

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Waller R18768

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[fn p. 3: On May 12, 1834 in Stafford County Virginia, Aaron Kendall, 71, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Major Edward Waller of said County; that he, Waller, was an officer in the war of the revolution and that affiant was of the impression that Waller returned home sometime in 1782. Affiant states that he always heard that Waller was an officer in the artillery and that he lost and I by some accident that occurred in the management of a gun; that Waller died sometime between 1785 & 1790, he believes 1787.]

[fn p. 4: last will and testament of Edward Waller of Stafford County Virginia in which he names his cousin John Howson Petyon as the beneficiary of his estate and John R. Peyton and Anne Peyton as administrators of his estate. The will is dated March 5, 1784 and was probated in July court 1785.]

[fn p. 16]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 4th day of April 1785 in the name of Edward Waller as Major of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £282.16.7 delivered to William Reynolds but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 29th day of November 1850

S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

[fn p. 28]

State of Virginia Augusta County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Smith Thompson¹ a citizen of said County aged 85 years & upwards – and being sworn according to law – deposeth & saith – that he was a regular soldier in the United States Army during the American Revolution & was acquainted with many of the officers, in consequence of the circumstance of being a barber by trade & having to attend on them frequently – Affiant

¹ [Smith Thompson S38438](#)

states that he was acquainted with Major Edward Waller in the Southern War & that the said Edward Waller was taken prisoner at Charlestown in the State of South Carolina – He has lost the site of one I =

And further affiant states that he was also himself taken prisoner at the same place, but made his escape & returned to Richmond Virginia. Affiant with great satisfaction states the following circumstance that he was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis at Charlestown & he was afterwards at the Siege of York in Virginia at the time that he Lord Cornwallis was taken prisoner himself – And further he saith not

Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of May 1834

S/ Wm Young, JP

[fn p. 50]

State of Virginia Stafford County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Solomon Gollehorn (or Galliehorn)² a resident of the County aforesaid aged 90 years & upwards and being duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith – That he knew Major Edward Waller late of Stafford County – and that he was an officer in the Revolutionary War. That affiant enlisted not long before the close of the war, & is fully under the impression that Major Waller was at that time in the Army. That after the close of the War affiant frequently heard E. Waller speak of his revolutionary Services & sufferings and about his being severely equipped by the enemy & affiant is confident that this was whilst said Waller was a prisoner, though he does not recollect the precise period – nor the name of the ship he was confined in – that affiant states that said Waller had lost one of his eyes, and always understood, much especially from Doctor Valentine Peyton that it arose from the bursting of a cannon – and further he saith not. Sworn to on this 27th day of March 1834

S/ W. P. Conway

[fn p. 51]

Virginia Stafford County to wit

James Nickens³ a respectable inhabitant of the County aforesaid, and who has been known to the Subscriber for many years as a man of truth this day personally came before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the said County, and made oath according to law that whilst he was a regular soldier in the Virginia Continental Line he was in South Carolina and was at the engagement near Charlestown and that he remembers perfectly well that Major Edward Waller from Stafford County Georgia was taken prisoner at that place, and sent off by the enemy, he don't [know] to what place. This affiant states that it was after the close of the said war that said Waller returned home to this County. The affair above alluded to, of the engagement near Charlestown, was at the period of the siege of that place. Given under my hand this 30th June 1835.

S/ John R. Fitzhugh

² Sic, Solomon Gollyhorn FPA S6907

³ [James Nickens S38262](#)