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Pension application of George Walker S3449

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State of Tennessee, Bledsoe County Court: August Session 1832

On this fifteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of the County of Bledsoe aforesaid now sitting George Walker a resident of the County of Bledsoe aforesaid in the State of Tennessee, aged Eighty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered and entered the service in the North Carolina Militia under the Command of Captain John Hardin and was mustered into service in the County of Burke under whom he served three or four tours of duty as his Lieutenant after which Captain Hardin left the Company and went to the battle of Stono in the neighborhood of Savannah Georgia – after which this declarant was elected to the Command of the Company and served during the War in that capacity. He was in the battle at Ramsour's Mills in Lincoln County N. Carolina under command of Major Rutherford. He was in several skirmishes among which was that at Blackstock's mill. He was well acquainted with the Generals McDowell and Rutherford. He quit the service as a Captain but he has no documentary evidence now in his possession to prove it – all have been lost from accident, removing about and length of time. During this time his place of residence was on the South fork of Catawba River in Burke County N. Carolina. He was unable from the great length of time to state the period when he entered or quit the service. He was in several battles with the Indians and Tories during his continuance in service and he well recollects Generals Greene & Morgan, the latter of whom on one occasion gave him orders to execute. He is confident he was in service five years – but the exact time when he entered the service he does not now recollect – but he does remember that about the time he entered the service, the Cross Creek expedition was frequently spoken of and he knows that the two events happened within a short period of each other. He states that Captain Gillafalls [sic, Galbraith Falls] of the light horse was killed at the battle of Ramsour's Mill also Captain Patton. He further states that Captains Wilson and Reid were wounded and if he recollects right the American side and 18 killed and 19 wounded. His commissions have both been lost – on account of which he is unable to produce either. But he can procure the testimony of Jesse Walker Esq. one of the acting Justices of the Peace of the County of Bledsoe aforesaid and now a resident Citizen of said County who from his personal knowledge of the declarant will say that he declarant was in the service of the United States and belonged to the Militia of North Carolina during the Revolutionary war and served as a Captain that he was in the Ramsour's engagement on the South Fork of Catawba River – that he joined the service about the time of the Cross Creek expedition and well knows he was in service for the length of time

the declarant has stated he was in service. The memory of declarant himself has become very defective and he is unable from memory to make a more detailed statement, and he may be mistaken in some of the facts stated – But he well remembers joining the service and fighting the battles of his Country as generally stated in this declaration.

He states that he was born in Fauquier County Virginia in the year 1745.

He states that he has a record of his age now in his possession & has so been since he was 14 years old.

He states he was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into service that he lived there until 1796 – from whence he removed to Knox County Tennessee, where he lived until 1807 from whence he removed to Bledsoe County Tennessee where he now does and has ever since lived.

He states that he entered the service as a volunteer and in no other way.

He states he can give no further account of the names of officers, nor of any Regiment either Continental or Militia nor circumstances of his service that has already been done in his general statement.

He states that he received two commissions both of which are lost. He was commissioned by one of the Governors of N. Carolina whose name he is wholly unable to remember. He states that he is well known to Colonel James Standifer, Representative in Congress from the State of Tennessee and has been for 35 years. He is also known to Major James Roberson Representative in the Legislature of Tennessee from Bledsoe County. Also to James A. Whitesides Esq., attorney at law and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Tennessee Legislature. Also to John Bridgmon Esq. Merchant of Pikeville who resides near to him & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the war 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Walker

[George Walker, a clergyman from Marion County and James Standifer, James A. Whiteside & John Bridgmon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: County Court August Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court Jesse Walker Esquire of the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he has been acquainted with George Walker from his affiant's infancy, that he knows he was in the militia service as a Captain in the war of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina. That he was in the battle of Ramsour's on the South fork of Catawba River and that he joined the service about the time of the Cross Creek expedition and also that he was in service near the whole period of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Walker

[fn p. 17: second page of an amendment to the application of George Walker—the first page is missing from the file as posted on Footnote.com]

"... states as a Lieutenant in Captain Hardin's company in February 1776 -- that as a Lieutenant he served three tours of duty previous to July 1779 when he was elected a Captain in which capacity [he] served, he cannot specify the particular periods until the 16th of February 1782 when he was discharged at a Fort called Davidson's Fort on Crooked Creek on Catawba River in Burke County North Carolina, by General Charles McDowell. He states that he was in the service every year from 1776 to 1782.

And he further states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he

served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for ten months I served as a Lieutenant. For eighteen months I served as a Captain, and for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the date above."

S/ George Walker

S/ Alexander Boyd, JP Bledsoe County

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: On this 19th day of March 1852 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Walker a resident of said County aged sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law makes oath that he is the administrator of his father George Walker deceased late of said County and who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of two hundred and thirty dollars a year and drew his pension in Knoxville Tennessee for services rendered as a Lieutenant and Captain in the North Carolina Militia from Burke County during the Revolutionary [war] and who makes the following declaration in order to recover from the United States an increase of the amount of pension which was allowed to his father in his lifetime and would here state that he always understood from his father said George Walker that he entered the service of the United States from Burke County North Carolina in militia service in the early part of the war that his first service was as a Lieutenant in the militia company commanded by Captain Hardin affiant thinks his first name was John -- Hardin that he remained in said service for some considerable time as Lieutenant after which he was promoted or elected Captain of a militia company which was raised in said Burke County that he continued in said service as Captain for the remainder part of the war a part of his time he was commanding the militia & a part as Captain of a volunteer troops that he always understood from his father the said George Walker that he was under Colonel Joseph McDowell a part of his time and also under General Morgan that he was at the Battles of Ramsour's Mills in 1780 and at Singleton or Colson's Mills and he thinks he was at the battle of the Cowpens that he has often heard him say that when the battle of Kings Mountain was fought he was then in command of a company and was on his march to King's Mountain but did not reach there in time to be and that engagement. Affiant cannot give the particulars of his father's service or the particular dates but always understood that he was out in the service as Captain the greater part of the whole war that his first service was as Lieutenant & the remainder as Captain and that the Tories was so troublesome that he could not stay at home consequently he remained in service until the close of the war in 1782. Affiant is therefore certain from what he always understood from his father that he served as Captain for more than 2 whole years and therefore he as administrator claims an increase of his pension from the amount allowed him \$230 a year under the Act June 7, 1832 to \$480 a year from 4th March 1831 to 12 October 1833 at which time he died, that at [which time] he died in said Bledsoe County on 12 October 1833 that at the time of his death he left the following named children to wit Ephraim Walker, Sarah Matlock and affiant William Walker all of whom is now living that at the time of his death he also left Dicy Howard who has since died but left some children -- Jesse Walker who has since died & left heirs, Charlotte Cherry who has since died & left heirs and Buckner Walker who has also died since the death of said George Walker and also to left heirs but [indecipherable word] so many of the grandchildren and so badly scattered that affiant cannot give all their names as he does not know them. Affiant further states that at the time of the death of his father the said George Walker he was a single man that his wife and affiant's mother died before his father the said George Walker that he never afterwards married he further states that he has no documentary or record proof in support of his claim except his father sold pension certificate which he has not now in his possession but which he will endeavor to procure & file. Sworn to & subscribed the date above written.

S/ William Walker

Admr. of George Walker

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$230 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a Lieutenant and Captain in the North Carolina militia.]