

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Walden S3477

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The State of Ohio Adams County: SS: Court of Common Pleas October Term 1832 –

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of Common Pleas now sitting Elijah Walden a resident of the County of Adams and State of Ohio aged seventy 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit –

That about the first of April in the year 1778 he enlisted for the term of three years in Captain Peyton's troop of Horse which afterwards composed a part of Major Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] squadron and entered the service as a private, in Prince William County in the State of Virginia. That he served at least eighteen months in the troop; when he enlisted in a company of Infantry or agreed to serve the remainder of his term of enlistment in a company of Infantry which was authorized to be raised by Major Lee, and which was commanded by Captain Michael Rudolph, (he thinks his Christian name was Michael). That he served the term of three years and three months, and all; when he received an Honorable discharge, but which has been lost for many years, which discharge he received about the last of June or first of July in the year 1781 –

That he resided with his father in Prince William County and that he entered the service –

That while he was in service in the troop he was present and engaged in capturing a troop of Hessians on North River, where they took 27 prisoners, besides some who were killed. That he was also at the taking of Stony Point [May 28, 1779] by General Wayne, –

That he was in many skirmishes during the time his company was in the North, and about 6 months before his discharge he was marched into the Southern States, and was at the taking of a Fort on the Scotch Lake [Fort Watson April 15, 1781] occupied by British & Tories – also at the taking a Fort called Thompson's [Fort Motte, May 12, 1781] – and also a Fort at Friday's ferry [Fort Granby, May 15, 1781]– on the Congaree River. That he was acquainted with Major Eggleston [probably Joseph Eggleston] Lieutenant Kearns and Lieutenant Fardin O'Neil [Ferdinand O'Neil].

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure (except Richard Riley) who can testify to his service.

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 any Agency –

S/ Elijah Walden



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/Joseph Darlinton, Clerk AC

Interrogatories propounded by the Court –

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – in Prince William County Virginia on the 24th day of August in the year 1762 –

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. No – It was in my Father's family record, which I have frequently seen, but which is now worn out –

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?

Answer. I was living with my Father John Walton in Prince William County Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, I lived in Fayette County Pennsylvania, and removed from thence to Adams County Ohio (where I now live) in the year 1796 –

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service?

Answer. I enlisted for 3 years and served in Captain Peyton's troop of Horse 18 months and 21 months in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Rudolph, but was generally under the command of Major Henry Lee –

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – Major Henry Lee commanded the Squadron of which the company to which I was first attached formed a part, I was acquainted with the names of Major Eggleston, Lieutenant Kearns & Lieutenant Fardin O'neil – The general duties were to act against the British & Hessians in the States of New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania – and afterwards against the British & Tories in the Southern States –

Question 6<sup>th</sup> 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 did receive a discharge from Colonel Lee (formerly Major Lee) under whom I served, together with 2 others who were discharged at the same time, one of those carried our discharges the whole being on one piece of paper, and when we separated I omitted to get it and I have never been able since to learn what has become of him or the discharge –

Question 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. The Reverend Christopher Wamsley, Charles Osmon, Joseph Darlinton, Nathaniel foster That, Thomas Burkett, Simon Feels, Daniel Collier & Joseph Collier – have all known me for many years since I have resided in this County

[Christopher Wamsley, a clergyman, and Charles Osmon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Elijah Walden S3477

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Oct 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

This is to Certify to the Auditors of Public Accounts that Elijah Walden a soldier in the 2<sup>d</sup> Comp'y of Light Infantry Commanded by Lieut. Colo. Lee Serv'd three years faithfully & then was discharged, his inlistment Commenced from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Ap'1 78 Certified by me this 12 Decem'r 33

Wm. Hy Harrison [William Henry Harrison]  
Insign to the Same

Coppy J Pendleton

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Waters, Thomas.]

The State of ohio Brown County SS [5 June 1820]

Personally Came before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for s'd County Richard Rilea [W2167] who being sworn agreeable to Law Deposeth and Saith that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine that to his certain knowledg Elijah Walden was an inlisted Soldier under Colonel Henry Lee and that he saw s'd Walden with them when the Scotch fort Lake fort was taken and also that they was together at the taken of thompsons fort and that they was beath of them at the taken of frydays fort on the Congaree River and also this Deponant States that Elijah Walden was honourably Discharged in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one and further this Deponant saith not



The State of Ohio Adams County ss

Personally came before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elijah Walden who being sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he enlisted in Henry Lee's regiment of Cavalry about the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight and continued in the service untill [undeciphered] one thousand seven hundred eighty one and received a discharge from major General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and this deponant further states that he has lost said discharge and knows not what has become of it and further this deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Elijah Walden

this 31st day of Oct'r 1821 [illegible signature]

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have been acquainted with Allijah Waldon at least twenty years and that he has during that time been a man under good repute given under our hands and &c this 1<sup>st</sup> of nov'r 1821  
[ten signatures]