

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wallace S32572

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State of Alabama, Bibb County: County Court August Term 1832

On this 14 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Francis Crawford, the presiding judge of the County Court for the said County of Bibb now sitting John Wallace, a resident citizen of said County of Bibb and State of Alabama, aged seventy-three 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in Captain Roger Topp's Company who under the direction of Genl. Charles McDowell performed the duties of Rangers on the frontiers of the then states of North and South Carolina until about the first of July 1780 when the company returned to head quarters and was by an arrangement of officers transferred to Col. Isaac Shelby's forces or Shelby's care, who, in company with Col. John Sevier, was dispatched to reduce a British & Tory fort called Thicketty Creek Fort¹ near the line between the States of North & South Carolina. The fort surrendered. In the month of October 1780 applicant was marched to Kings Mountain commanded by Col. Isaac Shelby where he as a soldier did his duty and now bears the scars of two wounds that he rec'd in that memorable action.² The officers present at Kings Mountain were Col. William Campbell, Col. Cleveland, Col. Grymes and Col. Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon]. Genl. Williams [sic, Col. James Williams] of South Carolina (not in command) fell in that action. Applicant states that he entered the service in the month of January 1779 and was discharged 22nd January 1781 about six days after Tarleton's defeat³ in which engagement applicant also took part. The field officers recollected by applicant to have been present on this occasion were Genl Morgan, Col. Washington with his Dragoons & Joseph McDowell who acted as Major. Applicant resided at the time he entered the Service in Sullivan County then North Carolina now Tennessee. And rendezvoused at the [several illegible words] County and marched from thence to Burke County North Carolina where we joined General McDowell's army as already stated. Applicant states that he was honorably discharged from the service by General McDowell dated on the day he was discharged. That the applicant had the misfortune to have his house consumed by fire at which time the discharges were burnt. Applicant has no

¹ July 30, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortthicketty.htm>

² October 7, 1780

³ Battle of Cowpens. January 17, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowpens.htm>

documentary evidence which would establish his service. That Valentine Shults [?] saw applicant in the service of which he has spoken. That John Blake, Esq., saw applicant's discharge, did not read it but heard the paper called applicant's discharge and saw it referred to settle a controversy between applicant and another soldier of the revolution. 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 or Territory.

S/ J. Wallace

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Wallace", with a small flourish underneath.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[Alfred G. Gaskill, a clergyman, and Alexander Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questioned by the Court propounded to Valentine Shults [?]

Do you recollect to have seen John Wallace the present applicant in the service of the United States at any time during the Revolutionary War and if so at what time.

Answer. I did see him several times going to & from the Army. I know he was a soldier the particular dates I do not recollect but it was before and after the battle at Kings Mountain.

Do you recollect how long he was in service

Answer I saw Mr. Wallace off and on sometimes after the Indians and sometimes after the British for near 5 years.

S/ Vallentine Shults, X his mark

Interrogatory the court [put] to John Blake

Do you recollect to have seen at any time in the possession of John Wallace the applicant a discharge from the Service of his Country if yea state at what time you saw it did you hear it read and to what service did it relate

Answer I saw a discharge in the possession of applicant in the year 1821 or 1822. I heard it read it was an honorable discharge to him as a soldier of the Revolutionary War and was issued to settle a dispute between Mr. Wallace and a Mr. Coleman a reputed soldier of the Revolution as to some dates connected with the events of that day

Do you know that the house in which you saw the discharge has been burnt

Answer I saw the same house when on fire and knows that it was burnt

S/ John Blake

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Answers to the several Interrogatories contained in the printed form as propounded by the Court:

Answer 1st: I was born in the month of December 22 day 1757 (1758).

Answer 2nd: I have my age stated in my Bible transferred from my father's family record.

Answer 3rd: In Sullivan County then North Carolina now Tennessee I lived 25 years in Blount County East Tennessee from thence I removed to Bibb County Alabama where I now live.

Answer 4th: there was a call for volunteers and I became one under Captain Roger Tipp as already stated.

Answer 5th: Applicant states that he was in the camps at the same time with General Sumter 4 weeks: General Morgan was in service at the same time that applicant was; General Greene was at Salisbury, North Carolina at the time of the battle of Kings Mountain.

Answers 6th: I did receive a discharge from General Charles McDowell of North Carolina. Applicant's house was burned in 1823 and a discharge in it.

Answer 7th: the court will call upon D. A. Wilson, John Henry, Esq., James Smith and the court itself likewise Col. A. Hill

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State of Alabama Bibb County: SS: County Court August Term 1833

On this the 14th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Crawford the presiding Judge of the County Court in and for said County of Bibb and now sitting, John Wallace a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to explain a declaration made by himself on the 14th day of August 1832 to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed January 7th 1832.

That himself, George Rutledge, John Scott, James Duncan, Simeon Elliott, Daniel Morris, and Adam Cooper being 7 young men residing in the same neighborhood and being intimately acquainted, to wit, in Sullivan County as stated in the declaration all mutually agreed to go together and joined the State Troops of North Carolina and at the time stated by the Declarant, this Declarant and said six volunteers aforesaid, to wit, sometime in the month of January 1779 (this Declarant cannot state the day of the month) that they altogether entered the service of the United States voluntarily under Captain Roger Topp in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina the Lieutenant's name was John Baker and John Peters was Ensign Captain Roger Topp was ordered [by] General McDowell, after we were received under Captain Topp, myself and said six volunteers went to General McDowell and made application to be admitted into the services as volunteers during the war but was informed by General McDowell that he had no authority for receiving volunteers for such length of time & advised us to enlist this we refused to do, he then informed us that after our term expired we could again volunteered for another term and so continued from term to term, on this advice we returned back to our captains Company and continued regularly in the service until the first of April 1779 & was then informed that we could be discharged if we wish to it, or we could remain in the service as volunteers we volunteered according to the advice of General McDowell, for 6 months more and were placed under the same Captain this term of service ended about the first of November 1779 Captain Roger Topp was then Honorably discharged and quit the service in consequence of bad health, and died on his way home, we then remained in the service a few days under our Lieutenant John Baker and made application again for a commission as volunteers in the service and remained voluntarily in the service in this situation under our Lieutenant until the last of December or first of January 1780 when we were all 7 received as volunteers for 6 months more than were placed under the command of Captain Micajah Lewis who was [indecipherable word]⁴ at a place called the Cowpens in the State of North Carolina, at the end of this Term of service we were all marched to a place called Head quarters in Burke County North Carolina and in a few days after our arrival there which was some time in the month of June 1780 we were all



discharged in every individual longing to our company under Captain Lewis except the of their discharges and left the company except this Declarant and the 6 young man that went into the service with him, himself and those 6 remained in the camp with an understanding that they were again to be admitted into the service regularly as volunteers this Declarant cannot state the length of time precisely he remained in this situation Captain Lewis remained for some time in the service after his company was discharged, we were then returned into the service as volunteers this declarant believes some time in the month of August 1780 and was then by order of General McDowell placed under the command of Captain Jones Alexander. This term of service expired about the time of the Battle of the Cowpens in January 1781 a few days after which battle this applicant was discharged as stated in his declaration, together with the 6 volunteers who went into the service with him and himself and said 6 volunteers then returned home this applicant states that from the best information he can get 5 of those comrades and companions of his in said service are dead and the 6th one Adam Cooper⁵ this applicant saw about 2 years past and he was then speaking of removing to the Western Country this applicant does not know whether he is dead or not neither does he know where he resides if living this applicant states that he does not know of a living witness that he was acquainted with that served with him and said service and that the best evidence in his power to produce is the fact prove in the Declaration & the certificates thereto annexed.

S/ J. Wallace

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 12th day of August 1833

[p 3: letter dated January 19, 1857 from Matthew Wallace referring to his father John Wallace as a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

[A letter in the file contains the statement that John Wallace was paid a pension of \$80/year from March 4, 1831 to March 4, 1847. Veteran died June 18, 1847.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service in the North Carolina militia.]

⁵ A man by the name of Adam Cooper did file for a pension claiming service in North Carolina under Col. Isaac Shelby. See [Adam Cooper W1722](#)