

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Edwards S3322

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State of Tennessee } May Session of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county 1833  
Robertson County }

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year [of] our Lord 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and State now sitting William Edwards a resident of the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee aged eighty one years last march 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated as follows To Wit. That he was first drafted as a Militia Man into the service of the United States in the year 1777 [sic] the month not recollected, on entering the service he was marched from the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia (where he was mustered into service) into the County of Albemarle in said State where he joined the army to Albemarle Barracks where he remained with the army for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken at Burgoin's defeat [see endnote], during which term of service he was commanded to the best of his recollection by Captain Mosely and Col [Francis] Taylor of the Continental line, according to the best of his recollection he served this tour three months. He was next drafted into the service of the United States in the year 1777 or 1778 [sic] he cannot say which but performed no service himself, having hired a substitute by the name of William Daniel who was mustered into service in the County of Louisa and State of Virginia and marched from thence to Albemarle Barracks where he joined the army for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken at Burgoin's defeat, where he performed service according to the best of his recollection three months by whom his said substitute William Daniel was commanded he does not recollect He was next drafted into the service of the United as a militia man the date of which said drafting, he does not certainly recollect, but to the best of his knowledge it was in the year 1778 or 1779 he cannot from the great lapse of time attempt to state the month he was mustered into service in Louisa County State of Virginia where he resided, and marched from thence to Hanover Court House and was stationed there some time, he was thence marched with the army to New Kent County in said state, where he remained a short time, and was marched from thence back to Hanover Court House, and was stationd there again for some time, and was marched from thence to Bowling green in Caroline County wher he stayed for a very short time, and was then marched from thence again back to Hanover Court House and was stationed there until he was discharged, during this tour of service he was commanded by Capt George Micky [sic: George Michie] and Lieutenant Henry Johnson [Henry Ashton Johnson] the other officers not recollected. He served to the best of his knowledge three months during the last mentioned tour. He was next drafted in the service of the United States as a malitia man in the year 1781 was mustered into service in the County of Louisa in the County of Louisa and joined the [illegible word] army at the Morbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] on James River his regiment was commanded by Col John Taylor of Caroline his lieutenants name was Stephen Pettis and Major Campbell he recollects was an officer of the regiment The other officers he cannot from the great length of time and infirmity recollect, he was marched to the City of Richmond Virginia and thenc down James River to the Morbin hills where he was stationed some time, and thence with the army crossed Chickahominy Swamp at the meadow bridges [near present Mechaniscsville], thence they marched to New Castle [now Old Church], from thence down across York River in to King and Queen County and on to Hubbards old fields [near the dividing line of Gloucester and King and Queen counties] and there was stationed some time and was frequently drawn with the army over a Creek the name of which he cannot recollect and formed into a line of battle and had to ly on their arms We had but one cannon and placed that on the end of the Mill dam which was Cortans Mill [?] to face the enemy which circumstance he well recollects, he was thence marched with the army back to Hubbards Old fields where he was

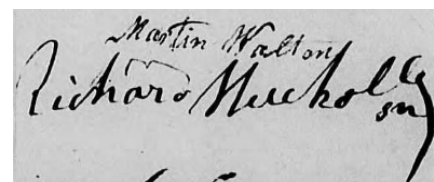
accidentally wounded in the foot with a bayonet a walking around a tent and becoming lame from marching was carried to the Hospital during his stay there he bore an attack of [illegible word] fever [illegible word] South West Point he remained until he was discharged He cannot recollect his Physicians name.

To the best of his knowledge he served this tour three months, and has stated the details & general circumstances of the same, as minutely as he can. The Declarant states that he was born in Louisa County State of Virginia on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1752, that he lived in said County and State during the whole of the revolutionary War that the Militia of said County were divided into ten divisions and that he belonged to the fifth, that he removed from Louisa County – said state in the year 1794 or 1795 as near as he recollects and settled in Robertson County Tennessee where he has remained ever since. That he has kept a record of his age from his Fathers record from memory he has no written record of it That he was a resident of the County of Louisa Virginia when called into the service of all the aforementioned tours. That from his great age and bodily and mental infirmity he cannot state the details and circumstances of his tours, nor officers who commanded him more minutely than herein set forth. he served during the whole of his above tours as a private making in the aggregate nine months to the best of his knowledge and for such service he claims a pension during his aforesaid Tours he was not engaged in any civil pursuit

This declarant never received any written discharge but was at the end of all his tours discharged as the other Militia were, verbally. He can prove the performance of a part of his service by Martin Walton [pension application S3473] and some facts or circumstance by Rich'd Nuckolls [Richard Nuckolls S4627]

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 in the union. The reason why declarant did not have his Declaration &c amended in the Circuit Court is that there is no seal of office in said  
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State of Tennessee } We Martin Walton aged 71 last october and Richard Nuckolls  
Robertson County } aged 71 citizens of Robertson County and state of Tennessee do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the aforementioned Wm Edwards who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration That we believe him to be eighty one years of age as stated in his said Declaration and that we belonged to the same regiment with him in the Revolutionary War. The said Nuckolls has no recollection of having seen him during the tours mentioned in the s'd. Declaration, but has no hesitation in saying that he performed them as set forth in his declaration as they belonged to the same regiment to his knowledge. The said Walton states that he knows of the actual performance of a part of his tours mentioned in said Declaration to wit the tour of 1781 in which tour he frequently saw him and believes they were in the same mess he well recollects his accidentally being wounded as mentioned in his said Declaration it ocured as follows to wit, While walking around a tent as he believes at Hubbards Old fields he accidentally struck his foot against a bayonet which wounded him in the toes, and the wound became so bad from marching subsequently that he was sent to a Hospital some where between Hubbards Old Fields and South West Point he cannot mention any further circumstances in relation to the said Edwards tour in 1781 he was not at the said Hospital while he Edwards remained there but knows of his having been sent there, and he states that he has no doubt of the performance of the other Tours as set forth in his said Declaration. We further certify that he is reported and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion, Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 16<sup>th</sup> May 1833

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Martin Walton" and the bottom signature reads "Richard Nuckolls". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTES:

Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville were not completed until at end of 1778. Between Jan 1779 and Feb 1781 they house Hessian and British troops surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga on 17 Sep 1777.

A Treasury-Department document states that Martin Walton, attorney for Anna Edwards, widow of William Edwards, received the final pension payment up to his death on 13 April 1836.