

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joel Walton S6327

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State of Virginia}

Louisa County} SS

On this 11th day of February 1833, personally appeared in open court before the court of the county aforesaid, now sitting, Joel Walton, a resident of said county and state aged seventy three 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 1832.

That he was born in the county of Hanover in said State in September 1759 and has a copy from the family register. That in his infancy he was removed into the county of Louis and said State and has ever since continued to live in that county. That in the month of January 1779 one of the years that Burgoyne's army were confined at the Albemarle Barracks [Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] he was drafted from the militia of that county and marched in the company of Captain William Harris to the Barracks and served a half a month at that place guarding the prisoners. he recollected some regular troops but cannot remember whom or who commanded them - can recollect no officer except Captain Timberlake of his county and recollects no event of note. That in the spring of the year 1780 he was again drafted from the militia of the same county and marched in the company of Capt Byars [John Byars, also spelled Byers and Bias] to the south. Thomas Shelton was Lieutenant and James Winston Ensign. rendezvoused at Hillsborough [NC] and was attached to the regiment under Col [George] Stubblefield. does not know who commanded the army until the arrival of [Gen. Horatio] Gates who came to Hillsborough and took the command. marched thence to Deep river and thence to Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] and there was detached with a party, into the Quaker settlement, as it was called to get beeves Marched on thence to Rugeley's Mill. - about 10 O'C. at night the line was formed and they marched - during the night there was skirmishing [before dawn, 16 Aug 1780] - after marching about ten miles they halted and the line was formed in the woods and he was on the left wing. they lay on their arms and about sunrise or rather before a canon was heard and the line was moved forward. in a few minutes came in sight the enemy. during this march the line inclined constantly to the left so that some men were pressed out of the line. the enemy began firing as soon as they were formed but they fired too high. they had been ordered not to fire till the word was given but when they came in sight of the enemy Col Stubblefield said, "yonder's the damed red coats have the first fire on them" and he fired once had commenced loading, but on looking around saw that the men were making off, and he did so likewise; carrying off his musquet. That he joined a party who had been left on Pedee, having been disarmed by a party of tories on the march. Marched thence with the party under Major [Henry] Conway, to Hillsborough where they drew arms and thence towards New Garden [in Guilford County NC]. That at the instance of the officers he with several others left the party and returned home, hearing that Gen'l. Stevens their commanding, was very angry, but immediately returned and joined the army at New garden, after about a fortnight he was sent home to stand a trial, and was tried at Head quarters in Louisa county and was acquitted as he had acted under the orders of the officers. And that his service was of six months at least. That in all his service he was a private. That he recollects Gen'l. Gates and Stevens, Col [Joseph] Spencer and Major Boyce in addition to those officers mentioned. That he saw no regulars that he recollects, but saw many militia regiments. That he has no writen discharge and has no documentary evidence. That he can prove his service to the south by Nathaniel Snelson and Thomas Badget; and knows of no witness to his service at Albemarle. And would refer to the rev'd Timothy T Swift Col. Charles Dabney and Major Thomas Gardner for his character and the reputation of his services -

He hereby relinquishes all 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 or Territory.

To the 1st Question he answers. In Hanover county in Virginia 20th Sept. 1759.

To the 2^d has an abstract from the family register

To the 3^d Always [lived] in Louisa since his infancy

To the 4th was Drafted.

To the 5th This question was answered to the satisfaction of the court.

To the 6th I did not receive one [discharge]

To the 7th Timothy T Swift Colo Dabney and Major Gardner.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Joel Walton

NOTE: On the pension certificate is the notation that Walton died 13 Apr 1840.