

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Newell Walton S22037

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: On the 10th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, Personally appeared Newell Walton Before the Subscribing Justice a resident of the state & District of Abbeville aged as stated in the Declaration 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 the seventh of June 1832. Being at this time reduced to a very low state of health and my memory as well as my Constitution being greatly impaired (by a consumptive Coff [cough]) that in many instances I cannot recollect Persons names that I was once well acquainted but will Endeavor to give a correct state of facts as my memory will serve me agreeable to the Requisitions required from all applicants to obtain a Pension. I was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia, when I became of age, I was compelled to bring suit against my Guardian for a settlement. I had to show in open Court that I was of age I applied to the Person of the Parish where I obtained a copy of my Register which stated that I was born on the 13th day of December in the year of our Lord 1763. In the year 1780 I went & lived in Louisa County, where I was enrolled & drafted into the second Division of Militia. In January 1781 I was called into service at the time of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] incursion of James River under the command of Captain Harris. We marched in & through several Counties before we were discharged. We were never embodied into any Regiment. While in that Tower [tour], after being discharged from that tower I returned to Hanover and lived with my Mother where I was enrolled and drafted into the 10th Division of the Militia Corps in the month of March, I substituted myself for a man in the second Regiment of General Stevens' [Edward Stevens'] Brigade – whose name I cannot recollect, neither can I remember the names of the Company Officers. After I was released from that tour I substituted for one John Spencer. After serving out his Tour the Division which I was drafted into in Hanover County being called out I had to serve in my own place which I did under the command of Captain Thompson, After being released from that Tour, I substituted myself for a man whose name I cannot recollect in which place I continued until I was discharged at the siege of Cornwallis, I never had a written discharge, it was always by verbal or relieved Discharge as the Division relieved one another in rotation according to the number of men required.

In the month of March I entered the service in the 2nd Regiment of General Stevens engaged & continued in this line the whole time of my service our Field Officers were Colonel Dabney, Major Campbell & Major Armsted [Armstead], I knew Colonel Innis, also Colonel Mathews of the 3rd Regiment – we were at the City of Richmond at the time General Marquis [Lafayette] arrived and took command & reviewed the line, I was in the retreat up to Brocks Bridge, where we met General Waine [Anthony Wayne] I was in the Pursuit down to the siege, on our way down our Brigade was detached from the Army, that was to go to Little York, &

crossed the River to Gloucester side after being there a short time, myself among seventy-five active chosen men was detached from the Army put under Officers who were residents of Gloucester County who well knew the situation of the place to watch & scout on the enemy's lines, we were on a continual scout, never ate or slept twice on the same place, often alarmed by the foraging parties of the enemy, but never came to an engagement, finding always that they were too strong for our little Corps, after being harassed for some time I was taken violently sick & were conveyed to the Hospital where I lay sick until the term or Tour expired which was a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis. My mother being notified of my situation and illness sent her overseer down with a carriage who conveyed me home in a very low state of health, where I resided until the year 1795 when I removed to the State of Georgia in the County of Lincoln, where I resided until the year 1822 when I removed into Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina where I now live. I do hereby further state that from the long relapse of time, and being in a distant state from where I was in service I do not know of any living person whose testimony I could procure that could testify to my actual service as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War.

My Time of service is between 7 & 8 months & I now Declare on my Oath that I never have been a pensioner neither in this state nor in the state of Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed this 10th day of August 1832 before me

S/ Hugh Morrak, JQ

S/ Newell Walton

*August 11 1832*  
*Newell Walton*

[Moses Waddel, a clergyman, and William A. Bull gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: To wit on this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me Hugh Morrak the undersigned Justice of the Peace in & for the District & State aforesaid, Newell Walton a resident of the same District & State, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, viz., on the 5th of January 1781 (I am sure it was in the first week of that month) I entered the service as already stated under the command of Captain Harris whose Lieutenant was George Mickie. We marched through the counties of Hanover, Henrico, New Kent & Caroline, in which latter County we were discharged on the 29th of the same month. I suppose that Captain Harris acted under orders from general Thomas Nelson who had at this time the chief Command of the Militia – From the 29th of January till the 10th of March following I remained at home; and on the said 10th of March when Phillips made an incursion up James River I joined the militia force as substitute for whom I cannot now recollect. I served as a substitute for 3 persons one of whom was John Spencer already named the names of the others I do not recollect – I continued in the service without intermission from this time until I was discharged from the Hospital on the 12th of October 1781 so that I can safely declare that I served seven months continuously. I remember the name of John Spencer for whom I substituted as he was a neighbor and acquaintance, the others from whom I substituted were strangers to me and they had served part of their tours & I served the remainder.

From bodily infirmity I am utterly unable to appear before or in a Court of record for the nearest being 20 miles distance from my residence & note term of which will intervene before the 4th Monday of October next, and no judge or justices of a court of record resides near to me than 70 miles, so that to obtain the opinion of a Court of Record or to make a declaration &

submit to the examination before a Judge or Justice of such a Court, unless such person would come to me is physically impossible from my extreme debility.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th of June 1833

S/ Newell Walton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 24 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]