

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wall S17179

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I William Wall late of Logan County Virginia but now residing in Madison County in the State of Indiana do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination at which period, I was a private in Captain Symon Morgan's [Simon Morgan's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woods of the Virginia Line. And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare, that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1829.

S/ Br Bk Baltimore

S/ William Wall, X his mark

The State of Indiana Madison County SS

On the first day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable B F Morris President and Adam Wintel & Charles Mitchell associate Judges of the Madison Circuit Court now in session William Wall a resident of said County and State aged seventy-five years in September next who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the same year and shortly after Burgoyne was defeated and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Tailor [Frances Taylor] of the Virginia line, under the following named officers, Captain John Roberts, who was soon after promoted to the Rank of Major and was succeeded by James Purvis, who was some time called by the soldiers Captain Crimson which was the maiden name of his mother, that John Hampton was his Lieutenant and William Hampton Ensign and Henry Manyfield Orderly Sergeant. Thomas Gillord was 2nd and Rolly Goines was the 3rd Sergeant. That this Company belonged to the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Taylor of which Clark Wise was Sergeant Major. The members of the Regiment as also the name of the Lieutenant Colonel & Major not recollected.

This applicant enlisted as a guard and for and during the time that prisoners taken in the states of New Jersey or New York were confined at the Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia. That he served under the before named officers during the term of about two years or

upwards. That he resided in Culpepper County Virginia about fifteen miles from the Culpepper Court House at the time he enlisted. He enlisted during the guarding the prisoners at the Barracks this applicant thinks about the close of his second years service news came that the British were on the March to release the prisoners upon which men composing the guard were marched over the Blue Ridge to McGillinis [?] about fifty miles from the Barracks. The Regiment to which he belonged continued with the prisoners about one week when most of the Troops that enlisted during the continuance of the Prisoners at the Barracks were discharged – But this applicant agreed to go with Major Roberts to Winchester where they stayed a few days and then marched with Prisoners through Lancaster & Bethlehem, Philadelphia – at Philadelphia the prisoners were put into the Barracks where this applicant and Major Roberts left them and returned to Winchester where he received his discharge from his Colonel Francis Taylor being a little over two years after the surrender of Burgoyne.

From Winchester this applicant returned to Culpeper County Virginia and about three weeks after his return he was drafted to serve in the state troops of Virginia for six months to the best of his recollection but on the same day he was drafted that period he enlisted under one Captain Simon Morgan of Fauquier County Virginia belonging to the Virginia line during the war; and shortly after this enlistment he with about sixty-three other soldiers were marched from Culpeper Courthouse by Captain Morgan to Sandy Point at the mouth of James River. At Sandy Point, this applicant was transferred to one Captain Finley's Company – But to what Regiment this company belonged or the names of the officers of the company to which he was transferred except the name of the Captain & Lieutenant William McGuire this applicant is unable to state – for he arrived at Sandy point on Thursday & left there in company of Lieutenant McGuire on the Sunday following – Lieutenant G\_\_ having about that time met with the misfortune of breaking his thigh and this applicant received a written order from General or Colonel Frebiger or Febicker [sic, Colonel Christian Febiger] to a company Lieutenant G\_\_ to Winchester his place of residence & there to attend on him until discharged was until he received further orders. He remained in the service of Lieutenant McGuire about 2 years from the time of his enlistment under Captain Morgan when he was released by the general order for the discharge of the troops enlisted to serve during the period for which this applicant engaged – making the whole term of service performed by this applicant in the Revolutionary War about four years. He received his discharge in the town of Winchester Virginia from one Colonel James Woods for his last term of service – which discharge together with the one received from Colonel Taylor he shortly after the Revolution lost by fire & he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any showing his services. During the time of his service as a soldier of the Revolution he was not in any battle. This applicant has been recently informed by his agent in Virginia that the State of Virginia has allotted him a warrant for land for his revolutionary services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State or territory in the United States.

Sworn to in open court

S/ William Wall, X his mark

Logan County to which

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for Logan County and deposed Philip Ballard Senior<sup>1</sup> of the County that he was acquainted with William Wall before

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<sup>1</sup> [Philip Ballard S9094](#)

he enlisted in the Army of the revolution and served in the Army with said Wall and knew that Wall enlisted for the war and believes that he continued in the Army during the whole time of the War as he saw him at Albemarle barracks early in the war and also during the retreat of the Army under the Morquess Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette] previous to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in October 1781 – & further deponent saith not. Given under my hand this 22nd of February 1830

S/ Anthony Lawson, JP

[Facts in file: veteran died October 26, 1833; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

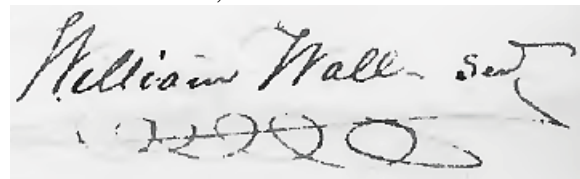
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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Logan County legislative petitions

The humble petition of William Wall to the Honorable Legislature of Virginia, respectfully Sheweth, That your petitioner enlisted into the Army of the Revolution, in the year 1777 and served for four years and eight months, when, he was honorably discharged in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Taylor [Francis Taylor] and in Capt. Robards, or Roberts [John Roberts], Company a part of the time, and the balance under Capt. Purvis [James Purvis] during which period he served in several engagements and was poorly rewarded, except, in the independence of his Country; which he has always rejoiced in: (and which he was perfectly satisfied with till misfortune has assailed him, at a time of life, when he is very unable to struggle against them []), – He is now considerably advanced over Seventy years of age and reduced to poverty, in this unfortunate Condition he feels himself reluctantly compelled to throw himself on the mercy of the Legislature of his Country, Hoping they will be gracious & pleased to grant him such relief, as his Case requires; and he as your Humble petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

Logan County November the 13<sup>th</sup> 1826

S/ William Wall, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Wall - Senior". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Reverse]  
William Wall's Petition  
Revolutionary Soldier  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 1826  
Referred to Claims  
G. Stolling  
1826 December 28  
Rejected  
29 Reported

This day appeared before me a Justice of the peace for Logan County and made oath, Philip Ballard Senior of said County who states that he was acquainted with William Wall about the year 1777 then in the Army of the revolution, and knows that the said Wall enlisted into the Regiment of Col. Taylor, and Company of Capt. Roberds [sic]; afterwards commanded by Capt. Purvis and that he believes said Wall served at least three years & upwards –  
Sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the County of [sic] July the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1826

S/ Wm Tuney, JP

Auditors Office 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1826

I certify it appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment as received Certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 – That a Certificate issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1783 in the name of William Wall a soldier of Infantry for the sum of £17.17.0 which said Certificate was received by Mr. Strother and that it also appears from the said list that another Certificate issued to William Wall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1783 for the sum of £52.15.10 which was received by Trenet [?] Strother

S/ Jas Heath, Auditor. E.

[Reverse]

William Walls  
December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Referred to Claims  
1827 January 2 Rejected  
3 Reported

This petition was accommited [sic?] & again rejected as above noted