

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Call R1603

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: On this 5th day of January 1836, personally appeared in open Court, before Elijah J Portis, John Thompson and John Hughes justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for the County of Williamson at Franklin State of Tennessee William Call a resident of said County and State aged 78 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the naval service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I first entered as a volunteer Seaman on board the *Yanke Hero* [sic, *Yankee Hero*?] from Newburn [sic, New Bern] N. C. I then resided at Edenton N. C. Said ship was commanded by Captain Manly. One Walker was 2nd Lieutenant. I do not recollect the first Lieutenant or any other of the officers on board the ship. I served on board of her 18 months. We had one engagement during this time with a British man of war <sup>Tender</sup> of 22 guns. The engagement lasted four hours when the enemy set sail and bore away. I was wounded during this engagement in the [word obliterated by an ink blot [one or more illegible words] I suppose. Five of our men were killed on the second broad side. I do not recollect the caliber of the *Yanke Hero*, but think it was inferior to that of the enemy's. This 18 months tour was made up of three cruises of 6 months each. I do not recollect the times I entered but I think it was about the middle of the war. The engagement spoken of took place near the Island of Antigua one of the West India Islands. This was the only engagement I was in on board the *Yankey Hero*.

I next entered as a volunteer while residing at the same place on board a large Top Sail Schooner of 18 guns commanded by Captain John Stocdel [sic, Stockdale?]. I do not recollect the name of the Schooner she was from Edenton NC. My services on board his vessel consisted of three cruises of 6 months each, the last cruise we were out 7 months making 19 months on account of being engaged in bringing a load of salt from Turk's Island of 20,000 bushels to Edenton. We got in a little while before peace was declared. I think as well as I recollect there was about two months interval between my leaving the ship *Hero*, and going on board the schooner – so that time I first went on board the *Hero* must have been in and about 3 years before peace was declared. While on board the schooner we had little fighting, we were chased on one instance by a British man of war for five hours but escaped. In another instance we were

chased by a British privateer, and ran into Cape Franc way [sic, Cap Francois, Saint-Domingue (now Cap Hatien, Haiti)]<sup>1</sup> an Island belonging to the French in the West Indies. I do not recollect of any other circumstance or event of a public nature which occurred during this three years. I was born as well as I recollect in 1757 on the 25th of December in the Town or Parish of Dunstan Summersetshire [sic, Somerset?]. I came out a Cabin boy about 14 years of age. I left the British shipping at Stocia [sic, St. Eustatius (aka Statia, the "Golden Rock,")<sup>2</sup>] a Dutch Island, and came on board an American vessel and was landed at Edenton North Carolina and about 14 years of age where I stayed until the [year] 1788 when I removed to South Carolina Union County and married. I remained here until 1830 when I'm moved to Tennessee Williamson County where I now live and have been living ever since. I have no record of my age which I suppose was registered where I was born. I recollect of no officers except those named under whom I served. I have no documentary evidence of my service and know of no person living by whom I can prove my service. I can state Hugh Webb, Adams Hendrick, Amos Putman and James Richardson who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court five January 1836

S/ Tho. Hardeman, Clk

S/ William Call, X his mark

[John Landrum, a clergyman, and Hugh Webb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note in the file indicates that the claim was rejected because the service was in a private armed vessel.]

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<sup>1</sup> Corrected by Ken Kellow whose fantastic site covering the Naval aspects of the Revolution can be found at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Index.html>

<sup>2</sup> Thanks, again, to Ken Kellow.