

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Walker S3446

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[Transcriber's Note: This application is very difficult to read—use this transcription with extra care.]

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State of Tennessee Dickson County

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of pleas & quarter sessions now sitting for the County of Dickson Isaac Walker a Resident of Dickson County aforesaid in the State of Tennessee aged Seventy four 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.

I was born in Prince George's County in the State of Maryland on the 16th day of April 1754. I entered into the service of the United States during the revolutionary War as a volunteer minute man as well as I now recollect in the year 1774 under Captain Jesse Walton in what was then called Surry County in the State of North Carolina ^{six months service}. I marched first to Salisbury in Rowan County in said State, from Salisbury to Cross Creek in the lower part of North Carolina where we joined the Army commanded by Col Martin [James Martin of Guilford County Regiment?], we stayed at Cross Creek about three weeks we then marched with the intention of carrying some Scotch prisoners to New Bern Virginia but on our way we were met by a company of light horse who took charge of the prisoners and we returned home this ended my first tour of service. I then entered in service as a volunteer militia man – I think about two years after my return from my first tour of the war under Captain Benjamin Cleveland in what was then Surry County now Wilkes County North Carolina. We marched from thence to Carter's Valley where we remained near three months as a guard to the frontiers against the Cherokee Indians we then returned home. I entered the service the third tour in the same County as a volunteer, I think the fall after my return from Carter's Valley under Captain Benjamin Cleveland on a three months tour, we marched to the head of Catawba River in Burke County N. C. where we stayed a few days, from thence he marched over the Blue Ridge to Savannah River in the Cherokee nation now Buncombe County North Carolina, there we joined Colonel Martin with some troops we then marched westwardly to form a Junction with Col Williams [sic, this is probably a reference to Andrew Williamson] who commanded the South Carolina troops, we formed a Junction with them, we departed after a few days, we then traversed the nation burnt several Indian towns & killed some stragglers, done all the harm to the Indians we could & returned home.¹ I then entered into the service under Captain Abram Demoss [Abraham

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Demoss] as a volunteer and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col Benjamin Cleveland, this was in the year that the battle of King's Mountain was fought [October 7, 1780].² I went from the same County as heretofore. We marched from Wilkes County to Burke County N. C. where we remained several days, we then marched to Broad River North Carolina where we formed a Junction with Col Campbell [William Campbell] who commanded the Western troops; from Broad River we marched to King's Mountain. I was in that Battle, we marched all night preceding the battle and made the attack about day break in the morning the battle continued I think two or three hours, we killed Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and took a great many prisoners both British regulars & Tories from King's Mountain we marched on through Burke County, delivered up the prisoners at the Moravian Town and was discharged at the Moravian Town, from this place every man the best of his way home. I received several written discharges some of them signed by Captain Cleveland but they were burnt up when my house was consumed in Dickson County on Barton's Creek near thirty [?] years ago. I have no documentary evidence of my service. I know of no person whose testimony I can procure by whom I can prove my service, but if I were to return to North Carolina I could procure the testimony of some of my old compatriots in arms by whom all I have stated could be fully established but I have been a nonresident of N. C. for twenty odd years and have heard but little of my old acquaintances, in fact most all the old revolutionaries are dead. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Following interrogatories were propounded by Court to the applicant and the following answers made there to.

1. Where & in what year were you born[?] Respondent refers to the body of his declaration.
2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it[?] Ans: I have no record of my age – I had one taken from my father's Bible but it was burnt with my house.
3. Where were you living called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live[?] Answer: I lived in Surry County N. C. now Wilkes County N. C. when I entered into service, I have lived since the war ended, twenty five years in Wilkes County N. C., four years seven miles from Danville in the State of Kentucky from which place I removed to Dickson County Tennessee where I have ever since resided and now reside
4. How were you called into service, were you Drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, & if a Substitute, for whom[?] Ans: I volunteered every tour I served
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services. Ans: As to the general circumstances of my services, I refer to the body of my declaration. There were no regular officers among the troops with whom I served unless it be the services to wit: William Lewis who said he was a Captain in the regular Service Joel Lewis³ he said he was an officer in the regular Army Micajah Lewis but what was his rank I do not remember they were all three with us in the battle of King's Mountain. I think Micajah was wounded at the battle of Guilford. The regiments of militia with whom I served were commanded by Col Benjamin Cleveland, Col Martin, Col. Williams [sic, James Williams] of South Carolina & Col Campbell.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it[?] Ans: Respondent refers to the body of his declaration
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and

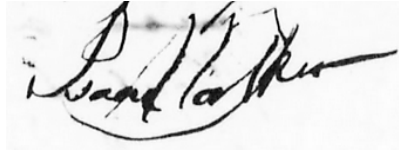
² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

³ [Joel Lewis W780](#)

who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior & your services as a soldier of the revolution. Answer I am acquainted well with Eldridge Bowen, Wilkins Conner Esq., John Saunders, Nelson McLillan [?Nelson McClellan?] & John McLillam [?John McClellan?]] & William Tussell [?] who I believe will testify as to my character for veracity & my good behavior but none of my neighbors know any thing of my service except by hearsay.

8.

S/ Isaac Walker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isaac Walker", written in a cursive style.

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

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

[Benjamin Harwick, a clergyman, and William Willey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee

The explanatory declaration of Isaac Walker made in open court during the session of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Dickson at the courthouse in the town of Charlotte commencing on the first Monday in July 1833.

And the said Isaac Walker says that in the first Tour of service mentioned in the body of his original declaration he served as a private soldier ~~three~~^{six} months. Declarant further states that in the second tour of service mentioned in his original declaration he served as a private soldier three months. Declarant further states that in the third tour of service mentioned in his original declaration he served as a private soldier three months. Declarant also states that in the fourth Tour of service mentioned in his original declaration he served as a private soldier three months.

Declarant also states that in addition to the services performed in mentioned in his original declaration he served two other tours as a substitute as herein after stated, He did not mention such services because he did not know that he would be entitled to any increase of pension by reason of serving as a substitute. During the revolutionary war towards the close thereof he entered into the service of the United States as a substitute for Daly Walker in the County of Burke State of North Carolina in a militia company commanded by Captain Robert Holmes, we marched from Burke County to Salisbury NC where we joined some troops with whom we marched to Camden South Carolina and there joined some troops commanded by Colonel Huger, or General Huger (for I cannot distinctly remember whether he had then been promoted or not). From Camden we marched to Moncks Corner and in consequence of the British being in possession of Charlestown we halted at Moncks Corner and remained there a week or two says from Moncks Corner we marched to the head of Broad & Catawba rivers & searched the mountains for the Tories, took two by the name of Lee and carried them to Salisbury NC and delivered them up to an officer there. I was discharged at Salisbury & returned home having served as a private soldier three months in this tour. After which I entered into the service of the United States as a private soldier as a substitute for William Tubble in a company commanded by Captain Abram Demoss. I entered into the service in the County of Wilkes NC marched from Wilkesboro to Salisbury NC where we joined some other troops with whom we marched to the South fork of the Yadkin River, explored the Country there in search of Tories, took a few of them and took also two wagon loads of guns & ammunition which were placed in the possession of Colonel Cleveland to commanded us. We were discharged at the narrows of the

Yadkin River and returned home having served as a private soldier in this Tour five months. Declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of the services herein stated that he had discharges from the different captains under whom he served but the same were destroyed in the manner stated in his original declaration. There is no witness living to the knowledge of Declarant whose testimony he is in the power of Declarant to produce by whom he can prove the above named services. He hereby relinquishes all further claim upon the Government for a pension except the one provided by the act of 1832 -- that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, day & date above.

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ Isaac Walker



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State of Tennessee Dickson County October Term 1833

Further proceedings taken in open Court in the matter of the application of Isaac Walker for a pension under the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

Answers made to the interrogatories put by the court

Interrogatory the 1st: where and in what year were you born

Answer. In Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland on the 16th day of April 1754.

2. Interrogatory. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have no record of my age, I once had one taken from the record of births in my father's Bible but it was burnt with my house, when it was consumed by fire as described in my petition

3. Interrogatory. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. At the time I entered into the service I lived in what was then called Surry County North Carolina. It is now Wilkes County. I have lived a part of my time in Wilkes County North Carolina, part of my time in Fayette County Kentucky and I now live in the County of Dickson State of Tennessee

4. Interrogatory. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute if a substitute for whom.

Answer. I was in my first service a volunteer minute man, in my 2nd I volunteered in my 3rd & 4th I volunteered, and in the 5th & 6th tours of service I was a substitute, the first time for Daly Walker and then for William Tubble

Interrogatory 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. The General circumstances of my service are related as nearly as I can at this advanced age recollect in the body of my first declaration. There were no regular officers among the troops where I served except a Captain Lewis who said he belonged to the regular Army and two other [indecipherable word] but what rank they bore I cannot state I only heard him say they belonged to the regular Army one of them I think Micajah was wounded at the battle of Guilford. I also remember to have seen Colonel Campbell at the battle of King's Mountain and Colonels Cleveland & Harrington all of whom I believe commanded Regiments. I served 2 tours under Colonel Martin.

6. Interrogatory. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it:

Answer. I had discharges for every tour signed two of them Colonel Cleveland [signed] while he

was a Captain one by Captain Demoss & one by Captain Moses Guess I do not remember who gave me the residue of my discharges but I do distinctly remember having at each tour of service received of some of my officers a written statement of my discharge.

7. Interrogatory. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and their belief in your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Henry Goodrich, John C. Collier, McKen Carr, Nelson McLellan & Rev'd Benjamin Hardwick I think were all testify as much for me.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 9th of October 1833

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ Isaac Walker

[Benjamin Hardwick, a clergyman, and Henry Goodrich gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 17 months service in the revolution as a private in the North Carolina militia.]