

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Wallace S3469

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State of Tennessee }  
Carter County }                      On this fourth day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter sessions for said County, Edward Wallace a resident citizen of Carter County aforesaid and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1833 made & subscribed following declaration on oath, towit. that he served in the war of the Revolution under the following named officers & at the times therein stated. That being a resident citizen of Brunswick County State of Virginia (in which County he was born and raised he was drafted as a militia man in Capn Williams' company of Virginia militia to perform a tour of duty when information had reached his neighbourhood that the British fleet was in what is called Hampton roads. that after being enrolled under Capn Williams the company rendezvoused at Brunswick Court House and marched to the long ordinary [3 mi above Petersburg], where they joined the body of the militia and was commanded by Col Ellet [possibly Richard Elliott] of the State of Virginia, and marched under his command until the information reach the army that the British had left the roads, and the militia was disbanded & returned home from the long ordinary to which place they reached before being disbanded, but received no discharge only a certificate from Col Ellet for the pay due and was in service on said tour six weeks before disbanded and returned home. Again in the month of December 1780 declarant volunteered himself as a private soldier under Captain Turner Vernan [see endnote] to perform a three months tour of duty, in the said County of Brunswick, & enrolled under s'd Vinam & joined the army at Mackeys mill [S of Smithfield], commanded by Major [William] Boyce Muhlenberg was the chief commander. That he was stationed at McEfees mills part of the time & sleepy whole [sic: Sleepy Hole] the residue, when and during which time the British lay in the roads & was stationed to watch their movements & if they should attempt to land to engage them, & in that service & at that place continued until three days over the time for which he volunteered had expired & was verbally discharged by Captain Vernan, by order of g'l Muhlenberg & returned home, being three months and three days in service.

Again in the fall of the year 1781 at the time Cornwallis was on his march to little york declarant volunteered to go against the British under Cornwallis to Little york, & set out from Brunswick Court House under Capn Vernan was marched to Swans point [sic: Swanns Point on James River] and there stationed to guard a large quantity of beef (being some four hundred in number in the meadows at said Swans point and as a guard therefor, and on that account was not in the siege which was twelve mils distant from the place where declarant with three Captains companies were stationed to guard the said public beef, and on said campaign acted as corporal to said company & continued in service until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], & by order of G'l. Washington was disbanded, by his captain at Swanns point being at the time six weeks in service before the surrender and returned home at the expiration thereof. That in the three several tours he served six months (& over) all as a private except the last six weeks which was corporal and for which he claims a pension or annuity. That he was born in Brunswick County in the year 1755 according to the account given him by his parents, tho he has no record of his age, and is now seventy eight eight years old. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his said service, nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish the same but that John Wilson & Joseph Wilson are citizens of his vicinity known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the facts of reputation of service in the vicinity. That his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state nor is there a minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulations of the war Department.                      Edward hisXmark Wallace

NOTE: Edward Wallace was most likely the soldier listed as "Edwd Wallis" on the 7 Apr 1781 roll of Capt. Turner Bynum's company (see transcription B73).