

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Walton S3473

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[fn p. 5]

State of Tennessee Robertson County May Session of the County Court for said County 1833

On this 10th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Robertson County Tennessee now sitting Martin Walton a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Robertson aged seventy-one years the first of October in the year of our Lord 1832 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

1<sup>st</sup> he entered the service of the United States as a militia man under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was first drafted into the service of the United States in the month of October in the year of our Lord 1777 and marched from the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia into the County of our mall in said State to Albemarle Barracks for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat where he remained with the Army and he was commanded as he believes by Captain White and Colonel Taylor who was of the Continental line the Regiment was composed of Regulars and Militia in which tour he served three months.

2nd. He was next drafted as a militia man into the service of the United States in the year 1778 but does not recollect by whom [fn p. 6] commanded but recollects he was marched to a station about one mile below the City of Richmond and after remaining at that station some time he marched down James River to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] at which place he believes he was discharged after having served 3 months.

3rd. He was next drafted as a militia man into the service of the United States in the year 1779 his Captain he cannot recollect but recollects the name of his Lieutenant to be Henry Johnson the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Anthony New of Caroline County, he was marched down into New Kent County and from thence into Surry County and the Isle of white [Isle of Wight] County after which he was continually marched from place to place until the expiration of his term of service which was three months but he cannot recollect the several routes he marched.

4th. He was next drafted as a militia man into the service of the United States in the year 1780 and was marched near old James town on James River where he was stationed some time and then marched up the River and crossed it at a block house on the South side of said River he marched from thence to Cabbin point [Cabin Point] and was stationed there some time and from

thence he marched to Petersburg and there was discharged after having served three months the Regiment in which he then served was Composed of Regulars and Militia and was commanded by Colonel Harrison and Majors McGill [Charles Magill] and Decluman [Major Christian Charles De Klauman] all of the regular Army. The company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Pettis and Ensign Marywether [Meriwether] the other officers not recollected.

5th. He then substituted as a militia man at Petersburg in the place of Winfield Cosby [Wingfield Cosby] to go to Charlestown in South Carolina but after staying at Petersburg ten days for further orders [fn p. 9] he was discharged.

6th He was next drafted as a militia man into the service of the United States in the year 1781. Was commanded by Captain Richard Philips the other officers he does not recollect and marched to the City of Richmond and was stationed there at the time the British Army or rather a detachment of it were in Manchester on the opposite side of James River he perfectly recollects having been drawn up in a line of battle on Shoes Hill while the British were rolling out and burning Tobacco at Manchester warehouse on the opposite side of the James River from the City of Richmond. He was then marched to a place called the Morbin Hills and stationed there some short time he was thence marched to a place called the Medow bridges on Chickihomeny [Chickahominy] from thence performing various marches until his tour of three months expired having served 3 months.

7th. He next substituted as a militia man in the place of William Beadles the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Taylor of Caroline County and Major Campbell Company officers not recollected he was marched down through the Counties of Hanover & Henrico and the City of Richmond thence to the Morbin Hills stationed there some time from thence to the Medow bridges [Meadow Bridges?] thence to New Castle in Hanover County thence down Pamunkey River to the South West Point there crossed York River thence to Hubbard old fields in King and Queen County and was stationed principally at that place near Corbans Mills at which place the Army was frequently alarmed and retreated over the Mill and formed into a line of battle and at several different times we lay on our arms all night in the order of battle while at that station he well recollects having been sent in a detachment which marched [fn p. 10] all night to a place called the White Church on York River for the purpose of capturing the boats of the British sent out as a foraging expedition but the boats did not appear as anticipated and the detachment after remaining at said Church one day and night returned to head quarters the British Army was at this time in Little York and Gloster Town [Gloucester Town] at another time the Regiment commanded by Colonels Taylor & Baitop [Baytop?] [indecipherable word interlined] in Taylor's Regiment were detailed and sent near Gloucester town to defeat Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] and the British force under his command the two regiments marched all night with the exception of one hour to get to a position where Tarleton it was said frequently came to exercise his horse or troops under his command the two regiments lay in ambush from soon after daybreak until 9 o'clock in the morning in the meantime some of our horsemen were sent for the purpose of decoying Colonel Tarleton into the ambuscade but the attempt proved abortive and the two regiments returned after performing various other marches his term of service of three months then being expired he was discharged having served three months.

8th. Immediately after the last mentioned term of service in the year 1781 he was drafted as a militia man and continued in the Army stationed in Gloucester County near Gloucester town on the North side of York River near a Church the name of which he cannot recollect but which they were fortifying for the purpose of making it a magazine he remained in that position until

after the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis he then marched down to the town of Gloucester to guard a fort of British refugees and Negroes until they were removed he thence returned to said Church and was discharged he will was commanded in the last mentioned campaign by Captain [fn p. 7] John White the other officers not recollected, he cannot recollect positively but to the best of his recollection he believes it to be one month. He further states that he lived in Louisa Virginia County and State of Virginia during the whole of the revolutionary war and the Militia in said County were divided into 10 divisions and that he belonged to the 9th Division and that he invariably performed his tour of duty according to his turn in that division and that he served as a private taking my tours together 19 months and 10 days and was not employed during said time in any civil pursuit.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born.

Ans. I was born in Louisa County in the State of Virginia on the first day of October in the year of our Lord 1761.

Question 2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have a record taken from a record kept by my father and entered into a book at home kept for that purpose

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. I was living in the State of Virginia in Louisa County when called into service and lived in the above named State and County during the whole of the revolutionary war and until the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord 1802 on that day I left Louisa in Virginia for Robertson County in West Tennessee where I have lived ever since and now live [fn p. 8]

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for home

Ans. I was 6 times drafted or called into service according to my turn as the County was divided into 10 divisions and I belonged to the 9th Division I served in my own turn agreeable to that division the 5 tours of duty as are above stated in my declaration each tour 3 months long and one tour one month which makes 16 months. I also substituted for Winfield Cosby and served to the best of my recollection 10 days. Also substituted for William Beadles and served 3 months

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served

Ans. I recollect in my tour to Albemarle Barracks that the Regiment was composed of Regulars & militia and was commanded by Colonel Taylor who was of the regular Army I was commanded at another time by Colonel Harrison Majors McGill and Decluman (a Frenchman) who were all regular officers the Regiment was composed of Regulars and Militia as set forth in the face of my declaration I often saw General Marquis de Lafayette before his retreat into Culpeper County and the Raccoon Ford where General Wayne joined him [fn p. 11] I also saw General Marquis de Lafayette on his return from Culpeper County through Louisa County and encamped on the South side of the South Fork of Pamunkey River near Anderson's bridge on his marched down to Yorktown in 1781. I also well recollect General Weadon [George Weedon] being with us at one time I recollect Colonel Ennis and Colonel or Major Armstead who was said to be a Baptist Preacher and frequently preached in camps. I cannot at this time recollect the numbers or names of any one Continental or Militia Regiment during the whole of my age tours of service and the general Circumstances of my [service] is given in the forepart of my declaration in each tour as the service was rendered or done as recollected at this time.

Question 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

and what has become of it

Ans. I never received a discharge in writing when our tour of service of three months was ended the Militia was verbally discharged by their captains who kept a list of our names and when the pay roll as it was called was made out then our Captain drew tickets for us for the service done the certificates were dispersed of [sic ?] to different persons to pay their tax with [fn p. 12]

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 make this declaration in the Circuit Court [indecipherable interlineation] is that there is no seal of office in said Court. I can prove part of my service as set forth in my declaration by William Edwards Senior<sup>1</sup> and Richard Nuckolls Senior<sup>2</sup> who served part of their time with me in the same Regiment and are both now living in this County of Robertson and State of Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ Martin Walton



State of Tennessee Robertson County : We Richard Nuckolls aged seventy-one and William Edwards aged eighty-one citizens of the County of Robertson in State of Tennessee do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the afore mentioned Martin Walton who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy-one years of age as stated in said declaration and that we belonged to the same Regiment with him in the revolutionary war and performed various duties with him in the Army and believe him to be of the age above stated and to have performed the duties and services as set forth in the annexed and foregoing declaration we cannot say positively to the day he entered the service nor the day in which he left it nor the manner but we believe that he entered the service agreeably to the laws of the state & that he served his different tours agreeable to law [fn p. 14] and left the Army in like manner. We further certify that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of May 1833 in open Court



[The veteran is referred to in correspondence in the file as "Doctor Martin Walton."]

John White the other officers not recollected, he cannot recollect positively but to the best of his

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S3322

<sup>2</sup> FPA S4627

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months & 10 days service as a private in the Virginia service.]