

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Walls S37500

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State of Kentucky Nicholas County: SS

On the 21st day of August 1830 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the County Court of the County aforesaid, being a court of record for said County, Reuben Walls, resident in said County, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Reuben Walls enlisted for the term of three years in the month of October in the year 1775, in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William McClanahan, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green in the line of the State of Virginia, that he continued to serve in the same Regiment, afterwards the Continental line, that he continued to serve in the same Corps until his term of enlistment had expired; when he was honorably discharged from the service in the month of October in the State of New Jersey that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the pension roll of any State; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, to wit, that he knew not how or where at this late period to obtain proof of his services, that he called on General Desha a member of Congress shortly after the law passed, who told him it would be necessary to prove his services, which he knew not how to prove, his discharge being lost or worn out, and that is the sole cause of his not making an earlier application for a pension. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

Schedule

5 head of sheep \$2.50 – one cow & calf \$11	13.50
Part Set knives & forks, Plates and cups and saucers	5.00
1 sow & 8 shoats \$7 – Pot mettle, 4 old pieces [?]	11.00
1 small square table \$2.50 – 6 split bottom chairs some of them old \$3.50	5.00
debts due me none – real estate none	

S/ Reuben Walls, X his mark

That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following is the only change in my property to wit

One horse sold to Z. Walls, in the month of February 1822 for the sum of \$30 Commonwealth of Kentucky Bank paper equal to about \$15 in specie which sum I applied for pavement of sundry little debts owing by me in the neighborhood for articles procured for the support of myself & family. That through infirmities he is a cripple and helpless and has not been able to walk without crutches or sticks for about 15 years; that he has no occupation, nor is he able to perform any labor I which he could aid in his support; that his family consist Anna Walls his wife nearly as old as himself, Nancy Walls his daughter (to whom he is almost entirely dependent for the support of the family) – his grandson James Walls aged about 13 years (who he has raised from an infant). And further that by reason of being crippled in his groin & hips together with bodily infirmity he is not able to attend in Court personally to make oath to this his declaration and Schedule.

Sworn to and declared the 21st day of August 1838 [sic, 1830?], before  
S/ Robert West, Justice

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 4th, 1830, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]