

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Walston S11661

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State of North Carolina, Camden County}

On this 13th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before George Furber, Joseph Cartwright, Benjamin D. Harrison & Mal. W. Boushall Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for this County of Camden & State of North Carolina now sitting Thomas Walston a resident of said County & state aged seventy-one or there about 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, 1830 2 – He says that he first entered the service according to the best of his recollection in January 1782 & served at North West in the State of Virginia under General Isaac Gregory of Camden on this tour he served three months and was then discharged but has lost his discharge. He is not certain but thinks his Captain's name [p 6] was John Jones – a man by the name of Jasper Pickett was an Ensign in the Company to which he belonged – he remembers a man by the name of Salyer who had some command but cannot tell what office he held. He can prove by Jesse Perry¹ that was with him during this time he served at North West but he knows of no other person by whom he can prove his service and he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove it.

In the Spring of the year 1782 he enlisted into the service for one year and marched to Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina under the command of a Frenchman by the name of Peter Pouchee [Peter Pouchet], and that said Pouchee was afterwards in Adjutant and finally ran away from the service. He remained at Hillsboro nearly the whole of the year for which he enlisted and was under the command of Major Thoroughgood & Major Crafton [Bennett Crafton], during this year he was once marched to Briar Creek under the command of his officers but remained but a little time and then returned. He knows of no person by whom he can prove this tour of service, but he avers that he served one whole year on the above enlistment and he [p 3] can prove by Isaac Harrison he enlisted into the service & left this part of the County and as he supposed went into the service. He hereby appends all the Documentary evidence he has, the one purporting to be a certificate of service signed A. B. Col. Camden Regiment & dated on the 7th April 1791 – he cannot now remember why he took this certificate & can only say he found it among his old papers. The other documentary evidence hereto appended he believes to be a certificate given him at the time he enlisted by the officer under whom he enlisted, but as the paper is partly destroyed & as he is not aided by his memory in the matter he cannot say with any greater certainty what this paper is. He thinks he had a discharge when he left the Army but if he had he has lost it & cannot now find it.

He hereby relinquishes all & every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the

1 [Jesse Perry S8947](#)

present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Thomas Walston, X his mark

[p 4: Evan Forbes, a clergyman, and Luke G. Lamb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Isaac Harrison maketh oath that he has been well acquainted with Thomas Walston since his youth that he was born in the neighborhood of this affiant and that he has always lived in the same County with him. This Affiant further says that he was born in the year 1754 and that he recollects that it was said during the revolutionary war that Thomas Walston the applicant was gone into the service and he knows he was absent for a considerable length of time from the County and when he returned it was said & believed that he had been in the Service and that he has no doubt that such was the fact.

Sworn before me in open court this 15th of November 1833.

S/ Isaac Harrison, X his mark

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Jesse Perry being duly sworn says that he was in the service with Thomas Walston during the Revolutionary War at North West for three months, under General Isaac Gregory.

S/ Jesse Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Perry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

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This may Certify that Thomas Walston a Soldier in the State Legion his time of service is out on the 15th day of March in the year of 1783.

Given under my hand this 15th day of March 1782

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This Certifies that Thomas Walston of the County of Camden State of North Carolina Enlisted in the Service of the United States a Soldier for & during the Term of Twelve Months in the year of A.D. 1782 – on a Tour of Duty to the Southward – and marched agreeable to orders &c Given under my hand at Camden this 7th day of April 1791.

S/ A. B. Col. of

Camden Regiment

This Certificate that Thomas Walston of the County of
Camden in the State of North Carolina Intended to be a Soldier
of the United States a Soldier for & during the Term
of Twelve Months in the year of 1782 - on an
Account of Duty to the Southward - and Marched agree-
able to orders &c. Given under my Hand at Camden
this 7th Day of Sept. 1795

A. B. ~~Col~~
Camden Regiment

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that the name of Thomas Walston is not to be found on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this [State] in the revolutionary war, or any other document in this Office affording evidence of service in said line.

Given under my hand this 21st day of December 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia and State Troops.]