

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Walker S40640

fn15VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

7/24/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

To the Honorable the Secretary of the War Department of the United States

The Declaration under oath of Edward Walker formerly a private Soldier in the Virginia line during the Revolutionary War and now an applicant for a Pension under the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

Respectfully Sheweth

That your applicant is a resident citizen of the United States, and is now an inhabitant of the Township of Moon in the County of Allegheny & State of Pennsylvania.

That he enlisted in the first Virginia Regiment in the year 1777 and served during the war, and was honorably discharged in 1783 as the annexed Certificate will fully testify.

That he was in actual service one year previous to the period above mentioned, on being discharge from which he again enlisted as above stated. That he was in the Battles of Germantown & the Valley Forge, and in many other actions, & skirmishes with the Indians, which he is unable at this day to particularize. That at the time of his second enlistment he had a wife & two children, of any of whom he has never heard since his discharge. That he is between eighty and ninety years of age, a cripple with one wooden leg, miserably infirm, and so poor that for five years last past has been entirely dependent on the Overseers of the Poor for the Township above mentioned. That under such circumstances he trusts that he will receive promptly, and with the least possible delay, the assistance provided by law, so as to afford some little comfort to the short remnant of a life, the best days of which he has spent in the Service of his Country.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny: Sct.

Before me Resident of the 5th Judicial District of the Commonwealth aforesaid personally came Edward Walker the applicant aforesaid who being duly sworn on his solemn oath saith that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration are true to the best of his knowledge & belief & further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed this 7th day of May A.D. 1819 before me

S/ James Roberts

S/ Edward Walker, B his mark

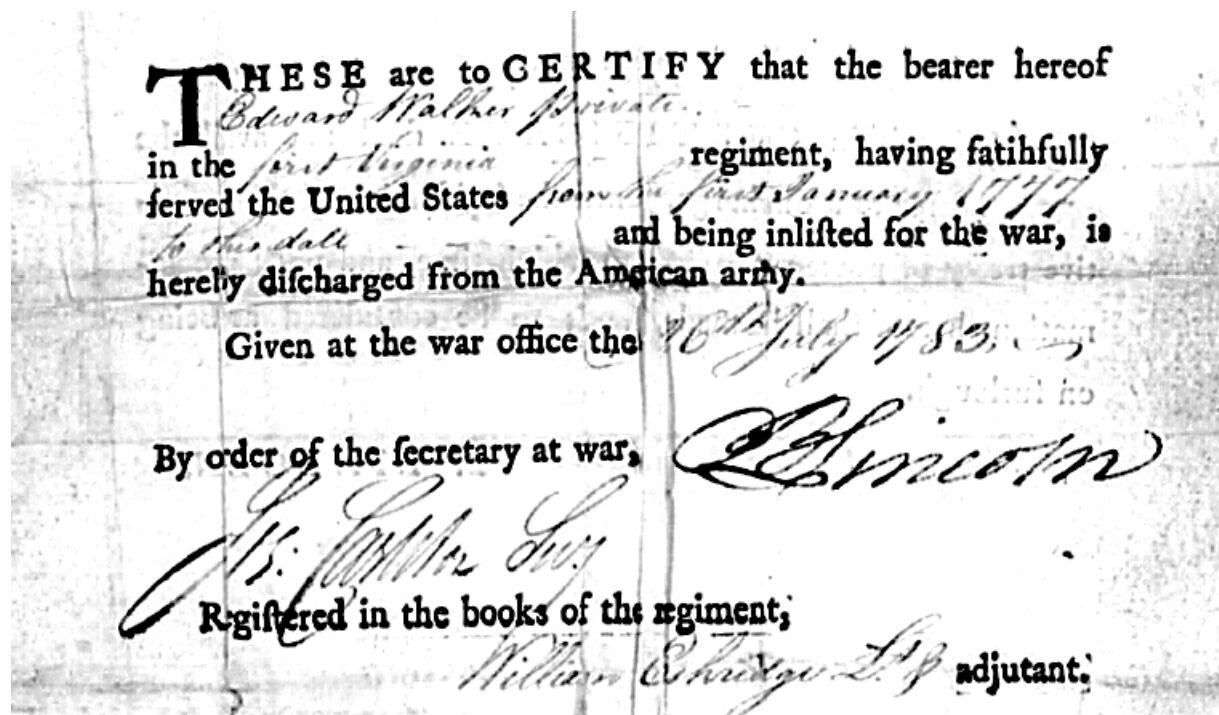
These are to Certify that the bearer hereof Edward Walker private in the first Virginia Regiment, having faithfully served the United States from the first January 1777 to the date and being enlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American Army.

Given at the war office the 26 July 1783

By order of the Secretary of War, B Lincoln

S/ Jos. Carlton, Secy.

Registered in the books of the Regiment,
S/ William Eskridge, Lt. & adjutant



Pennsylvania Allegheny County: SS

On this tenth day of February A.D. 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, for the County (being made a Court of Record by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania & proceeding according to the course of the Command Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of their proceedings) Edward Walker, aged about ninety years, resident in Moved Township in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

That he enlisted in the first Virginia Regiment in the year 1777 and served during the War and was honorably discharged in 1783 that he was in actual service one year previous to the period above mentioned, that he was in the battle of Germantown and the Valley Forge and in many other actions & skirmishes with the Indians, which he is this day unable to particularize

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 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: that I have no property whatever and I have been supported by the Overseer of the Poor for upwards of 6 years and I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country, and that I have no family that I know of, not having heard of my wife and 2 children since the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and declared on the 10th day of February 1821 before
S/ E. Pentland, Pro.

S/ Edward Walker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 7th, 1819 for 5 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]