

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walthall Senior S6324

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On this 14th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, William Walthall, a resident of said County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia aged seventy-four 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 7th 1832, entitled "An Act supplementing the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit:

On the 10th day of February 1778 in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, he enlisted as a private in the Army of the United States for a term of eighteen months, and served in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers, viz.: the company's in which he entered the service was commanded by Captain William Fowler, the subaltern officers not recollected, __ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ and Brigade by General Muhlenberg; and was marched with the said Regiment by Fredericksburg and Alexandria to Valley Forge where the said Regiment joined the main Army under General Washington, under whose command he continued until the expiration of twelve months from the time of his entering the service, when he was discharged on the Virginia bank of the Potomac River, opposite Georgetown; the latter six months of the enlistment of the Chesterfield Regulars having been remitted on the intercession of Colonel Archibald Casy [Archibald Casey] of Chesterfield County; during his time he was marched from Valley Forge through the jerseys to the White Plains, and to West Point; and afterwards went into winter quarters at Middlebrook; was present at the battle of Monmouth, but being posted in the rear of the Army, he did not take any part in the action. That he was furnished with written discharge, dated __ 1779 signed by Captain Fowler, when he was discharged on the Potomac as before mentioned, which he afterwards sent to Williamsburg to the Department there, to get his clothing and has never seen it since.

In the winter of 1780 – 81, he was drafted and entered the service in the same County and State, in the company of militia commanded by Captain Edward Mosley, with the rank of Sergeant of militia, the subaltern officers of said company being John Hill, Lieutenant and Robert Wooldridge Ensign, was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg, the other field officers being Colonel James Monroe and Major Boyce, marched down to Black water in the lower Virginia; was afterwards detached from the Brigade, came back to Chesterfield, and attached to Captain Henry Cheatham's company and Colonel Robert Goode's Regiment of militia, still holding the rank of Sergeant; and was stationed near Ware bottom in the said County at the time of the Battle at Petersburg: he was present shortly afterwards at a place called Sudbury's [?] in the same County, where 2 or 3 companies of militia which were stationed

there were attacked by a detachment of British Cavalry, were dispersed and some taken prisoners: shortly afterwards, together with the company to which he was attached, he crossed James River at Casy's in the same County, and was discharged soon after at Wilkes and in the County of Henrico in the month of May.

In the summer of 1781, but in what month he does not now remember, he again entered the service in the same County as a Sergeant of militia in the same Company, John Farmer and Bartelet Elam [Bartilot Elam] being these subalterns, went across James River and was put under the command of General Lafayette, the other field officers he cannot recollect, marched about between James River and Pamunkey, and was employed chiefly in watching the movements of Cornwallis' Army by whom they were frequently pursued, without ever having a regular engagement between the two armies; was discharged on the Pamunkey, in October shortly after the capture of the British Army at York.

On his way home both he and Ensign Elam were taken by a detachment of British Horse, who dismissed them after being detained about 2 days.

He was also called out about August, 1776, as well as he recollects, and served a tour of about two months as a private in the company commanded by Captain Richard Baugh, Thomas Goode being Lieutenant and Baxter Foulks Ensign, went down to Hampton and remained about that place the whole time, and was then discharged.

He was also called out and served another tour of about 2 months about the fall of 1780 as a Sergeant in Captain George Markham's Company of militia, with James Moody and John Anderson subalterns, marched down to Sleepy Hole, Mackay's mills in the neighborhood of Suffolk in the County of Nansemond, and served about 2 months, and was discharged at Petersburg. That in all he thinks he served in the militia about 10 months, in addition to his service in the regular Army.

He was born in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia the 19th day of November 1757, as his parents always informed him, and that his birth is recorded, corresponding there with, in his family Bible, and that he has always resided in the same County. That in the militia service he never received any written discharge and has no documentary proof of said service; but that there are witnesses who can testify to some of the said tours, still living.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Walthall, Sr.



We William Goode Senior¹ and Allen Whitworth,² both residing in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Walthall who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, and that he served, as he represents, as a Sergeant in Captain George Markham's Company on a tour of about two months in the fall of 1780, in the Revolutionary War, down about Mackay's Mills, Smithfield etc. that we have also understood and have no doubt that he served other tours in the militia during the war, and they

¹ FPA S8581

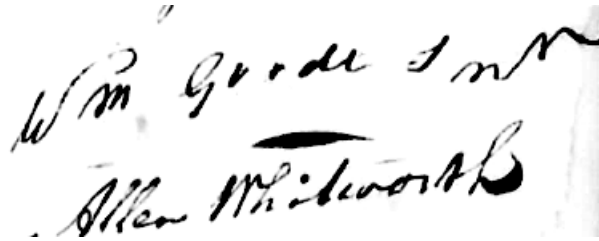
² FPA S6367

believe him to be seventy-four years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Goode, Senior

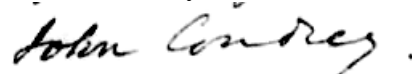
S/ Allen Whitworth

Handwritten signatures of Wm Goode Senior and Allen Whitworth in cursive ink.

I, John Condrey³ residing in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that William Walthall, who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, served as he represents in Captain Richard Baugh's company on a tour of about two months, down at Hampton & that part of the state in the year 1776 or 77.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Condrey

Handwritten signature of John Condrey in cursive ink.

[Charles Forsee, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Chesterfield County, viz.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid William Walthall, Sr, who being duly sworn, deposes to the following statement, viz., "That from old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States, in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades viz.,

That for twelve months he served as a private in the Regular Army of the United States for eight months he served as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia and for two months as a private in the militia of the United States service in the Revolution & for such service claims a pension. He refers for his veracity & the truth of his services particularly to Major William Goode, Edmond Lockett, James Elam & Richard Elam, & Mike mentioned he supposes a hundred others, remembers no Regular officers but those mentioned in his Declaration.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 4th day of December 1832"

S/ William Walthall, Senior

[John Condrey gave another supporting affidavit reaffirming his earlier statements and getting testimony as to the general reputation. James and Richard Elam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$86.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia line and militia.]

³ FPA S9214