

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Austin S37693

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In Hanover County Court May 27th 1818

Walter Austin this day appeared in open Court and declared on Oath that he resides in this County, that he first entered the minute service under the command of the then Captain, now Colo. Charles Dabney, in which service he remained twelve months, that at the expiration of that service, he enlisted as a private soldier in this county in the regular service on continental establishment under Capt. John Winston now deceased and formerly of this County, in the year 1777 as well as he can now recollect, he being an unlettered man & having no paper or document by which he can shew the exact period of time at which he did enlist; that he joined the army under the command of General Washington at Valley Forge, that he was in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment under the command of Colo. Davis [sic: William Davies] in the Virginia line, that he was discharged from the service in the year 1779 after having remained therein twenty two months that the discharge which was given him by his officers, to wit, Capt. John Winston, Lieutenant George Holland & Ensign Epaphroditus Rudder all of whom are now dead, has been lost, that he was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and in a small skirmish at a place called Valentines Hill, when five men on our side were killed and several wounded, that he is about sixty years old, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is absolutely in need of assistance from his Country for support, which he solicits under the late 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." and it also appeared in evidence to the Court by the oath of Capt. James Doswell that the said Walter Austin did join the American Army at Valley Forge and served as a soldier in the revolutionary war more than nine months – was in the Battle at Monmouth Courthouse and in a skirmish at Valentine's Hill, and that the said Walter Austin now resides in this County and that his reduced circumstances in life make him absolutely in need of assistance from his Country for support, which is ordered to be certified

District of Virginia to wit

On this 14th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court (being a court of record for the County of Louisa – Walter Austin aged between Sixty one and Sixty five years resident in the County of Louisa, in the state of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war a follows. That he enlisted in Hanover County, State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. John Winston in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colo. Davis in the line of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he has received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, that the Original declaration was dated the 27th day of May 1818; and that the number of the pension certificate is 12539 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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.

The following is a schedule of all my estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) Vizt. One old broad axe, One hand saw, One plain, One auger & three chisels – I am a carpenter by trade but debility together with a crippled hand render me unable to follow my business with any prospect of a support. I have no family – nor other income

Walter hisXmark Austin

NOTE: On 17 Oct 1831 Austin applied for a new pension certificate.