

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Walton S17184

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At a sitting of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia in & for the County of Washington, held on this 12th day of January one thousand eight hundred & thirty-three --

Personally appeared in open Court before the said Court now sitting William Walton a resident of Greene County in the State of Alabama, aged Sixty six years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

In April or May 1779 I William Walton was drafted or impressed by Captain William Loving in the service of the State of Virginia for the purpose of trucking wheat to Mills to be ground in[to] flour for the Army and corn and oats to a Granary; that was at a place known as Lovings Gap in Amherst County State of Virginia; the Mills the wheat was delivered at was Cabill's, Stephens'es & others the part of the country where the Grain was impressed is so Mountainous that Carriages could not be got to the farms, in this most disagreeable service I was compelled to continue twelve months, finding my own Horse & fixtures, thinly clad in homespun furnished by my Mother, one of the Coldest Winters almost ever known. In May 1780 my father William Walton was Drafted in the service under Captain John Loving to go to South Carolina I volunteered mounted on Horse, armed with a small Rifle, mustered in service at Amherst Court House Joined Major Franklin's Battalion at Linch's Ferry on James River, Joined Colonel Stevens'es Regiment near Dan River, and General Gates'es [Horatio Gates'] Army in South Carolina in a few days after Gates had constituted his Army fell in with Cornwallace's [sic, Cornwallis'] Army at Clearmont, near Camden, in South Carolina where our Army was defeated, and Captain Loving's company left to return in any way they thought most [sic, best?] for their own safety, my father and self retreated to Wilkes County North Carolina, our discomfiture took place the last of August to the best of my recollection. In the month of September 1780 in Wilkes County North Carolina I volunteered with my father in Captain John Brown's company of mounted Rifle men Joined Colonel Cleveland's Regiment at the Quaker Meadow on the Catawba River set out from thence to Gilberts Town [Gilbertown, or modern day Rutherfordton NC] in Rutherford County on the way at the head of Cain [sic, Cane] Creek we fell in with

Ferguson's mounted British, routed them took several Tories among whom was William Mills, who Colonel Cleveland and my Uncle Jesse Walton had hanged on the next day, marched from there for King's Mountain joined the regiments of Col. Campbell [William Campbell], McDowell [Joseph McDowell] and several other commanding Colonels in four or five days arrived at King's Mountain the next morning a tremendous engagement took place the Americans commanded by Colonels Cleveland, Campbell and several other Colonels names not recollected which resulted in the Death of the British commander Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and many of his officers and men the loss of the British and Tories in killed and wounded was estimated at about three hundred the Americans lost thirty or forty killed & wounded British & Tories were taken prisoners between seven & eight hundred American forces I believe was between fifteen & sixteen hundred this Battle was fought in the month of October 1780 in two or three days after this Battle was fought 12 or 15 of the Tories that had been notorious for killing many of Whigs, was executed by hanging them, the prisoners were marched off I believe for Charlottesville in Virginia.

In the month of March 1781 I volunteered under the command of Captain William Cabell, Tilman Walton¹ (my brother) Lieutenant, mustered in service at Lovings Gap, marched from thence to Charlottesville Cabell's company were put under the command of Baron Steuben, Marched to Point Fork, driven from thence with great loss, of Stores, some were killed, others wounded, with the loss of Prisoners, retreated to Albemarle old Court House Joined the Army of Lafayette marched to Richmond soon after Williamsburg where soon after joined the combined forces of the American Army under the command of Genl Washington and other Distinguished Officers of the American Revolution which Resulted in the Capture of Cornwallis on the last of October 1781. I returned to my father's in Amherst County about the first of the year 1782. I served my Country two years and six months for which I never received one dollar found my own Clothing and Horse I have no document in my possession to prove the service as set forth in my Declaration, and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to the service set forth in my declaration. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Where and in what year were you born? I was born in Amherst County State of Virginia on the 12th day of January 1767.

Have you any record of your age if so where is it? I found a record of my age in a family Bible that my father had recorded the time of the birth of his children in this Bible was in possession of my brother Tilman Walton, a pensioner of the United States who has been dead seven or eight years, I believe.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? I lived with my Father William Walton at the time I performed the two first tours of service, and also when I performed the fourth service under Baron Steuben, the third Tour of duty when performed I was in North Carolina Wilkes County living at my uncle's Jesse Walton's, since the American Revolution I have lived from 1784 to 1791 in Augusta County Virginia from that time until 1800 in Burke County North Carolina from that time until 1815 in Charleston South

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Carolina, and from that time until the present in the Mississippi Territory, Alabama Territory and the State of Alabama.

The fourth & fifth Interrogatory is fully answered in my declaration.

Did you ever receive a Discharge if so what has become of it? If I did receive a Discharge it was lost with my father, whom I left in the year 1784, and who has been dead about 30 years, his papers were lost or worn out from the lapse of time.

State the names of persons you are acquainted with 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. I have an Honest Pride in answering this Question. I will refer the department to the Respectable part of the Citizens in every part of the United States where I have lived of my uniform Good Character, and on the present occasion to Gentlemen now in the City of Washington to wit

The Honorable William R. King, Gabriel Moore, Samuel Mardis, D. H. Lewis, and C. C. Clay, Senators & representatives from the State of Alabama, Charles P. Carson [sic, Samuel Price Carson] Representative from North Carolina, William Drayton Representative from South Carolina and many private Gentlemen now in the City of Washington.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 12th Jamie word 1833.

S/ William Walton

Test: S/ W. Brent, Clk

District of Columbia Washington County: Personally appeared before me John Chalmers a Justice of the peace for said County General Samuel Dale of Greene County in the State of Alabama who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with William Walton for many years: that they have served in the Legislature of the Alabama Territory together, and that full faith and credit is given to all of his acts, that I would believe his word or oath as in pleasantly as that of any other Citizen among the whole of my acquaintances, and I further state that his private character and were stands permanently distinguished among the Inhabitants of Alabama and all other states, that I believe him to have been a soldier of the Revolution as set forth in his declaration.

S/ Saml. Dale

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months service in the revolution.]