

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

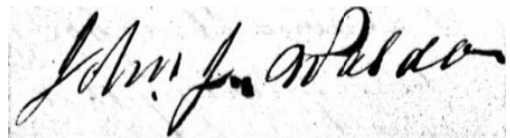
Pension Application of John J. Waldo S6321 NY  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } To wit  
Harrison County }

On the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Wm Martin John Reynolds Wm. A Rodgers and Benjamin Basie the Court of Harrison County now sitting John J Waldo a resident of said County aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he Volunteered in the month of May 1778 in a company under the command of Capt. Thos. Brown [Thomas Brown] that he marched from Albany County New York the place of his residence to Parmer Town [possibly Palmertown] in said state remained there some time and was discharged having served one month. In the spring of 1779 he again volunteered in a company commanded by Mgr Abbott [Major Joel Abbott] and Col. Vanranselaer [sic: John Van Rensselaer] Marched to Fort Miller on the North River was there discharged having served ten Days. The May following he Volunteered in a company commanded by Cpt. James Hadlock Mgr. Joel Abbott Col. John Vanranselaer and marched to Saratoga from thence to Fort Edwards from thence to Fort George from thence to Ticonderoga from thence to Lake Champlain thence back to Fort George and there Discharged having served three months and fifteen Days. In the August following he again Volunteered in a company Commanded by Cpt. Jas. Hadlock Lieut Wm. Brace [William Brace] Mgr. Joel Abbott Marched to Fort Edwards from thence to Fort Ann thence to Skeinsborough [sic: Skenesborough, now Whitehall NY] thence back to Fort Ann thence to Fort Edward and there discharged having served three months. In November following he again Volunteered in a Company under the command of James Hadlock Mgr. Joel Abbott Col. John Vanranselaer Genl. John Williams Marched to Black Creek Washington County NY from thence to Salem and discharged having served one month. That he never received a written discharge but was discharged orally by his Company Officers. his residence during the war was in the Neighbourhood of many disaffected persons the Company to which he belonged was held in constant readiness and was considered what was then called minute men and held themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning and continued in that attitude untill the close of the war. he was never directly engaged in any battle but was in hearing of guns at the Battle of Bennington [16 Aug 1777] and was on the ground three Days after the Battle was fought. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the above service and knows of no living Witness by whom he can establish the above facts except Job Goff [pension application W1752] with whom he was acquainted in the service and whose affidavit is herewith subjoined. From the State of New York he removed to Harrison County Va where he now resides he is acquainted with Waldo P Goff Wm A Harrison Judge E S Duncan and various other Gentlemen to whom reference may be had. He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid  
Jacob Coplin JP [see endnote]



We Hamilton Goss a Clergyman and Waldo P Goff residing in the County of Harrison and state of Virginia do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the Rev. John J Waldo who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 70 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resided to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion. sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Hamilton Goss

[signed] W. P. Goff

Harrison County to wit

This day personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid Job Goff and made oath that he was acquainted with John J Waldo in the Army when in actual service in the year 1780 or 1781 at which time the aforesaid John J Waldo was a soldier and performing duty as such. Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832

[signed] Jacob Coplin JP

[On 2 Feb 1833 Waldo was issued a certificate for a pension of \$29.34 per year for eight months and 25 days of service.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On Waldo's report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]

John Waldo – draws \$29. <sup>34</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

I have not seen this man, – from what I have heard of his services – and his character, I have no doubt of his right to the amount awarded him

W. G Singleton/ Nov. 21 1834

NOTE: Jacob Coplin was apparently responsible for a number of fraudulent pension applications, but there is no indications that Waldo's was one of them.