

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walker S14780

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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit

On this 2nd day of June 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of the County of Charlotte, now sitting, William Walker Senior, a resident of the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 was raised in the County of King & Queen, and was born on the 23rd day of September 1763, according to a Registered now in possession of the family, and that he continued to reside in the same County until sometime after the close of the Revolutionary war. He then removed to the County of Charlotte, and has ever since resided there. That in the month of May 1774, as well as memory serves him at the present time, he was first drafted in the militia, and marched from the County of King & Queen in the State of Virginia, directly to Yorktown, for the purpose of preventing Lord Dunmore from taking possession of the military stores, and munitions of war deposited at that place. At this great distance of time, he cannot recollect the names of the superior or inferior officers under whom he served; but recollects distinctly he received a regular discharge, which discharge he has lost or mislaid since, and that he remained in service on this occasion for the space of three weeks. In the year 1775, he was again drafted in the militia, and marched from the County of King & Queen to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, for the purpose of guarding the City against an expected attack from the British under the command of the said board Dunmore. This service, he thinks, was rendered in the early part of the year 1775; and he continued in the service for one month. He does not now recollect the names of the officers under whom he served. He received a regular discharge, which he has lost or mislaid. In the same year (1775) he was drafted the third time in the militia from the County of King & Queen of under the command of Captain Philip Pendleton, and marched again to Yorktown for the purpose of guarding the town and military stores &c against and apprehended attack from the enemy. He thinks that Colonel Nelson was the commanding officer on this occasion. He was employed in this service for six weeks, and received a regular discharge, which has been lost or destroyed. He was again drafted in the militia of the fourth time in the same County, and marched under the command of Captain Henry Lumpkin, and passed through Fredericksburg in Virginia and joined the main body of the Army at the three notched Road in Fluvanna County. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Mathews. The detachment from the North under the command of the Baron Steuben joined Colonel Mathews at the three notched roads in Fluvanna. The British under the command of Lord Cornwallis and Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was at this time ravaging the neighboring counties. The American Army pursued the British Army in the direction of

Richmond, and marched near to Williamsburg and Jamestown, and then to Manbin Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River. At Manbin hills he was regularly discharged after being in service three months and two weeks, but he cannot now produce the discharge having since lost it. This service he thinks was rendered in the year 1780 or 81. A short time after the last mentioned service was rendered he was drafted the 5th time in the militia from the same County and marched under Colonel Lines to Gloucester Ct. House [Gloucester Court house] for the purpose of attacking Colonel Tarleton. He was employed one month in this service, and was regularly discharge.

In the Revolutionary war, he was in actual service (including the whole rendered by him) the space of 7 months and 3 weeks, for which time and service he claims a Pension. On account of old age, bodily infirmities, and the consequent loss of memory, he is unable, under existing circumstances, to furnish the War Department with a more full, accurate, and satisfactory narrative of his services. He knows of no person residing in this section of Country, who has any knowledge of his services. He has no doubt that he might procure evidence in the County of King & Queen, if he were able to travel there, and make the necessary inquiry – But at his present advanced age, (and by me with all) he does not consider himself able to undertake such a journey; nor does he think that the War Department under the circumstances would require it of him. He has no documentary evidence whatever. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Walker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Elijah W Roach, a clergyman, and Robert Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 4th day of July 1836, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of the County of Charlotte, now sitting, William Walker Senior, a resident of the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid, aged seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended and explanatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That residing at a considerable distance from the courthouse, and but seldom able to get there in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity, he was apprised of the return of his papers, and the objections thereto until some months afterwards – And since that, his general bad health, and the state of the weather, has been such, as in a great measure to prevent him from availing himself of the opportunity of attending to the case, at an earlier period – He finds, upon examination of the declaration returned, and upon more mature reflection on the subject, that he was mistaken in the dates or periods of some portion of his services in the Revolutionary war; which he declares, was ascribable to the badness of his very imperfect memory, and with no designed to defraud or impose upon the Government. He, therefore, most respectfully request, that the War Department will allow him the privilege of correcting those errors, and of furnishing in detail a more satisfactory account of his services than he has heretofore been given and that they will, then, award him that portion of Justice to which he may be properly entitled.

As the time of his birth, the place of residence during the Revolutionary War, and since, he refers to former declaration – That at the time of prosecuting the former Declaration, and at the present time, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he could not, nor can he now, state precisely or swear positively as to the precise length of time he served in the

Revolutionary war; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: That soon after the colonial convention met at Richmond, and proceeded to put the colony in a posture of defense, he was first drafted in the militia from the County of King & Queen, and marched to Yorktown, for the purpose of securing and guarding the Military Stores there deposited, and to prevent the forces under Lord Dunmore from taking possession or removing them. This was in 1775 (and not 1774 as stated in former Declaration through misstate) and he thinks in July or August of that year; he remained in service on this occasion, for 3 weeks. He does not recollect the name of the officer under whom he marched, and that he received a regular discharge which has been lost. In the same year (1775) and a month or so afterwards, he was drafted again in the militia or what was then called the minute service, from the same County and marched to Williamsburg, for the purpose of guarding the City against an expected attack from Lord Dunmore. He recollects it was about the time, that Lord Dunmore attempted to burn Hampton. He thinks he was commanded by Colonel Woodford – and served one month, and was regularly discharge, which discharge he has lost or mislaid. In the same year (1775) and about the time of the battle of Great Bridge and Norfolk was burnt, he was drafted a 3rd time in the militia from the same County under Captain Philip Pendleton, and marched to Yorktown for the purpose of guarding the town and military stores &c against an apprehended an attack from Lord Dunmore and those connected with him. He thinks, Colonel Nelson commanded on this occasion and that he was in service for six weeks, and received a regular discharge which has been lost. He was drafted a 4th time in the militia from the same County, under Captain Henry Lumpkin, passed through Fredericksburg and joined the main body of the Army at the three notched roads in Fluvanna County – Colonel Mathews commanded the Regiment to which he was attached. The main Army commanded by Baron Steuben joined Colonel Mathews at the three notched roads. The British forces under command of Lord Cornwallis and Colonel Tarleton were at this time ravaging the adjoining counties. The American Army pursued them in the direction of Richmond, and near Williamsburg and Jamestown and then to Manbin Hills. At Manbin Hills he was regularly discharged after being in service three months and two weeks. This service was rendered in 1781. The last time he was called into service again, was in the militia, from the same County and not long after the former service, and marched under Colonel Lines to Gloucester Ct. H. with a view of attacking Colonel Tarleton. He was in service one month and was regularly discharged in the former and latter service, but has lost the discharge is.

In his former Declaration he claims a pension for seven months and three weeks actual services in the Revolutionary War, which he still thinks but believes it is far short of the whole time he served in the war. But he will be satisfied with whatever allowance the Department may think proper to me under the circumstances of his case. He refers to former declaration and accompanying papers for other particulars in compliance with the rules and regulations of the war Department, and regrets to state that with all the cautions he has made, he has failed to procure any additional evidence, in consequence of his increased old age and great bodily infirmity. He submits his case, most respectfully, to the decision of the War Department.

S/ William Walker

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State of Virginia Bedford County: SS

I Theesivelus Minor¹ of Bedford County Virginia, now in the eightieth year of my age, do

¹ [Threesivolus Miner \(Minor\) S16968](#)

hereby certify that somewhere about the year of 1778 or 1779, William Walker of Charlotte County Virginia entered the service of the United States as a militia man with this affiant in the County of King & Queen, under Captain Todd, and marched from Todd's Bridge in said County, the place of rendezvous, to Yorktown in said State – by Kent's Honorary [sic Kent's Ordinary? or tavern] & Williamsburg Colonel Mathews & other officers were there. We served together & I believe Walker served three months this tour, and were discharged by Colonel Nelson. Sometime after we returned home from the above mentioned tour, the said William Walker in company with this affiant again entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the County of King and Queen under Captain John Pollard, we rendezvoused at Todd's Bridge in the County of King & Queen and marched through New Kent County to Williamsburg. This tour lasted about three months & this affiant supposes the said Walker served the whole time. Colonel Matthews and General Nelson and were there. Sometime after this second tour, this affiant went into the Army of the United States to relieve his brother – and while so engaged in the service he saw the said William Walker also in the service of the United States at Mobbin's Hills [Malvern Hills] – where the Army was stationed. General Muhlenberg was there. The said Walker was discharged at Mobbins Hills on James River. The tours were generally three months – but this affiant volunteered and stayed two months longer – but he cannot tell how long the said William Walker served. Sometime after this third tour the said William Walker in company with this affiant again entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the County of King & Queen Virginia, under Captain Phillip Pendleton – and marched from said County to a place called Holt forge [Holt's Forge] in New Kent County, which the British had burnt – and there joined the Army. General Wayne was there. We marched from that place to Williamsburg. This tour lasted three months & he believes the said Walker served the whole time. This affiant volunteered after his regular tour ended & remained seven months at Hampton & further the affiant saith that sometime after this last tour, this affiant went to be a guard to carry prisoners from Todd's Bridge in King & Queen County to Fredericksburg – he was engaged about two weeks in this service and the said William Walker was also there in the same service. And further this affiant saith not.

S/ Threes Miner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Threes Miner". The signature is written in black ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the beginning of the name.