

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Walker S16567

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State of Indiana Wayne County: SS

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Charles H Test, Presiding Judge, now sitting, Samuel Walker, a resident of said County of Wayne and State of Indiana, aged seventy-four years or thereabouts, 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 in the fall of the year 1777 or 1778, he, the said Samuel Walker, being then a resident of what is now Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, served as a private volunteer in a company of Militia, commanded by Captain William Paxton, Lieutenant David Woods and Ensign Andrew Evans, which Company marched to the mouth of the Kenhaway [Kanawha?] [River] to convey a quantity of provisions to the troops stationed at that place: for which service the applicant received credit for a 3 months tour, but has no written discharge. Said applicant further states, that he subsequently served as a volunteer a three months tour under Captain Charles Campbell, who volunteered to March against the Tories in Carolina, but was ordered to the lower part of Virginia and marched to Portsmouth and was placed under the command of General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. The company of said Captain Campbell, together with 2 companies commanded by Captain James Hall and Captain David Gray all from Rockbridge were placed under the command of Colonel Downman after their arrival at Portsmouth

Said applicant further states, that after serving the tours aforesaid, he paid his quota for the hire of two men under the law requiring every sixteen men to furnish one man for eighteen months service.

Said applicant further states that in the year 1791 when residing in the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky, he served a tour under Generals Scott and Wilkinson against the hostile Indians, and marched in a company commanded by Captain James Brown, Lieutenant William McConnel, under Colonel Barbee. Said applicant marched in said company as a mounted volunteer from Frankfort to the mouth of Kentucky River, crossed the Ohio River and proceeded to the Wea towns and after returning with the troops was regularly discharged. Said affiant further states, that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services and that he knows of no person by whose evidence he can substantiate the same.

Said applicant 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Walker, X his mark

[James Martin, a clergyman, and George Hunt gave the East standard supporting affidavit.]

The Interrogatories following are now propounded by the Court to which interrogatories the applicant answers in the words annexed to wit

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1758 in what is now called Rockbridge County Virginia the day or month I do not recollect

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age. I can recollect to have seen my age set down in my father's big Bible.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. At the time I served I was living in the said County of Rockbridge Virginia in the year 1784 I moved to Kentucky and for about the last 25 years I have lived in the County of Wayne Indiana where I now live.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer because I found there was need of me.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Muhlenberg was the regular General under whom we served and Colonel Downman. I can recollect no more of the regular officers. There were some regular soldiers in the same Army with us and there were 3 Companies of militia from the same County of now Rockbridge and some other Companies of Militia from the lower part of Virginia but from what Counties I do not recollect. Colonel Downman had command of 500 men when I first went into the Army but he gave it up and took the command of the 3 Companies from Rockbridge County.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer. I never received a discharge from the service the reason I was I know the Government had no money to spare and the men with whom I served had but little fall of money they went to secure their liberty.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Answer. I believe I could name the whole neighborhood if it was necessary Judge Beab Butler (one of the members of his Court) Colonel William Scarce, Elijah Fisher and General George Hunt I will name particularly.

State of Indiana Wayne County: Be it remembered that on the 18th day of March 1833 Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and for said County of Wayne, Samuel Walker who being by me duly sworn deposes and saith. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot 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 and in the following grades, to wit, in the fall of 1777 or 1778 I served as a private volunteer under Captain Paxton for three months in this tour we were employed in driving beef cattle, and transporting flour on packhorse his from Rockbridge County Virginia to the mouth of the great Kenhawa River to supply the troops then stationed there with provisions, the weather during our March was very cold which caused us to suffered severely but we met no enemy. Afterwards served a 3 month tour as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Campbell his

company marched from Rockbridge County Virginia to Portsmouth. After serving the tours aforesaid I hired John Meek as a substitute to serve in my place as a private soldier a tour of 18 months, and afterwards I hired another substitute named Joseph Forsyth to serve in my stead as a private soldier another tour of 18 months making by these 2 substitutes 3 years service. I served after this as a private volunteer in a company of mounted volunteers commanded by Captain Brown which service I have heretofore attempted to state in my declaration to which I attach this affidavit as an amendment. In addition to the foregoing I served in a company of spies commanded by Captain William McConnel a tour of six months during which time I was alternately one week on duty and 2 weeks at home. And for the services above enumerated I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year first above written, given under my hand & seal

S/ Samuel Walker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]