

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Walker S6339
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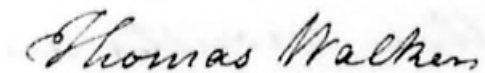
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State of Virginia}

Monroe County) S.S.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Monroe now sitting Thomas Walker a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Virginia aged sixty seven years last December who being first duly sworn according to law doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the united and served as herein stated that he was drafted in the County of Rockingham 4 days after he was sixteen years of age and marched from the said County about the last day of December 1779 under Capt Michael Cangar [*sic, Michael Cogar, commissioned June 22, 1779*] and march to the lower part of Virginia and joined the Regiment commanded by Gen Mullenburg [*sic, Muhlenberg*] at Stoners Mills on the south side of James River near James Town from thence part of the Regiment of which he was one marched down the river to a place called the great Bridge where they remained a short time and had some skirmishing with the Brittish from thence they marched to the Norawort River [*probably a reference to the Northwest River*] on the edge of North Carolina and remained there a few days and then marched back to the great Bridge in Virginia from thence they marched up the river to a placed called the Tar yard where they again joined the regiment they then marched up and down the River in that neighborhood until the time for which he was drafted had expired three months and that he was then marched back to the County of Rockingham where he was discharged that he received no written discharge as it was not deemed necessary. That he then remained at home until the month of July following when he was drafted again and marched again from the County of Rockingham in Virginia under Capt Richard Riggan [*sic, Richard Reagon or Ragan*] and marched in the first place to Richmond Va. From Richmond they marched to the Pamunkey River and crossed said river at Ruffians Ferry and marched he thinks about 10miles from the River when they joined Gen Stevens [*Edward Stevens*] and the a portion of the regiment of which he was one recrossed the Pamunkey river and marched to the north of the Chickahominy River and remained in that neighborhood about one week and then marched down to Williamsburg or the Colledge [*college*] near Williamsburg and staid there a few days and then marched down below Williamsburg to a place called the drinking spring and staid there some time and then marched to little york where he was taken sick but remained in the service until three days before the surrender of Cornwallis where he was discharged as being unfit for service that he then left the army but was still in the neighborhood at the time of the surrender he was drafted this tour for the term of three months and his time would have expired if he had not been sick on the day that Cornwallis surrendered. That he received no discharge papers for this service and that he served in the Militia in Virginia in the Revolutionary War the full term of six months lacking three days and that he would have served out the balance of the time if he had have been able to perform duty – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declared that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Thomas Walker



We Christian Peters and James A. Dunlap residing in the County of Monroe and State of Virginia do hereby certify that we are well acquainted who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be sixty seven years of age that he is reported & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Christian Peters

James A. Dunlap

I, Jacob Meadows,¹ of the County of Giles and State of Virginia do hereby certified that Thomas Walker who has

¹ FPA S9412

sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration served two tours of three months each in the Militia of Virginia in the revolutionary war and that we served the entire time together and in the same company with the exception of the three days mentioned in said declaration given under my hand this 17th day of September 1832. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above

Jacob his X mark Meadows

I, John Peters,² of the County of Giles and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Thomas Walker who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration served to the best of my knowledge and belief the two tours mentioned in the declaration that I know of my own knowledge that he started the first tour and returned with the other men and that the second tour I acted as an Ensign in the company to which he belonged the greater part of the time and believe that he served as stated.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 17th day of September 1832

John Peters

And the said Court do hereby certify declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further confers that it appears to them that Christian Peters & James A. Dunlap who have signed one of the preceding certificates are residents in the county of Monroe & state of Virginia and that Jacob Meadows a& John Peters who have signed the other two certificates are residents in the county of Giles & state aforesaid and that all are credible persons and their statements are entitled to credit.

I, John Hutchison Clerk of the Court of Monroe County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Thomas Walker for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Union the 24th day of September 1832 and in the 57th year of the Commonwealth.

Jno Hutchison

[Methodology used by Will Graves: 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.]

[fn p. 14]

Thomas Walker – Served 6 months – Virginia militia

I the undersigned Thomas Walker make the following declaration of my Services in the War of the Revolution to wit – I am a native of Orange County Virginia was born December 18, 1763, during the war I lived in the County of Rockingham. I settled in Monroe County 37 years ago.

During the Christmas Holidays of 1780 I was drafted for 3 months and about the first of January following my company of which Michael Coger was Captain Rhorack & Nall Lieutenants – rendezvoused at Paul Inglis' on the Shenandoah River, then joined the Battalion under Colonel William Nall – we marched to Richmond and James town. Joined General Muhlenberg's Brigade at Stoners' Mill – at the latter place myself and others were detached from the main Army, and marched to the this swamp at Edmunds Hill remained there 21 days and was then marched to Gregories [Gregory's] encampment returned to Edmunds Hill then crossed the dismal Swamp to tear yam, went on our march until we again joined General Muhlenberg – was discharged [indecipherable word] in April at

² [John Peters S5897](#)

Nansemond – was rather more than 3 months in actual Service –

About the last of July in the same year (1781) I substituted for Jacob Eversole [?] for 3 months marched from Rockingham County in Captain Richard Ragan's [Richard Reagon's] Company, through Rockingham to Pemunky river [Pamunkey river]. Joined General Stephens [Edward Stevens] and Colonel Dark's [Lt. Col. William Darke's] Regiment – after marching to & fro we went below Williamsburg to the drinking Spring and from there to Yorktown – 3 days before my time expired & the same number of days before the surrender of Cornwallis I being sick & unfit from duty my Captain permitted me to go home – thus ended my service – James Dunlop wrote my declaration. He charged me nothing – the substance of the Statement here given is the same as given to Mr. Dunlop. I proved my services by John Peters & Jacob Meadows. They were in service with me. September 6, 1835

Witness: S/ Jno Kelly

A copy S/ Thomas Walker

S/ W. G. Singleton, Oct. 12, 1835

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]