

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walling S11642

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State of Alabama Madison County: SS: On this second day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before William J. Adair Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting, in Huntsville, William Walling a resident of said County & State & of about Seventy one years of age 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; That in the year 1777 or 1778 to the best of his recollection when he was sixteen years of age he was placed on the muster roll & on the same day was drafted in the militia service of the United States from the County of Richland in the State of South Carolina where he then resided - - that his Captain was of the name of John Cook, that the Captain having served one Tour remained at home & the Lieutenant who was of the name of Timothy Reaves took command of the company, & he states they joined a Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwin [sic, Robert Goodwyn] who marched them in until they joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] -- they then took up the line of march for St. Augustine in Florida,<sup>1</sup> that they marched through Georgia, passed by Savannah, from thence to St. Mary's River, passed over, then they halted, & sent a detachment to St. John's River where they understood the British & Tories had erected a Fort but they had evacuated the Fort before the detachment got there, he states that their provisions gave out & they were compelled to return -- that they returned as far as Midway Meeting house in Georgia where the militia man [were] all discharged & every man made his way home the best way he could, selling their clothes off their backs to Negroes for bread, -- he thinks that this term of service was more than one month, --

He states that shortly after this term of service but he cannot recollect when, exactly, he was again drafted in the same company, that Captain Cook took command of the company & marched from Richmond County down to the Four hole bridge, in about 30 miles from Charleston, where they remained about one month, the British were then in Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], he thinks his Colonel was of the name of Lacey [Edward Lacey], that there relief came & relieved them & they returned home, he states that these terms of service were only for a month each, that they were only drafted for a

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<sup>1</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

month at a time, --

He states that after this last term of service he was again drafted & went from his said County under the command of Lieutenant Joel Adams, -- they joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwyn, & near Augusta they joined General Williamson who marched them across Savannah River & down Savannah to the Two Sisters Ferry, crossed & marched to Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779],<sup>2</sup> where they had an engagement with the British, got whipped & retreated to Santee River, where they were discharged & returned home. -- that they were out this tour three months & ten days, although they were drafted but for one month.

The applicant states after these terms of service but in what year he does not recollect he was again drafted from said County of Richland in the militia service, & went out under the command of Lieutenant David McCord that the Regiment to which his company belonged was commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor, -- that the Army was commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], -- he states they marched down to Biggin Church within about 32 miles of Charleston, where the British were fortified -- the British got information that they were approaching, set fire to the church & fort & retreated towards Charleston, -- they pursued them, Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] horse overtook them at Quinibee [Quinby Bridge, July 17, 1781]<sup>3</sup> Creek at a bridge, & took about 40 prisoners, when the Regiment to which affiant belonged got up, the British, had crossed the bridge, & pulled the planks up, the American Army then went up the Creek crossed over, came down, & attacked the British, who proved too hard for them, they then retreated to Santee River, where they lay about ten days when they were discharged, -- that they served this tour about a month & upwards, -- he states that Colonel Charles Middleton [Charles S. Middleton] of State Troops of South Carolina, was along, also Captain John McCord & Adjutant Joseph Loyd [sic, Joseph Lloyd] of the State Troops --

The applicant states that he was often after this called out whenever they received information of the depredations committed by the Tories & British, for five or ten days at a time - - that at one time he volunteered in a company commanded by Captain John McCord (a horse company) to attack some Tories that were lying about in the neighborhood & plundering -- that in pursuit of them they came upon a camp of the Tories -- that they were all out except one that he broke & ran they pursued & took him, -- that Captain Derrill Hart & Colonel William Thompson [perhaps, Lt. Col. William Russell Thomson] were along -- The applicant states that before he was sixteen years old, before he was on the muster roll & before any of the services above named, he does not recollect in what year however, he went a tour of service as a substitute for one George Horton, in a militia company commanded by Lieutenant James Dabney, that they marched from the same County to Charleston, where their chief commander was General Lee [Charles Lee], -- the British vessels lay in sight, one attempting to pass the Fort ran aground was deserted by the British,<sup>4</sup> & the whole fleet then made off, the month for which he substituted having expired he was discharged & returned home, -- the applicant states that these are not all of the services that he rendered in the revolutionary war, that it is impossible for him to recollect the whole, he thinks that he has served in the whole at least 12 months -- he states the most of his time he was a Sergeant of the companies in which he served -- he states that he has no documentary evidence of service, -- that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services -- but submits his own statement which is the only evidence he can

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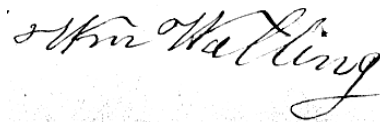
<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_quinbys\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

offer, & hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above named & in open court.

S/ Wm Walling



2nd November 1832

Test: S/ [illegible signature]

[John Simmons, James F. W. Smith, John Hardy, George McCloud, Solomon Spence \* Pleasant S. Austin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amended declaration of William Walling

State of Alabama Madison County} SS: On this nineteenth day of August 1833, personally appeared before me Samuel Chapman Judge of the County Court, now sitting in Huntsville in said County William Walling, who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise time when he entered the service of the United States, nor can he swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: For one month he served as a private in a militia company commanded by Captain Cook & Lieutenant Reaves, to the best of his recollection in the year 1778. -- For one month he served as a Sergeant in a militia company commanded by the same Captain (Captain Cook) -- For three months & ten days he served as a Sergeant in a militia company commanded by Lieutenant Joel Adams. -- For one month he served as a Sergeant in a company of militia, commanded by Lieutenant David McCord & attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor. For ten days he served as a Sergeant in a volunteer horse company commanded by Captain John McCord, for one month he served as a substitute in the place of one George Horton, in a militia company commanded by Lieutenant James Dabney and for such services he claims a pension. The applicant states that in answer to the four interrogatories (part of the seven prescribed by the war department) & which by the department he is instructed have not been sufficiently and satisfactorily answered, He states that he was born on the 20th day of April 1761 in the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, he states that his age is recorded in a Bible at home, that it was transcribed from the records of his father's Bible, -- he states he never received any written discharge from service & that he has no documentary evidence of any of his services. He states that he has lived in the neighborhood where he now lives in Madison County for about fifteen years. He states that he lives in a neighborhood (to wit the neighborhood of Dittos Landing in Madison County) where there is no stationed preacher or minister of the gospel or clergyman, -- that it is but occasionally an itinerant preacher passes through the neighborhood, -- that he is consequently not personally acquainted with any clergyman or minister of the gospel & is therefore unable to procure the certificate of one -- That he is however acquainted with all his neighbors, & that he is willing to refer to all his respectable neighbors as to his character for veracity & their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution -- He states that the omission to put the seal of office of the circuit court in the certificate of the clerk to his original declaration was by mistake or inadvertence of said clerk.

S/ William Walling

Sworn & subscribed to before me

S/ Richard B. Pardon, Clerk CC

[Hughy Smith, John Morris, Francis Bell and John D. McCutchen and Joseph McCutchen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: Lydia Walling of Madison County Alabama, widow and relic of William Walling executed a power of attorney dated October 23, 1835 for the pursuit of her husband's claim for a pension. She signed the document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died in Madison County Alabama on November 4, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th 1831, for 5 months and 20 days service as a Sergeant and 2 months service as a private in the SC militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to William Walling  
Audited Account No. 8164A

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South Carolina Kershaw [?] District

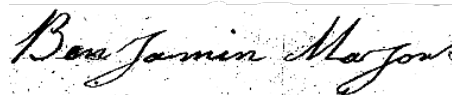
The humble petition of William Walling Senr Sheweth that he served in the Militia of the State in the Revolutionary War in Captain William Lang's Company in 177? and 1778 and that he is in indigent circumstances and consequently compelled to call on his Country for assistance November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1825

S/ William Walling

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Mr. William Walling Senior has Called on me today if I knew whether he had Done any Camp Duty in the old war under Captain William Lang Senior I know he was in Camps. I believe he Done Duty in the year seventeen seventy-eight and Seventy Nine Both years as to the length of time that he was out I Cannot Say But he was out a Long with me

S/ BenJamin Mason [??]



June 7<sup>th</sup> 1825

Mr. William Walling Senior has called on me to Say If I knew whether he had Done any Camp Duty in the old war I know he was in Camps under Captain William Lang Senior I believe he Done Duty in the year 1778 & 79 Both years – as to the Length of the time he was out I Cannot say

Given June 7<sup>th</sup> 1825

S/ W. Whitaker

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<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

*W. Whitaker*

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of William Walling praying to be put on the Pension list

Respectfully Report

That having taken the same into Examination and do not find any vouchers that support the Claims of the Petitioner, no papers presented, are vouched upon oath therefore recommend to this house the Prayer thereof be not granted. December 1825

S/ Wm Rouse, C of C [Chairman of the Committee]