

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Walden S32570

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State of Alabama, County of Blount

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of the County of Blount David Walden a resident of \_\_\_ in the County of Blount in State of Alabama aged Seventy-five years 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 as a private soldier with the Regular Troops for the Term of two years and served in the Sixth Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line under the following named officers. He Enlisted and served first under Captain Dixon or Dickinson [Tilghman Dixon] and at the time of his enlistment resided in Maclinberg [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the State of North Carolina and marched from thence to Fort Wells on Ogeechee River in the State of Georgia and continued stationed there during the winter of 1777 & 8 and then were marched to Augusta and there continued until they Summer of 1778 and there commanded by Captain Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] under Colonel Abraham Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard] and we then marched from Augusta and we were placed under the command of General Howe [Robert Howe] and proceeded on into East Florida and crossed the following Rivers "Tourt [sic] the Hallamahaw [sic, Altamaha?], St. Tillas [Satilla River] and St. Mary's [St. Mary's River] and after crossing the latter River we came near the British Troops & we there encamped and some time in the night our horse Guard was attacked by the British three of our Guard were killed and four wounded, The enemy lost 20 soldiers that were found dead on the field but they did not come to a General engagement & near this place our troops were divided and a party of about eight hundred pursued them as far as St. John's and the enemy crossed in their vessels at the Cow Ford and retreated towards St. Augustine; and we then returned and many of the Soldiers were taken sick and those who were no longer able to march were stationed at Reed's Bluff on the Altamaha River and were there when General Howe was Defeated & Savannah taken;<sup>1</sup> and in the latter part of the winter we left Reed's Bluff and crossed over the Savannah River to the Carolina side and we were placed under the command of General Lincon [Benjamin Lincoln] and From his encampment at Black Swamp he was sent across with some regular troops to the Georgia side and was in General Ashe's [John Ashe's] Defeat [a/k/a the Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] in the Spring of the year 1779; and he continued to serve under said Captain Sharp and Colonel Shepherd's Regiment and recrossed to the Carolina side after Ashe's Defeat; and some time thereafter crossed again to the Georgia side of said River and encamped in the summer of 1779 at Midway Meeting House nine

<sup>1</sup> First Battle of Savannah: December 29, 1778 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/781229-savannah/>

or 10 miles from the town of Suns Berry [sic, Sunbury]. This Deponent served out the full term of his enlistment as a private Soldier and was discharged at Midway Meeting House some time (as he believes) in the month of September in the year 1779; This Deponent states that his discharge was Burnt in his House about seven years ago and his recollection so impaired by sickness, misfortune and age that he has forgotten many of his Field Officers; he was informed that he was entitled to a pension under the act of Congress entitled an act for the Relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution passed the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828 and hereby declares that he made application under the said Act sometime in February or March in the year 1830 & received information from the Commissioner of Pensions, that his case and services were not embraced in the Act last aforesaid; & as his memory has been recently so much impaired; refers to his Declaration & Vouchers now on file in the Pension office at Washington City; this Deponent at the time of his application aforesaid resided in Jackson County in the State of Alabama and since removed to Blount County; This Deponent is an illiterate man he was never able to keep dates except from memory he may be mistaken in the number of his Regiment; But refers to the Documents now in the pension office, he has forgotten the name of his Lieutenant his Ensign & Major but believes his Lieutenant[s] was John Richey & Caurnton.

He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Walden, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that David Walden a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>2</sup> enlisted on the second day of May 1781 for the term of \_\_ and was omitted in 1781, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834.

S/ Wm Hill

The Declaration of David Walden a private soldier in the American Revolution for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

I David Walden of the County of Jackson and State of Alabama, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the term of two years and was in the service of the United States at the close of the revolution commanded by Captain Sharp in the Regiment of Colonel Shepherd of the North Carolina line.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828 nor at any other time before or since on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> February 1831.

S/ David Walden, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1<sup>st</sup> NC Regiment. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_privates\\_w.htm](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_w.htm) search for "Walden, David."