

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Wallace S19145 SC
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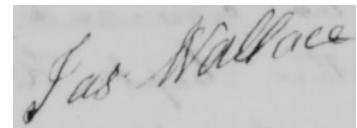
State of South Carolina }
York District }

On this 20th day of October 1832, personally appeared before me William D. Martin, an associate Judge of the State aforesaid James Wallace, a resident of the State and district aforesaid, aged Eighty-two years who being 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.

- 1st. — The Applicant states that he was born in Cumberland County, Penn. on the 12th day of December 1750.
- 2nd — That he has a record of his age in his possession, transcribed from the original in the handwriting of his father.
- 3rd — That he resided in this (York) district [formed from Camden District in 1785], when first called into service and continues to reside on the same farm ever since.
- 4th — That he was, in service, on some occasions a volunteer – on others he was drafted.
- 5th — That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a private soldier under the command of Col. Wm Bratton [William Bratton] and his brother Capt Hugh Bratton, who are both dead, and served during the whole war, that occasionally at home with his family – was, at different times, under the command of Generals Ash [sic: John Ashe], Albot [sic: Samuel Elbert], Williams [sic: probably Gen. Andrew Williamson], [Thomas] Sumter and Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] – was at the battles of Brier Creek [3 Mar 1779], Congaree or Friday's fort [probably siege of Fort Granby near Friday's Ferry on Congaree River near Columbia SC, 19 - 21 Feb 1781], Caldwell's [John Caldwell's Place, June 1780] and Blackstocks [20 Nov 1780] – was two months a Sergeant under Capt. Bratton – was, eight or ten months, a Lieutenant (First) under the same officers, as evidence of which, the order of W. Bratton who was Colonel, is annexed [not found]. This was during the years 1780 and 81. The applicant further states that he served three months, under the Command of Colonel William Bratton, as a Captain in the year 1782. (Capt. Bratton having died, the applicant was promoted) as evidence, in some degree, of which his commission signed by Governor Pinckney and Peter Freneau as Secretary of State, is also annexed [not found]. the state of things in South Carolina preventing him from getting it during the war – the applicant is well satisfied that he has done more than two years continued service in the cause of his country.
- 6th — That he never received a written discharge.
- 7th — That he refers to the Revd. R. B. Walker, and Benj'n Chambers as persons who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That 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.

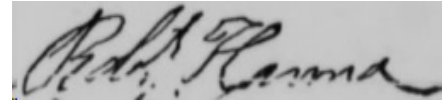
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



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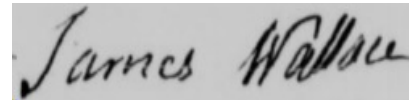
Personally appeared Captain Robert Hannah [Robert Hanna, pension application S22290] and Capt. James Martin [S9391] before me and being duly sworn saith that they well recollect seeing Captain James Wallace as a private soldier of the revolution under the command of Col. Thos. Neil [sic: Thomas Neel] and Capt. Wm Bratton doing duty against the tories of ninety six District generally denominated the snow campaign at which time they believe he served three months in the year

1775 also in 1776 under the same officers above named in the war against the Cherokee tribe of Indians which campaign they believed he served two months. also they recollect and know that he seved under Major Francis Ross and Capt. John Miller in the army of Gen'l. Ash defeted at Brier Creek in the State of Georgia in the year 1779 and that he seved in this campaign three months. they also further depose that the above named James Wallace volunteered in the Army of Gen'l. Sumter that the regiment he belonged to was commanded by Col. Wm. Bratton and the company by Capt Hugh Bratton, that he performed nine months actual service, and they further believe that he was in the following engagements (to wit) at Blackstocks Fridays Fort, the Quarter House [15 Jul 1781] and Biggen Church near Charleston [sic: Biggin Church, 16 Jul 1781].
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th Oct 1832

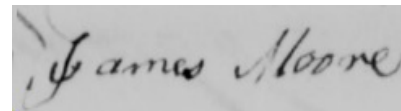


Jas. hisMmark Martin

South Carolina }
York District } Personally appeared James Wallace whose declaration is hereto attached before me and made oath 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; For six months I served a[s] a private soldier; For five months I served as a militia first Lieutenant; For three months I served as a militia Captain and for such service I claim a pension, that he has no documentary evidence of any service he performed as a revolutionary soldier, nor can he prove any of his services by any person now living except as set forth in the affadavits hereto attached
Sworn to before me May 8th 1833



South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Alfred Moore one of the Justices of the peace
York District } for the District aforesaid James Moore Sen'r. [R7329] who saith on oath, that during the Revolutionary War with England and the United States, James Wallace in the Militia of the State above mentioned served three month a Lieutenant and three months a Capt. under officers Gen'l. Sumpter, Colo. Bratton, and Moffit [sic: John Moffett] the year not recollected by the deponent
Sworn to and subscribed before me May 15th 1833

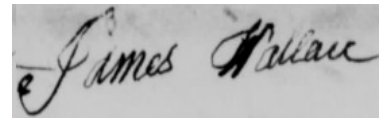


[A letter dated 28 June 1833 from James L. Edwards states that action on Wallace's application was suspended because of discrepancies between his two declarations of service.]

South Carolina }
York District } Personally appeared James Wallace whose declaration and amended declaration are hereto attached before me and made oath that by reason of old age, and the more than usual loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he did the following service To Wit. In 1776 the declarant volunteered and marched in an expedition against the Tories and British agents in the Cherokee nation under the Command of Capt Wm Bratton's (afterwards Col) and Coln Neels Reg't of Militia. in this tour he served six weeks. In 1776 he marched under the command of the same officers in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, in this tour he served two months. In 1779 he was drafted, and served under Leut Miller of Capt. Brattons Company and Major Ross' Command of Col Neels Regt of S.C. Militia in this expedition he was at the

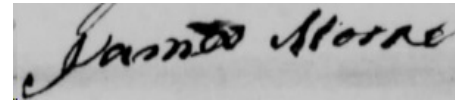
battle of Briar Creek, fought the 3^d of March, in this tour he served three months. In 1780 he fought at the battle of Blackstocks under the Command of Gen'l Sumter, in this year he served five months and this Concludes his services as a private soldier. In 1781 he served as a First Lieut in Capt. Hugh Brattons Company & Col Wm Brattons Reg't of Militia, in this year he fought in the different engagements of Caldwell's, at the taking of the Congaree fort and the taking of the Quarter house near Charleston under Col. [Wade] Hampton, in this year he served as First Lieut five months. In 1782 he marched to Orangeburg and served as a Captain three months in Col Brattons Reg't of Militia. In the year 1775, '76, '79, and 1780 he served as a private soldier eleven months and two weeks. In the year 1781 he served as a First Lieut five months and in 1782 he served as a Captain three months, and for which service he claims a pension, that he has no documentary evidence of any service he performed as a revolutionary soldier. And those services he proves by Capt. James Martin and Capt. Robert Hanna two Officers of the Revolution

Sworn to & subscribed before me July 22^d 1833



State of South Carolina }
 York District } Personally appeared James Moore before me and being duly sworn saith that he served under Capt. James Wallace in the war of the revolution, who was commanded by Col. Wm. Bratton, that he served as a Captain as aforesaid for the term of three months in actual service this was in the year 1782

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th Oct'r 1833



State of South Carolina }
 York District }

On this 23^d day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before his Honor Josiah J. Evans Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common pleas, now sitting James Wallace of the State and District aforesaid, 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 the 7th June 1832

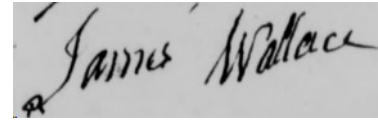
The applicant states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania Cumberland County the 12th day of September 1750. that he emigrated to the State of South Carolina in the year 1766 where he has constantly resided from that period

The applicant states that he first entered the service of the United States under the command of Col Thomas Neil and Cap William Bratton this expedition was against the Tories of ninety six District under the Command of Skoffle [possibly intended to be Thomas Fletchall] & [Capt. Patrick] Cunningham this tour was generally denominated the Snow campaign. the applicant to the best of his recollection served two months. This service was performed in the year 1775 in the latter part of the said year [8 - 30 Dec 1775].

The next term of service performed by the applicant was in the year 1776 under the officers above named (to wit) Neal and Bratton this was in the war with the Cherokee tribe of Indians this campaign commenced the 1st of June. the applicant served two months. there were some little skirmishing with the Indians but no general battle.

The next service was under the command of Major Francis Ross and Capt. John Miller the regiment having joined and being commanded by Gen'l. Ash was defeated by the British on the 3^d of March 1779 at a place called Brier Creek in the State of Georgia this service was three months. the foregoing services was rendered under a draft by the authority of the State of South Carolina. all the hereafter rendered was volunteer service. The applicant joined Gen'l. Sumter Army the 20th of December 1780 the company he belonged to was commanded by Capt. Hugh Bratton, the Regiment by Col Wm. Bratton the applicant at this time under the above named officers done nine months duty in actual service as a private soldier and

was in the following engagements against the British and Tories, viz at Blackstocks, Friday's Fort, the Quarter House near Charleston, and Biggin Church. After this the applicant was appointed a Captain to command Bratton's company (his term of service being out) he was in actual service as a Captain three months this was in the year 1782. Also under the command of Col Wm Bratton This applicant finally states that the whole term of his service as a private soldier in the cause of the United States was sixteen months and as a Captain three months. He relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and his name is not on the pension roll of any state



Answer 1st I was born the 12th day of September 1750 in the State of Pennsylvania Cumberland County

2^d I have and in my bible in my possession

Ans 3 In York District South Carolina and now live there

Ans. 4th A part of my service was under a draft and the ballance I served as a volunteer.

An'r. 5th A part of my service was rendered under General Green and Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln Continental officers, the residue of my services was performed under Generals Williamson and Sumpter 6th Never received a written discharge as a soldier I never received a Commission as an officer but was made so by appointment.

7th As regards my character and the belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier, I will mention the following gentlemen residing in my neighborhood (to wit) the rev. Robt. B. Walker, James Garrison, James Moore Se'r. F A Erwin and several others that I might mention.

[The following documents were evidently provided to the heirs to obtain James Wallace's pension, which had been suspended during his lifetime. See endnote.]

No 484 } {Comptroller Generals office

Book L } {Columbia May 4th 1855

Issued the 2nd November 1784 to Mr James Wallace for sixty two Pounds six shillings and nine pence farthing Sterling for 257 Days Militia Duty in 1779 - 1780. 1781. 1782 and 1783 as pr account audited.

Principal £62.6.9¼

Interest 4.7.3

State of South Carolina

commence time to Capt James Wallace Dr

Feb'y 6th 1779 To 42 Days a private Horseman Duty done in

George [sic: Georgia] & Briar Creek at 20 S pr Day £ 42. 0.0

October 27th 1780. Fifty days do do £1 £ 50. 0.0

April 22th 1781 twenty one as Sargt at £ 14.6

Sept 19th 1781 fore days as Lieut £ 9. 0.0

December 10th 1782. Seventy five days a Lieut £168.15.0

June 20th 1781 forty days do Lieut £ 90. 0.0

Feb'y 20th 1781. Eleven days private Horseman, £ 11. 0.0

July 12th 1782. then days as Capt £ 30. 0.0

April 11th 1783. fore Days do £ 12. 0.0

£436.07.6

Total £ 62. 6.9¼

These are to certify that I have empowered Capt Lewis Martin to receive my Indent from the publick treasurer of the State of South Carolina, given from under my hand this 4 day of May 1785.

Certified by W Bratton J.P.

Jas Wallace

Recd 2nd Novr 85 from the Commrs of the Treasury an Indent No 484. Lib L [book 50?] for £62.6.9½
Sterling in full satisfaction for this act By virtue of an order L Martin

No 1064} Issued the 3rd November 1785 to James Wallace for thirteen Pounds five Shillings four
Lib X } pence, for sundrys for militia use as per act, passed by the Commissioners
Principal £13.5.4/ Annual Int £1.18.6

The State of South Carolina

To James Wallace Dr For Services done at Briar Creek
under Lieut Jas Martin horseman 27 days (Sergt) £30. 7.6
Under Capt Jno [John] Chambers 25 days £12.10.0
One Horse valued at £50.00.0
Sworn to 9th May 1783. £92.17.6
Wm. Tate J.P. Stg[?] £13. 5.4¼

I certify that I received vouchers for the whole of the above account. Wm Tate.

The within account approved by Wm Bratton J.P.

No 79 } Issued the 6th of July 1785 to Mr James Wallace for two Pounds Seventeen shillings and
Book U} one penny half Penny Sterling for Duty done in the Militia as pr account audited,
Principal £2.17.17
Interest £0. 3.11

State of South Carolina

To James Wallace Dr
For Duty pr Col Andersons return £20. .1
since reduction of Chas Town [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] Stg 2.17.1½

NOTES:

On 2 June 1834 G. W. Wright certified that James Wallace's "mind & recollection has in a great measure failed him, so much so, that he could not, with accuracy make out a consistent declaration, of circumstances & events that he might have been an actor himself in the war."

Documents in the file state that James Wallace had been dropped from the pension list and had died 8 Nov 1838 at his home in York District leaving a widow, Mary, who died 14 Sep 1843. Surviving children, Robert Bratton Wallace and J. M. Wallace, applied for a pension. On 1 Feb 1855 A. S. Wallace stated that "Major Milton Wallace son of Capt Jas Wallace" was living in York District near Brattonsville P. O. when he last saw him on 10 Jan 1855.

An undated brief in the file states that J. M. Wallace, the only surviving child of James Wallace, was paid the pension up to the day of the soldier's death based on a certificate from the Comptroller of South Carolina "showing, with certainty that the service as Lieutenant was Cavalry Service." On 8 June 1855 A. S. Wallace applied for an increase in pension based on service in the cavalry rather than infantry. A note in the file summarizes his service and the annual pension as follows:

Captain of Infantry	14 days	\$9.33
Sergeant	21 das	3.50
Lieut of Horse	119 "	66.11
Private of do	103 "	<u>14.16</u>
		\$93.10
	increased from	79.87
	Annual increase	\$13.23