

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Walker S39117

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State of Tennessee Roan [sic] County April 26<sup>th</sup> 1818

thise day Samuel Walker of said County and State came before me Robert White one of the Judges of the Suprame Court of Erors and assails for said State and Being duly Sworn on the Holy avangiles of Almighty God Deposeh and sayeth that on the eleventh Day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy five he was appointed and Ensign in a Company of Regulars commanded by a Capt. Mathew Arbuckle to be Raised in Botetourt County Virginia where this Deponent then lived the Company to be stationed at the Mouth of the Great Kanaway on the Ohio River [sic: Kanawha River at Point Pleasant now in West Virginia] and Raised his lots of Men and Marched to Greenbrier [County, now in West Virginia] where the company was to Randevvou on the seventeenth of October and continued in said Company untill about the Twentieth of March seventeen hundred and seventy seven then Recved an appointment of Capt in a Reg'ent of Regulars commanded by Colo Nathaniel Gesst [sic: Nathaniel Gist] who was appointed or appeared by his Papers by his Excellency Gen'l. Washington as the Deponent apointment was signed George Washington and he the said Deponent Recruited his Company out of his own money and March from Botetourt the August following and joined the Army in Pennsylvania the fall of 1777 and continued in service having been added to the Twelfth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. James Wood in General Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigad as Colo. Gisst Regiment was never [word illegible] up and served in said Regiment untill in Sept'r or October seventeen hundred and seventy eight when a Regulation took place in the army there being to many officers for the portion of men and the young officers of each Great was sent home and he the sd Walker was one of the youngest or amongst the youngest and had to go home and as a supernumerary officer resigned and is in Reduced Sircumstances and needs assistance of the Government April 27<sup>th</sup> 1818 Sworn to before me}

Sam'l Walker

State of Tennessee }

Roane County } January Sessions 1822

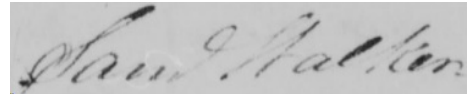
On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1822 personally appeared in open court being a court of record in said County Samuel Walker aged 72 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (viz) He was appointed a Captain on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777 in one of the sixteen additional Regiments appointed to be raised by Congress in the United States commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Gest but said Regiment never being made up he was attached to the Twelfth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col James Wood and he continued in said Regiment until October 1778 and he being a supernumerary officer resigned. He was in the ever memorable Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] was with Gen'l. [Charles] Lee's detachment and commanded his advanced guard and bore the burthen & heat of the day until Gen'l Washington arrived with the whole army &c And he was put on the pension list the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 No 7088 and he does solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or security, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the annexed Schedule and by him subscribed

Only about Twenty Dollars due him which he expects to get his property is as follows (viz)

One negro woman 37 or 38 years old and } troubled with a brest complaint for some } time since }	worth \$150.00
1 horse 15 years old & blind }	worth 20.00
11 head of cattle 4 of which are milch } cows the other ones young }	worth 75.00
8 head of sheep worth	8.00
1 old chain & Compass worth	20.00
	Dollars 273.00
I owe to sundry persons the amount of	155.00

My family consists of the following persons (viz) My wife Susannah 56 years old and now confined to her bed with the consumption and no probability of her getting better. A daughter named Polly who is deranged and Dumb aged 30 years and has to be constantly confined a grandson named Haney aged 7 years he is an orphan

Sworn to in open court the 28th day of January 1822

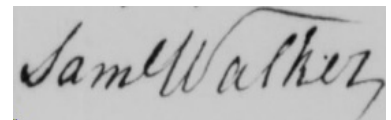


[The following letter was evidently written by Walker, himself.]

East Tenesee Roan County June 5<sup>th</sup> 1822

Sir [John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War]

I sent on a sedul of my Property the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Fabury Last Wrote to mr Jones our Representet from this District and I wrote to Mr Rhea who knows my sercomstances he promised me before he went Down that he would Inform your Honour of my need which I do assure you is Realy needy my Wife was verry Ill and very Low and I did apply to the Court and Left the Buisness to the Clark to send on he Informed me he sentt them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Fabury and I have not got anything or any word from you and do assure you I am in great need of some help for I went into some debt in hopes of geting some and am In deanger of being Troubled If I dont get som money Pray Sir Let me know If there is anything Rong or any thing to be don I am old and unabell to help my self my negro woman is ailing Troubled with a brest complen and spiting of Blood and my Deranged Doughter never Erend one Cent but has Destroyed money for she will Distroy many things of she gets Loos and is not watchd I have to keep her Chained or some parson to watch her Pleas Let me know as soon as you can what I may Depend on and you will greatly oblidge your Verry Humble Servt



NOTES:

A typed summary in the file states that Samuel Walker died on 5 July 1830. Compare the pension application of John Walker S48765.

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Addendum to Samuel Walker S39117

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

Soldiers Rest  
Davidson County (Ten)

I do hereby certify that Samuel Walker was to the best of my recollection a Lieutenant in the Continental Army of the United States belonging to the Virginia line, during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain in the years 1777 and 1778. His reputation and bearing as an Officer was equalled by few. Given under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818.

Tho. Overton [Thomas Overton BLWt1616-300]  
late Captain 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Light Dragoons.  
Continental Army.



State of Tennessee }

McMinn County } Maxmillian Rector [W2002] Being duly sworn on the Holy evangellists of Almighty God. Says he was well acquainted with Samuel Walker late of Roan County Tennessee while he was in the American service during the Revolutionary War. Deponant recollects distinctly that the said Walker was first in a company raised by the State of Virginia and Stationed on the Ohio River where he served for one year he thinks in the capacity of Lieutenant when he the said Walker was then transfer or joined the Virginia line on Continental establishment (which trasfer he thinks took place in the year 1776). when he served in the capacity of captain for the term of three years or upwards. Deponant recollects distinctly of seeing said Walker engaged in the battles of Jermantown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] in the latter of which he comanded the advance guard and in both acted as captain Deponant further recollects of seeing the said Walker at different times from the Decleration of Independence to the siege of Charlestown (where Deponant was taken Prisoner [12 May 1780]) and he always while on continental establishment bore the rank and had the command of Captain Deponant thinks the said Walker belongd to the Virginia regiment on continental establishment. And further this Deponant sayeth not Maximillian hisXmark Rector

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 25<sup>th</sup> December 1830

Robert Cowan/ Justice of the Peace

I certify that I was personally acquainted with Mr Samuel Walker of Botetourt County. I always understood from common report that he was a Revolutionary officer. His known respectability and that of his connexions entitle his papers and [undeciphered word] to entire credit in my estimation.

[signed] Jamed P. Preston

Richmond March 20th 1831

The Executive of the State of Virginia the Petition of Samuel Walker Humbly sheweth unto your Honourable Body that your Pititioner was appointed an Ensign in a Company of Regulars Raised by an ordinance of Commissions[?] and was appointed the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept'r 1775. The [undeciphered word] Company was Comanded by a Mathrew Arbuckel [Mathew Arbuckle VAS2270] who hade 3 Lieutenants and an Ensign and was stationed at the mouth of the Great Kanaway [sic: Kanawha] on the Ohio River. your Petitioner Recruited his Cols of and march [?] to Greenbrier from Botetourt County where he then lived the 17th Day of October but not being found in Provisions was Detained ther untill March 1776 then marched to the said place the mouth of the Great Kanaway and was sent in July the same

year to the Shownow [sic: Shawnee] towns [undeciphered word] with a speack and to Inquier after Two Children Taken from Kentuckey by the Mingoes ther name was Connely your Petitioner prevailed with the Shonawees to purchis The Boys and Bring them to fort Pitt to a Treaty [17 Sep 1778] that was set on foot by Virginia and your Petitioner in 4 or five Days after his arival at the mouth of the Kanaway set out for fort Pitt and proformed that Task with out fee or Reward your Petetioner had no Bounty to give his Recruts or Cloathing and Every Solder found his own gun & Shotbag[?] – after the Treaty at fort Pitt was over your Petetioner and Capt'n Arbuckel Left fort Randolph at the mouth of the Grate Kanaway and the Capt'n went with 2 Shanwa Indians to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] when your Peitioner went to see the Commesery of his garrison and payment of the Company who he had advanced a large some of money for as he had been Shipracked In the Ohio and Losstt all the money he had for furnishing provisions which your Petetioner nearly Losset by not Recvng the money untill it was much Deprecacated [sic: depreciated] the Commissary Name was Burr Harrison I was paymaster also and a part of the money has not been paid year and before your Petetioner went to the fort at Botetourt Court House met with a Colo. Nathaniel Gest [sic: Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500] who had Latly been appointed to one of the additional Regements Raised by Congress [undeciphered] the Colo's Pack stole had to Raise your Petetioner Recved an appointment of Capt'n in said Regement but was not furnished with money for Recruiting but had to furnish money my self and Recruited his [undeciphered word] as aerly as June the same year 1777 and had order to meet Colo. Gast at the Grate Island on Holston [sic: Long Island of the Holston] the same month June which he dide. The Colo. had been sent to the Cherekee Indians to bring them to a Treaty [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jun 1777] to be holden at the said Island with the Indians by commissioners from N. Carolina and Virginia which your Petetioner did and waited on the Treaty about one month when the Indians offered ther service to go and fight for the Americans under Colo. Gest who had been an officer amongst them in the year 1776 and your Petetioner was sent from the Treaty to Williamsburgh for money to Defray the Expence of the Indians and also the Expence of his own Compney and found the Treasury very low but Recv'd some money and meet the Indians and Colo Gest at Botetourt Court house whear Colo Gest Give him orders to march his men to Georgetown in marysland [sic: Maryland] and have them anockelated with the smallpock [inoculated for small pox] and to come to him to Williamsburgh whare he went with the Indians which your Petetioner did but when he Came to Williamsburgh Colo Gest was not ther had gone with the Ineans a Cross the Bay to Estern Shore as he was Informed he then applied to Colo. Mason [David Mason VAS506] of the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia who Informed that he could not cross the Bay for Brittish Ships but order your Patetioner to Return to Georgetown send on his Compney to the army with speed and to Return Back and Recrute and aprehand Deserters that Winter as there was great need of men and your Petetioner went to the fronteers of Virginia and Recruited and secured Deserters untill in Apriel 1778 when he Took into Camp upwards of fifty Recruts and Deserter and not finding Colo Gist or any Reagement belonging to him your Petetioner Joined the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Command by Colo Wood [James Wood BLWt2419-500] who If living can certify the same your Petetioner served that campegn with Colo Wood and that fall ther was a Rangement in the army and Colo Gist not making up a Reagement and not being able to Comply with his Promises to your Patetioner he Resigned and alltho he served more then three years in the service he never was allowed any Bounty Land nor never Recved any tho he flatters himself he Rendered as much service To the United States as any officer of his Rank and Spent as much money for the Benift of the service to the Small Estate your Petetioner had his Estate was in cash and he Belevng that his money would be mad good was spent in all £360 which your Petetioner has Recved from the untied States and some from the State Virginia which he Recvd where verry much Depreated which he [three undeciphered words] at this Time. That much of my small fortun gon and now I got into the State of Tenisee and not able to get myself Land and who Humble prays your Honorable body to consider me with a settlement of good land as land is verry Plinty in the United States and your Pitetioner as in Duty shall Ever Pray &

*Samuel Wasker*