

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Walden S40623

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State of Virginia Caroline County to wit

On this 15th day of May 1827 personally appeared in open Court before me William Brockenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County now in Session John Walden a resident in Spotsylvania [County], aged 64 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first May 1820. That he the said John Walden enlisted for the term of three years on the 6th day of February 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain McConnell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Hazen¹ in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve for three years and was discharged at Morris town [Morristown] in the State of Pennsylvania on the 17th day of March 1780 and obtained a regular discharge which discharge is filed he believes in the Land Office at Richmond where he obtained his bounty land. That during his service he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and White Horse [White Horse Tavern, September 16, 1777]. That he relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and in pursuance of the Act of May 1820, 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 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 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

Schedule of property belonging to John Walden, none of any kind whatever except a supernumerated old Negro woman at my family consists of myself, Wife and 2 children not able to work or assist me, that my trade is that of a farmer and that I lived by courtesy on land belonging to others. That on the 18th March 1818 I was in possession of 2 tracts of land in the County of Spotsylvania and 15 or 16 slaves which were subjected to deeds of trust to secure the payment of a considerable sum of money due to Jonathan Clark and which deeds of trust were executed before the 18th of March 1818. That on and execution which issued against him from the superior Court of law for the [the handwriting of the scribe totally changes and is almost

¹ Moses Hazen was commissioned by the Continental Congress to raise an independent regiment which was largely composed initially of Canadians. See Allan S. Everest, *Moses Mazen and the Canadian Refugees in the American Revolution*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1976.

totally illegible -- my understanding is that the gist of it is that the veteran lost his property by writ of execution for failure to pay his debts.]

S/ John Walden

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Walden". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of Virginia County of Caroline: SS

On this 8th day of October 1847 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County personally appeared John Walden, a Resident of the said County of Caroline, in State of Virginia, aged eighty-four years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 6th day of February as a private with the late Colonel John Taylor of Caroline County who was at that time a Major and served in the Continental line under the following named officers viz. Colonel Moses Hazen commanded the Regiment, Captain James McConnel [James McConnell] was the Captain of the Company, Reuben Taylor was the first Lieutenant to his Company, Lawrence Murray was Sergeant Major afterwards promoted to a Lieutenant. He enlisted for three years: entered the service on the 17th day of March 1777, marched to the North, the Regiment to which he belonged was called Congress Regiment [Congress' Own Regiment]. He marched first to where Congress was in session in the State of Maryland, the name of which place he has forgotten, from thence he marched to Philadelphia, from thence to Trenton from thence to Princeton, and on to Brunswick [?] to a mountain called Mount Deborah [?] and other places not now remembered. After being in service two years, one of the sergeants belonging to his Company having deserted – he the declarant, was appointed as Sergeant to fill his place – which office he continued to hold until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he received a discharge from the service signed by Colonel Hazen. He was engaged in the Battle of the White Horse, Brandywine and Germantown. He left the service in the month of March 1780. After having been at home sometime he received a commission from Colonel John Taylor as an Ensign in Captain George Michie's Company from the County of Louisa, which Company was raised for the purpose of filling up a couple of State Legions then being raised one of which was to be commanded by the said Colonel John Taylor. These legions however were never called into active service, though they held themselves ready to go into service upon the shortest notice; He resided in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia when he entered the services; He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is only on the Pension roll of the State of Virginia: That he receives a Pension of \$96 per annum as a private under the acts of 18th of March 1818, first May 1820 & First marched 1828: but as he only receives a Pension as a private under those facts, and as he is entitled to a Pension as a Sergeant under the act of 7th of June 1832 he now makes this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of that act.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ William A. Moncure, JP

S/ John Walden

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 26, 1828, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]