, he entered and served as a volunteer in the company of Captain William Buckner in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony Thornton in militia service this was in the year 1778 as well as his recollection serves him, in the fall of that year – his time of volunteering on this tour, was not specified for any particular length of time, but on such occasions it was usual, to remain as long as the commanding officers considered there in service is necessary to repel the threatened the invasions, on this tour he served one month, the most of which he was stationed at Williamsburg in Virginia. He was discharged, by the Colonel of the Regiment at Williamsburg. He again entered the service a fourth time as a volunteer soldier under the command of Captain William Buckner and Major McClumer, and under these officers he served as well as he can now recollect 6 weeks he is confident it was not less than 6 weeks, in this tour he entered the service in the year 1780 he thinks in the latter part of the summer of that year, the circumstances of which service he has heretofore stated – Colonel Mathis was then Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which the company in which he served on this tour belonged. After this he again in the year Cornwallis surrendered 1781 in the summer of that year, volunteered again under Captain William Buckner, and marched with other troops to a place called Mauben's hills [Malvern Hills] in Charles City County, & was there stationed some

time, and was then detached, under the command of Colonel Mathis who was the Colonel of the forces at Maubens hills and while in this detachment he was in the engagement & wounded of which he has made mentioned in his former declaration, in this tour he served 7 weeks, and was discharged as he has heretofore stated. He knows of no living witness beside the one whose testimony he has here taken, by whom he can prove his service or any part of it, he has no documentary evidence, whatever of his service – and for the above service he claims a pension. The above statement is the best he can make now of his service after the lapse of time it has been since he served his country & will his loss of memory – Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above.

S/ James Dever, JP MC

S/ Joseph Walston