

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Walker S3448

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee, Bradley County

On this 5 day of December [1836] personally appeared Samuel Walker before the County court of Bradley County, a resident in the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in a company of mounted riflemen of volunteers commanded by Captain John McClure, Samuel Adams 1st Lieutenant, Owen Evans Ensign; was mustered into service on Fishing Creek in Chester District South Carolina in the year of 1778. Sometime in the month of April or May, Claimant volunteered during the war and was placed under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]; marched from Fishing Creek to Mobley's Meeting House;¹ there had an engagement with the British and Tories and defeated them; marched from there to Congaree Fort and remained there for some time. The Fort at last surrendered.² We took a number of prisoners who were sent to Charleston South Carolina. Claimant still remained in service for some time with success till the year 1780 at which time the British & Tories had almost taken possession of South Carolina. We again took up the line of march determined to never yield and arrived at Ramsour's Mill just after the Battle was fought to a close where the Americans were victorious which Battle was fought on June the 17th 1780 [sic, June 20, 1780];³ marched from there to Rocky Mount; had a battle there⁴ and defeated the enemy; marched from there to Hanging Rock;⁵ there had a battle in which Captain McClure was mortally wounded and carried to Charlotte, North Carolina and died in about two weeks; which battle was fought on the 7th day of August 1780 [sic]; marched from there to Charlotte, North Carolina; there Lieutenant Adams took the command of the company; marched from there; Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] there had battle and killed a celebrated British general [sic] named Hook [sic, Christian Huck];⁶ from there to Blackstock's;⁷ there had a fight with Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton], a British Colonel at which place General Sumter was wounded in the shoulder and had it not been for Colonel Hill [William Hill], we would have taken every person there. He behaved so cowardly that he had his side arms taken from him and a wooden stick in its place in the scabbard. Claimant continued in the service of his country till the close of the war.

All of which time declarant served as a private & volunteer. He hereby relinquishes every

¹ May 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mobleys_meetinghouse.html

² Probably a reference to an action at Fort Granby, February 19, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁴ June 30, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁵ August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁶ July 12, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

⁷ November 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

S/Samuel Walker, X his mark

Test: S/ Isaac Day, a Justice of the peace for Bradley County

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By his Deputy

John H. Robertson, Clerk

James R. Bats

Question by the Court: Where and in what year was you born.

Answer. In Ireland in Ballimana [Ballymena] and in the year 1760.

2: Have you any record of your age

A. I once had a record but my house was burnt and the record with it.

Q. Where was you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolution war.

Answer I [lived in] the state of South Carolina and Chester district. I was a volunteer during the war!

Q5 State the name of some of the regular officers

Answer. I was acquainted with General Green [Nathanael Greene] and Francis Marion Genl.

Sumter and Col. Morgan [Daniel Morgan]

Question 6th Did you ever Receive a discharge

Answer I never did Receive a discharge, but was discharged on Sandy river!

Question 7th State the names of person to whom you are acquainted in your neighbourhood

Answer John Walker and Joseph Seaborn

[p 15: John Walker, a clergyman, and Joseph Seaborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open Court Robert McCormick⁸ after being Duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he was well acquainted with Samuel Walker in the revolutionary War who has sworn to the above declaration he was with him at the battle of Ramsour's mill & at Rocky Mount and the Battle of the [indecipherable word and paper partially damaged]k and was well acquainted with Captain [paper torn and name missing] and knew he was wounded at the Battle of hanging [paper torn one or more words missing] and know that he Walker served a long time [paper torn and one or more words missing] war that he was a mounted rifleman and volunteer.

S/ Robert McCormick



[John Walker, a clergyman, and Joseph Seaborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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An Amendment to the declaration of Samuel Walker made in Bradley County on the fifth day of December 1836

State of Tennessee, McMinn County

Personally appeared Samuel Walker before me, John Camp, an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that the

⁸ [Robert McCormick S4198](#)

reasons why the said Walker did not apply earlier for his pension was to wit: "I the said Walker was living in McMinn County Tennessee [on] June the 7th 1832 and before an opportunity of occurred for me to apply for my pension, I removed to the state of Georgia to reside with one of my sons who was living in that part of Georgia then in the possession of the Cherokee Indians and there being no Courts of record convenient prevented me from applying. Declarant then moved to Bradley County, Tennessee which was also in the possession of said Indians. There I met with one of my old fellow soldiers of the revolution by the name of Robert McCormick by whom I could prove my services. Shortly after there was a Court of record established in Bradley County Tennessee, I applied for my pension. Declarant further saith that he entered the service is of the revolution in April or May of the year 1778 and continued in field on guard or until the said revolutionary war ended. Which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit and that he now recollects that he served in Sumter's Brigade & Hampton's Regiment, Barrett's troop and McClure's company and the Declarant further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me John Camp, an acting Justice of the peace for McMinn County this May the 22nd 1837.

S/ Samuel Walker, X his mark

State of Tennessee, McMinn County

I, John B. Jackson, Clerk of McMinn County, the County Court for the County & State aforesaid, to certify that John Camp Esquire whose name appears to the within affidavit is an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and was at the time of signing the same duly sworn and commissioned whose act and official preceding [is entitled to] in full faith & credit.

Witness my hand and seal of office at office in Athens this 24th day May 1837.

S/ John B. Jackson, Clerk

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State of Tennessee Bradley County: Personally came Samuel Walker about 78 years of age and made oath before me William H Strain one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County that he was a use Soldier of the Revolutionary war between the United States and Great Britain and acted as a Private Soldier in Barnett's Troops, H. Hampton's Regiment Sumter's Brigade State Troops and for his said services there was Due him the said Samuel Walker £94 sterling which was justly due him and which sum of money he never did receive or any part thereof either principal or Interests.

And Deponent upon his oath aforesaid says he actually served the term of ten Months in said Troops and Deponent further states that his discharge and indent or certificate of the pay due him was burned as was his dwelling and all things belonging to Deponent at that time.

S/ Samuel Walker, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me February 8th, 1838

S/ Wm H. Strain, JP

State of Tennessee Bradley County: Personally came Robert McCormick seventy-seven years of age and made oath before me William H Strain one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County that he is personally acquainted with Samuel Walker who was a Private Soldier in the Revolution Deponent served in the said war with said Soldier who has sworn to and subscribed to the foregoing affidavit of his Services and knew of Deponent's own knowledge he is the selfsame Samuel Walker as we both served in said war together and have been acquainted up to this day and knows Walker did served ten months as a private in Barnett's Troop H. Hampton's Regiment Sumter's Brigade State Troops.

Sworn to and subscribed before me February 8th, 1838

S/ William H Strain, JP

S/ Robert McCormick

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State of Tennessee Bradley County: This day personally appeared Robert McCormick before me John Dun an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was personally acquainted with Samuel Walker in the Revolution War that he belonged to Captain McClure's Company of Cavalry which was a minute Company and from my personal knowledge he served two years in the service of the United States. I was with him in several Battles he fought bravely in battle of Rocky Mount and hanging rock I saw Captain McClure after he was wounded he was taken to Charlotte N.C. and there died and was much regret it. I served in the ten months service which Mr. Walker served and was dismissed in Orangeburg I believe that he served as he has stated but was personally known to his serving 2 years under Captains McClure, Adams & Barnett and further he saith not.

S/Robert McCormick

Sworn to and subscribed this 26 day of July 1878 [sic, 1838?]

S/ John Dunn

[the status of John Dunn as a Justice of the Peace is attested by the clerk of Bradley County courts August 7, 1837.]

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An amendment to the declaration of Samuel Walker made at Cleveland on the 3rd day of December 1836 showing more particular his Actual Tours

State of Tennessee Bradley County: July 26 1837 this day personally appeared Samuel Walker before me John Dun an Acting Justice of the Peace for Bradley County after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he entered the service of the United States on Fishing Creek Chester District South Carolina in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain McClure to be a minute Company always to be in readiness at any time and to serve as long as the war lasted was mustered into service in the month of May or June 1778. After we was organized we marched to Mobley's meeting house before we got there we joined General Sumter, and a body of Tories having assembled at the meeting house we attacked them and took 30 prisoners and sent them to Hillsborough marched to the ond [?] Church there had a scrimmage with the Tories and took our men that they had as prisoners from them we marched to the Altamaha River in the State of Georgia we heard that Colonel Winn was besieged by the British and Tories at St. John's River General Sumter ordered 300 men under the command of Colonel Branum [perhaps Thomas Brandon] to go and raise the siege before we got there they had burnt the Fort we then marched back to South Carolina stayed at Winnsborough three weeks from there we marched to Broad River had a scrimmage there General Sumter lost his horse we marched to Ramsour's mill there had a battle with the Tories and defeated them we then had a battle at Rocky Mount we left the ground marched from there to the hanging rock had a battle and Captain McClure was wounded and was taken to Charlotte N. C. in 2 weeks he died Samuel Aadams [Samuel Adams] 1st Lieutenant took the Command and marched to Blackstock there had a battle and defeated the British General Sumter was wounded in the shoulder. I saw him when he was shot his sword fell out of his right hand and he caught it with his left before it fell to the ground – went from there to the Congaree Fort and took it we then marched to Orangeburg and took it from the British I then entered the service under Captain Barnett for ten months and was commanded by General Sumter we marched to Ferguson's Swamp late in wait for Lord Rawdon who was on his march from Camden to Charleston we took 9 of his officers at one Muckelhanys [McIlhaney's?] went to Bacons bridge and from there to Congaree we marched to intercept Lord Rawdon on his march from Charleston to Ninety Six to relieve the British at that place where General Green was, Green retreated from that place from there to Mobley's Settlement to forage our horses 2 weeks marched back to Orangeburg and stationed there 3 weeks and was dismissed the 10 months service having expired I received a Certificate for £94 for 10 months service in Captain Barnett's Troop which I lost by having my house burnt. Having served 2 years and 2 months under Captains McClure & Adams 10 months under Barnett I am positive I served

3 years old age and loss of memory prevents me from giving dates of all battles and places we were stationed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above mentioned.

S/ John Dun, JP

S/ Samuel Walker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note by Will Graves: I think this man's claim to have served under Thomas Sumter in the Ten Months State Troops is unlikely. There was a man named Samuel Walker who served in that Brigade, but he apparently died sometime between February 2, 1782 and June 24, 1782 when someone named Samuel Walker claimed to be the Heir at Law of the Samuel Walker who served in Sumter's Brigade. I'm reinforced somewhat in this view by the fact that the Samuel Walker covered in this document did not claim service in Sumter's Brigade in his first pension application. It seems unlikely to me that a veteran who served in Sumter's Brigade of State Troops would forget mentioning that service when applying for a federal pension the benefit of which was calculated based on the length of service claimed by the applicant. I think it more likely that this veteran, in seeking to prove his service, had the SC Audited Account records searched and learned that someone by that name received an indent for service in that brigade. See SC2043. In fact, p 28 of this man's pension file is a certificate dated April 24, 1837 from the SC Comptroller General in which the CG lists the indent issued to Samuel Walker for service in Barnett's Company, Henry Hampton's Regiment of Ten Month State Troops. This veteran's amended application in which he first claimed service in the State Troops is dated May 22, 1837, a month after he learned of the records in the Comptroller General's office.]

Another version

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the year of 1778 [sic: 1780; see note below] sometime in the month of April or May Claimant
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Sumter] marched from Fishing Creek to Moxleys meeting house [sic: Gibson's Meeting House at
Moberley Settlement in present Fairfield County SC, on 10 June 1780] there had an engagement with
the British and Toris [sic: Tories] and defeated them marched from there to Congoree [sic: Congaree]
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Fishdam Ford on Broad River near Leeds SC, 8 or 9 Nov 1780] there had battle and killed a celabrated
British General named Hooke from there to Blackstock [sic: Blackstock's Plantation near Cross
Anchor SC, 20 Nov 1780] there had fight with Col. Tarlton [sic: Banastre Tarleton] a British Col at
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claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the
pension Roll of any agency in any state Samuel hisXmark Walker
test Isaac Day Chairman

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deposeth and saith that by reason of old Age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot
swear positively as to the precise lenth of his service but according to the best of his recollection
he served not less than three years all of which time served as a private And for which service I
claim a pension Samuel hisXmark Walker

test Isaac Day Justice of the peace for Bradley County

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Answer. In Ireland in Ballimana! and in the year 1760.

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Answer John Walker and Joseph [illegible]

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{Sworn to and subscribed}

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{to before me Jno Camp an}

{acting Justice of the peace for}

{McMinn County this May}

{the 22 1837

NOTES:

It is more likely that Walker volunteered in 1780 rather than 1778. John McClure raised a company from among his relatives and neighbors living along Fishing Creek after learning of the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780. On 8 June 1780, 32 of them attacked Loyalists at Alexander's Old Field at Beckhamville SC. On 15 June they elected Thomas Sumter as their general and agreed to serve under him until the war ended.

On 30 July 1780 Sumter led an unsuccessful assault on a fort at Rocky Mount on the Catawba River in present Chester County SC, and is generally regarded as having been defeated.