

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Walden (Walding, Waldin) S31454

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Shelby County Sct.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I James Walding [sic] in the County of Shelby in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered 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 Basterfield, alias Captain Busterfield's company in the __ Regiment of the Virginia line. I know nothing about the resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1788. I was absent on furlough when the war terminated, and did not therefore receive the certificate.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1826, on the pension list of the United States.

He never applied for [or obtain his discharge.

S/ James Walding, X his mark

[Witnessed August 9, 1828]

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

August 28, 1828

James Walding of __ in the County of Shelby in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain __ 's Company, in the __ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he ^{has not} received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

2nd September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars~~

~~has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that James Walding is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of James Walding cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office

19 September 1828

James Walding , a private of the Virginia Line, is not return, is entitled to land from the United States nor has a warrant issued for him.

S/ E. Stephens

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

On this 19th day of March 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky James Walden resident of the County aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said James Walden enlisted for the term of three years on the ___ day of March 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Meriwether in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he served in that Corps until the year 1778 when he was transferred to a Company commanded by Captain Nicholas in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Gipson or Gibson, and that he continued to serve in said Corps, until late in the fall 1779 when he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Wright in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell & that he continued to serve in said Corps until the year 1780 when he was taken prisoner at the surrender of Charleston and that he continued a prisoner with the British until exchanged in the year 1781 at Williamsburg & that he then Enlisted during the war and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Parker in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Frebecker [Christian Febiger] & that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Winchester in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia & that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. He has always been until the first application was made in his case for a pension which was two years ago & unsuccessful able to support himself by his labor & he did not know until about two years ago that he could make the necessary proof in order to entitle him to the provisions of the Act of Congress and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, that I had no specie of property whatever on the 18th of March 1818 & that I have acquired known him sense.

S/ James Walden, X his mark

[Josiah Clark and Joseph Watson¹ gave a supporting affidavit in which they state that the applicant when a very young person enlisted in 1781 in a company commanded by Captain Parker in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger stationed at Cumberland Courthouse; that they were not with him when he quit the service but saw him in Richmond shortly thereafter.]

State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

On this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky now setting, James Walden a resident of the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky aged seventy-one years on the 25th day of August last, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a private Soldier in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Meriwether in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason in the month of March (the day of the month not recollected) in the year 1777 from thence he was marched to Williamsburg Virginia, where we remained during the year 1777 and was employed in guarding the Town and Country adjacent, until the month of March 1778 when he was marched to the North which under the command of one Captain Ewell and joined the main Army under the command of General Washington at the Valley Forge, and was there placed under the command of Captain Nicholas in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson in the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg, when the British vacated Philadelphia we pursued them, came up with them and gave them battle at Monmouth which he thinks was in June or July 1778. He states that he was not actually engaged in that Battle, he being in the reserve or detailed for some purpose not now recollected, after this we went into winter quarters in the neighborhood of the Highlands upon the Hudson during the year 1779, he remained in the neighborhood of New York with the main Army. He states that in the fall of this year but on what occasion or for what purpose he cannot state he was marched into New Jersey and went into winter quarters at a place called Bombrook [?] in said State of New Jersey. He states that in February or March in the year 1780 he was marched to South Carolina and was there placed under the command of one Captain Wright in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell in the Brigade commanded as he now thinks by General Woodford and joined the Army under General Lincoln at Charleston South Carolina, he states that he was a soldier and formed a part of General Lincoln's Army at the siege of Charleston and was taken prisoner by the British at the surrender of Charleston in May 1780. He states he was with the following Officers who were taken prisoners at the same time he was, at a place called Hadleys point [Haddrell's Point], viz. Colonel Neville, Colonel Russell, Colonel Bell, Major Waggoner, Major Price, Major Lewis, Captain Wright & others whose names he does not now recollect. He states that he remained a prisoner of war until the month of August 1781 when he was exchanged. He states that immediately after he was exchanged & returned to Virginia he joined the Army and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Parker and was at the Siege of York and the capture of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] in October 1781. He states that after the surrender of Cornwallis he received a furlough for three months an indulgence granted him as he understood on account of his having been a prisoner of War and returned home, after his furlough had expired he was

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Joseph Watson S11659](#)

ordered to rendezvous at Cumberland old Courthouse and did so accordingly in the year 1782. I was attached to the company commanded by Captain Kirkpatrick & for some cause not now recollected was transferred and placed under the command of one Captain Bursterfield [? could be "Barsterfield"] we were stationed at Winchester Barracks to Guard the British prisoners and after they were exchanged I was discharged from the service and returned home to Caroline County, Virginia in February 1783 as well as I can now remember – having been absent almost six years in the service of my Country. He states that he was born on the 25th day of August 1762 in the County of Caroline & State of Virginia as he is informed. He has no record of his age, nor never dead, he states he lived in Caroline County Virginia until the year 1816 when he moved to the State of Kentucky and settled in the County of Shelby and there lived until the year 1824, when the County of Spencer being formed, he was stricken off in Spencer County has resided in Spencer County ever since, and now resides in Spencer County. He states that he has no written discharge nor does he not [sic] believe he ever received one, if he ever did it is lost, he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He states he knows of one William Stout a clergyman and one William Moffitt to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Waldin [sic], X his mark

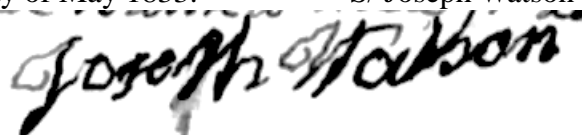
[William Stout, a clergyman, and William Moffitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

The Affidavit of Joseph Watson aged seventy-two taken before me Thomas Newman a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, this Affiant states that he became acquainted with James Walden in the Army of the Revolution in the month of September 1781, knows that he belonged to Captain Parker's company and was a soldier and engaged in actual service at the Siege of York in October 1781. This Affiant states that the company commanded by Captain Parker was as he was informed, and as he never heard it contradicted, composed of Soldiers who had been taken prisoners of war at the surrender of Charleston, and was called the infantry company. He states that he belonged to the militia and James Walden to the Continental Troops, that after the surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781, we went into winter quarters at Cumberland old Courthouse and there remained until February or March 1782. James Walden was with us and in the Army during that period. This affiant states that in the spring of 1782 (say March 1782) he this Affiant was marched to the South, & James Walden was left among other Troops at Cumberland old Court house aforesaid, he knows that from September 1781 to March 1782 he was in the Army & was a soldier on actual duty. He has known James Walden ever since and never heard it doubted or contradicted but that he has served throughout the whole war, it has always been a matter of general hearsay That he had served through the war of the Revolution. Subscribed & sworn to the 27th day of May 1833.

S/ Joseph Watson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

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State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

The Affidavit of Josiah Clarke aged sixty-eight years the 2nd day of February 1833 taken before me Thomas Newman a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid. This Affiant states that he is well acquainted with James Walden and has been acquainted with him from a boy. States that he knew him as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution knows that he wore the uniform with the Buttons belonging to the Army has prescribed by the officers, performed actual duty and drew his rations he states he did not see him enlist but he is as certain of his enlistment as if he had seen it. This Affiant states that he was in service during the whole war and does not recollect to have seen but one man enlisted during that period. This affiant states that he has a distinct knowledge of seeing said James Walden in service in the Army of the Revolution as early as the year 1777 and continued therein until the year 1782 when this Affiant left him at Winchester Barracks he having been marched from thence. This Affiant cannot state positively the Regiment & Company to which said James Walden was attached but knows he belonged to the Virginia line, thinks he was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson but how long he remained in said Regiment, this Affiant does not know. This Affiant states that he did not bear arms continually in service he was employed in the Army to build forges & as a Bricklayer and whenever the Army moved this affiant moved with it but drew provisions & lived as to the soldiers belonging to the Army lived. The affiant states the facts positively that said James Walden was in service & continued in service as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution from the year 1777 to the year 1781 or 1782 he having seen him almost every month during that period and never has heard the fact questioned in his life or asserted that said James Walden was not a Soldier of the Revolution.

Subscribed & sworn to the 3rd day of June 1833. This affiant would states further that when Charleston was besieged and taken by the British in the year 1780, he this affiant was not with the Army at Charleston, but knows that it was the general report that James Walden was in the Army as a soldier & taken as prisoner at the Surrender of Charleston. This affiant saw him after he was released from his imprisonment in service frequently afterwards.

Subscribed & sworn this 3rd day of June 1833.

S/ Josiah Clarke, X his mark

[Facts in file: The veteran died December 27, 1838; the place of his death is not shown.]

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