

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wallace S17178

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State of Missouri, County of Ray }

On this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Ray County in said State John Wallace a resident of Ray County in the said State of Missouri aged Eighty Seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That in the month of June 1775 as I believe I entered the Service of the State of South Carolina as a Volunteer Militia man under the Immediate Command of Captain William Bratton. I cannot now recollect who was his superior Officer: our forces were of Volunteer Mounts. We marched from York town in South Carolina into the then Cherokee County under the Orders of the Governor of South Carolina as I believe Consisting of 300 mounted men we penetrated into the then Cherokee County we burned the Indian towns of Toxaway and Seneca inhabited by the Cherokee Indians and passed through Keowee, Warhatchee and Couhatchee towns owned by the said Indians a distance of Eighty miles after Serving in this Campaign 60 days and returned to my residence in York County S. C.

And on the month of June 1778 or 1779 (I cannot now precisely recollect owing to the loss of my memory) Captain John Wallace a cousin of mine raised a Company of Rangers of about 26 men with whom I volunteered as I think he was then acting under the Orders of Gov. or Executive authority of the State of South Carolina we marched from York County in said State of South Carolina through the State of South Carolina into the Cherokee County where we were in the hopes of chastising some of the Indians of that nation who had been committing murders in the frontier settlements of South Carolina we fell in with a party of Cherokee Indians near the Parris Mountain we charged on the Indians and rescued the dead body of Mrs. Hight<sup>1</sup> the Indians dispersed without much resistance and took refuge in one of their towns I was engaged in this tour of duty Sixty days. I then returned to my residence of York County State of South Carolina. I had a discharge given by Captain Wallace which I lost in the manner hereinafter mentioned in crossing the Missouri River. I again entered the Service of the State of South Carolina as a volunteer private Militia man by order of the Executive of that State. We marched to meet the

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1 Frontier settler, Jacob Hite, and his family were attacked by renegade Cherokees. Hite was killed outright and his wife and two daughters kidnapped. The Cherokee's raid on Hite's residence triggered an invasion of the Cherokee Nation. Mrs. Hite was killed by the Indians.

Enemy under the Command as we were told of Col. Ferguson [sic Major Patrick Ferguson] who was traversing the States of South and North Carolina. I was in this Campaign commanded by Colonel Neal<sup>2</sup> of York County State of South Carolina. We marched from York town S. C. and were joined not far from King's Mountain by Cols Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Campbell [William Campbell] with some Virginia Militia. The result of that action [October 7, 1780]<sup>3</sup> is well known I cannot recollect at what time I entered into the Service in this Campaign. I am Old and have Lost my memory but to the best of my Knowledge I was out in Service in all the full space of Sixty days.

I was then next Engaged under Major Ross [Francis Ross] of South Carolina Militia by orders of the Government of that State we traversed some time in the month of June (but in what Year, I do not now recollect) into the State of Georgia in reconnoitering the British forces and as we bypassed the British Camp of Briar Creek<sup>4</sup> we were discovered the enemy charged upon us I was dismounted and escaped by swimming Savannah River I made the best of my way on foot to General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Camp where I joined my former Commander Ross. The situation of the British being now discovered we returned home to York town S. C. after a tour of 60 days on my part as I believe.

I was next a Soldier in Captain William Bratton's Company as a Volunteer by the direction of the Governor of South Carolina. We marched from York town in S. C., in the pursuit of some Tories under the Command of a certain William Cunningham [sic, Colonel Thomas Fletchall commanded the loyalist force in this engagement] we met them after a march of one day and a night put them to flight at a place called the Snow Camp Battle.<sup>5</sup> I well recollect there was some snow on the ground but what time of the Year I do not know but think it was about Christmas but do not recollect what Year. I was gone in this Campaign 30 days as I do sincerely believe I was Commanded in this Campaign by Colonel Neal as I above mentioned of the S. C. militia soon after my return from the Last mentioned tour I removed to Abbeville S. C. about 120 miles from my former Residence. I was next engaged in Captain Baskin's [William Baskin's] Company spying. I served with him the full space of six months I believe we went in this Campaign by the order of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] of South Carolina.

Next served under Major Noble [Alexander Noble] who was an officer under Col. Anderson [Robert Anderson] & General Pickens S. C. Militia we marched from Abbeville in the State of S. C. With about 2 or 300 militia under the command of Colonel McCall [then Captain James McCall] S. C. Militia and proceeded to Reedy Branch in S. C. we there had a meeting<sup>6</sup> with some British and Tories wherein I was wounded & taken prisoner taken to the post of 96 [Ninety Six] I staid in close confinement Ironed to the floor of my Dungeon for three months. I was absent at this tour for 14 months from the time I started from Abbeville until I was released as a prisoner & sent to Charleston S. C., and discharged therefrom and sent to Jamestown in

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2 Colonel Thomas Neel (1730-1779) commanded a regiment raised in the New Acquisition in 1776. His regiment participated in the Snow Campaign. He is said to have been killed in the battle at Stono Ferry in June 1779. Moss, *Patriots*, p. 719. [Note: there are inconsistencies in Dr. Moss' entry for Col. Neel in that Moss states that Neel was under Thomas Sumter in 1781 and that Neel was killed at the battle of Stono. Since the battle at Stono occurred in June 1779, Neel could not have served with Sumter in 1781 if he died at Stono in 1779.]

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

<sup>4</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>5</sup> December 1775 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_snow\\_campaign.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html)

<sup>6</sup> Long Cane, December 12, 1780 See, Conner Runyan and C. Leon Harris, *Colonel Andrew Pickens and the Long Cane Skirmish*, Journal of the American Revolution, August 15, 2023, <https://allthingsliberty.com/2023/08/colonel-andrew-pickens-and-the-long-cane-skirmish/>

Virginia and from there to Williamsburg to an hospital said to be made out of the Govs [Governor's] house there I was discharged or Exchanged I was absent 14 months as above stated in this Campaign. I remained at my residence in Abbeville S. C. greatly enfeebled by my confinement in prison. I was sent for by General Pickens to keep the Tories from killing me during my absence on the Last Campaign the Tories robbed my house of bed & bedding two Horses and a waggon which property never was restored by me. I have served in all the space of five years putting all my services together there are some Campaigns I have omitted here from the want of memory to trace them more particularly. I am poor and old and needy I came to the State of Missouri about the year 1817 and in the Year 1820 I came to Ray County State of Missouri where I now reside in crossing the River Missouri in the month of May 1820 I lost all my evidence of service with my wife and three Grand Children and have neither house nor home wherein to hide my aged head nor can I prove them by any living witnesses.

By reason of the Loss of my Memory I make the foregoing affidavit  
State of Missouri,

County of Ray } SS Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County & State John Wallace who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I cannot swear precisely positively to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his Knowledge or recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for the space of five years I served as a Soldier on the Continental line or South Carolina militia and for such service I claim a pension (as a common Soldier and I believe him to be a man of truth & Credit

S/ Sebourn J. Miller, J. P.

State of Missouri County of Ray

I George Woodward Clerk of the County Court within and for the County of aforesaid do certify that Sebourn J. Miller whose name is attached and subscribed to the foregoing affidavit is a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned & the signature annexed is his genuine Signature.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal of Office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year A.D. 1833.

S/ George Woodward, Clerk

I John Wallace hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and I do declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State whatever and during the said time I was not Employed in any civil pursuit nor cannot prove my services by any person living.

S/ John Wallace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wallace". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

In the Ray County Court Missouri August term 1833  
Present Henry Jacobs and William Thornton Jr. the Justices thereof which is a Court of record the said Court did propound the following interrogatories to said John Wallace who was present  
Question 1<sup>st</sup>: In what Year and where were you born

Answer I was born in the year 1746 in the State of Pennsylvania

Q 2<sup>nd</sup>: Have you any record of Your age and if so where is it--- Ansr: I have none

Quest. 3<sup>Rd</sup>: Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Ansr: I lived in the State of South Carolina when called into action or service: I have since lived in that state and Mississippi and Missouri & now live in Ray County Missouri

do 4<sup>th</sup>: How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ansr: I volunteered

5<sup>th</sup>: State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Services

Ansr: I was acquainted with a Captain George Liddle [George Liddell] of the regular service who was a prisoner along with me in confinement at post 96 all the others were embodied in my narrative as well as I can recollect

6<sup>th</sup>: Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr: I have received a discharge from Captain William Bratton, Captain Baskin and General Pickens which discharge is lost together with my wife & three grand children and property in crossing the River Missouri on the 17 May 1820.

7<sup>th</sup>: 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 of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer I am known to General William Thompson who is Brigadier of the State Militia, I am also known to Captain George Woodward who is the Clerk of the County Court of Ray County who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier in the revolution.

We the undersigned residents of Ray County and State of Missouri being called on by the Declarant John Wallace to state here in open Court our Opinions of his character for veracity of said Declarant, do say that we can testify to his character for veracity, and we believe that he served in the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to and Open court.

S/ George Woodward  
S/ Wm. P. Thompson

Attest: S/ George Woodward, Clerk

Attest: S/ Wm. Thornton, Jr. Justice R. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to John Wallace  
Audited Account No. 8154

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<sup>7</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.

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[No.] 474 [Book] V No. 43 17<sup>th</sup> March 1785

Mr. John Wallace his Account of Militia Duty as private before, and since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; also for his expenses from Virginia<sup>home</sup> after being exchanged, the whole Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £432.16.10

Stg. [Sterling] £61.16.8 ¼

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

£44.2.10 ¼

Passed S/ ED

Rec'd 17 always 1785 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 474 V By virtue of an Order

S/ D. Martin



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State So. Carolina Dr. [debtor] to John Wallace

for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] £309

£6500 in May 1780 for Expenses 123.16.10

Currency £432.16.10

Stg. £61.16.8 ¼

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July 1780 The Public of South Carolina to John Wallace Dr.

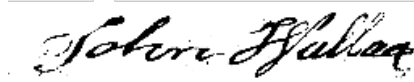
To Cash four Thousand Dollars £500

John Wallace made Oath before me that being made Prisoner by the Enemy in the District of 96 and State aforesaid was carried to Williamsburg in Virginia & there Exchanged, to bear his Expenses did Borrow all the Above Sum of Depreciated Virginia Currency for which he is liable, & expects to pay According to the Depreciation Settled by Law in that State, for which he has received no pay or Allowance –

Sworn to the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1783

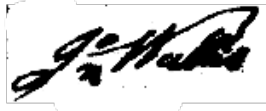
Before Me S/ Robert Anderson

S/ John Wallace



I do hereby impower Lewis D Martin to receive my Indent for the amount of my account against the State of South Carolina whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge from Gentlemen your Humble servant

S/ Jno Wallis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wallace", enclosed in a rectangular border.

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The Publick of South Carolina Dr [Debtor] to John Wallass Six Thousand five hundred  
of his Expense when he was taken Prisoner by the British and to James is Town [sic] in Serjena  
[sic, ?]

South Carolina

Ninety Six District } Pasosonly appeared before me John Wallace and made oath that he  
Expended the above Sum and that he Never Rec'd Nothen for the Same Sworn to before me  
this 21 day of July 1783.

[No evidence of a signature]

[p 19: Printed form of indent No. 474 Book V]

[pp 20-21: images of the reverse of the above Indent]