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Pension application of Paul Walter S7821

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions or Cabarrus County NC at Concorde -- October 15, 1832 --

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County North Carolina, now sitting Paul Walter a resident of Cabarrus County NC aged seventy-seven on the 9th of November next 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

In the month of April I think, though I am not certain, 1776 in the County of Mecklenburg, where he now lives in that part now called Cabarrus, I volunteered in company commanded by Captain Barringer [John Barringer] Colonel Locke [Francis Locke], General Griffith Rutherford -- was marched to Fayetteville NC -- served out one month for which I had volunteered and was discharged in the month of May 1776 by Captain Barringer. I again in the same County, in the month of June 1776 -- volunteered in a company under Caleb Phifer Captain Will Houston Lieutenant John Phifer [Lt.] Colonel & Griffith Rutherford General for three months -- was in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians¹ -- served out three months -- and was discharged in the month of September 1776 by Col. John Phifer --

I again in the same County volunteered in the month of October or first of November 1778 for five months in a company commanded by Captain Will Houston, Lieutenant Stephen Alexander, Colonel Francis Locke -- General Rutherford -- rendezvoused at Charlotte NC marched thence through South Carolina to near Charleston -- thence to Purrysburg we joined the Continental Troops under Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]-- Commander in chief -- though there were inferior officers -- whom I do not recollect them at this time -- I was there placed under Captain Craig -- in the Regiment under Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert of Georgia] was marched up the Savannah River -- to Augusta, crossed there -- and marched down to Briar Creek, was in the Battle this -- (March 1779 --) [March 3, 1779]² saw General Ashe [John Ashe] of the Militia there -- we recrossed the Savannah River and was placed again under the same officers. Served out five months and was discharged about the 10th of April 1779 by Colonel Locke -- which is here in Court being the only discharge I have remaining of all I have received.

I again in the same County became a volunteer in the month of March 1780 under Captain McRee [John McRee] -- General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] for three months went to Ramsour's Mills -- arrived there in the evening after the Battle [June 20, 1780]³ -- was

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

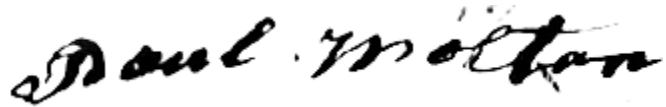
one of the guard that night -- served out my three months and was discharged in the month [of] June 1780 by Captain McRee.

Again in the same County & State -- in the month of September 1781 -- I joined the cavalry as a volunteer for three months, under Captain Jo. Shinn [sic, Joseph Chinn] -- Major James White -- Colonel Smith [Robert Smith] -- General Griffith Rutherford -- marched to near Wilmington NC where we heard the news of the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. Served the 3 months and was discharged in December 1781 -- by Col. Smith. He served in all in actual service fifteen months -- but during the interims he was always a minute man -- and he can safely say that in 3 years, he was not at home in all, 2 months -- being always engaged in the defense of his Country. He was always a volunteer in the service. He was born in the State of Virginia on the 9th of November 1755. About the year and a half after he was removed to North Carolina and settled in that part of Mecklenburg County NC which is since the division of Mecklenburg County then called "Cabarrus" where he now lives. He was a volunteer in the service. He has always in NC lived on the same plantation. His discharges have all been lost or mislaid. His family Record is also lost. For proof of his service he refers to Abram Alexander,⁴ George Barnhart,⁵ Isaac Blackwelder⁶ & to the discharge from Colonel Locke (herewith transmitted). And for his character for truth and their belief and the general belief of the whole country as to his services he refers to General Paul Barringer & to D. M. Barringer Esquire.

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 & subscribed the day

S/ Paul Walter



Questions propounded by the Court to Paul Walter

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In the State of Virginia in A.D. 1755

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none now

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. Always where I now live -- Cabarrus, (then Mecklenburg) County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was always a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was to Fayetteville in the beginning of the War -- I was then against the Cherokee Indians -- I was in the 5 months service to Georgia then again to Ramsour's Mills -- then to Wilmington in the cavalry -- I remember Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle]-- Colonel Elbert -- General Ashe (of the militia) in the Georgia campaign --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

⁴ [Abram \(Abraham\) Alexander S8013](#)

⁵ [George Barnhardt R544 A](#)

⁶ [Isaac Blackwelder S6660](#)

Ans. I was always regularly discharged -- first by Captain Barringer then by Col. Phifer then by Col. Locke, which is here provided in court -- then by Capt. McRee -- then by Col. Smith -- they are all lost except the one from Col. Locke --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. General Paul Barringer & D M Barringer Esquire

S/ Paul Walter

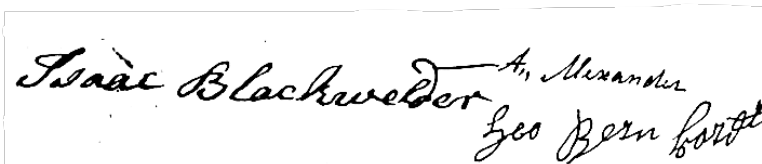


I Isaac Blackwelder hereby certify that I knew Paul Walter in the expedition under General G. Rutherford to Fayetteville & against the Cherokee Indians -- each 3 months & one month & we, Abraham Alexander and George Barnhart do hereby certify on oath that we knew Paul Walter in the expedition to Wilmington for 3 months -- that we were with him in the tour -- He was in the cavalry.

S/ Isaac Blackwelder

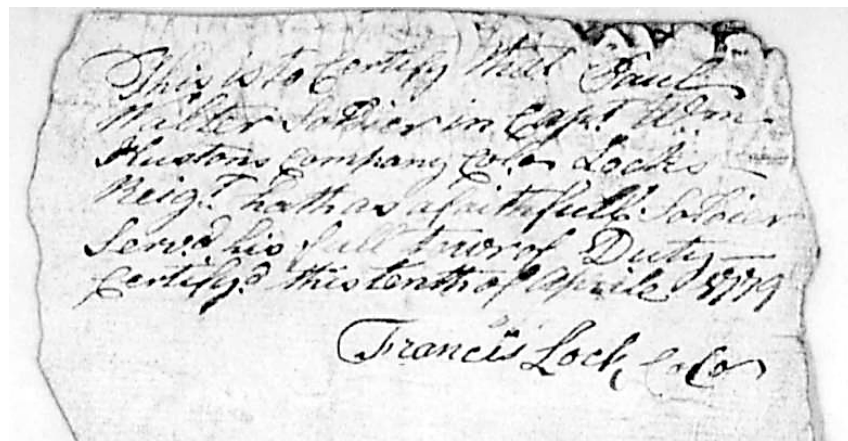
S/ A. Alexander

S/ Geo Bernhardt



[Paul Barringer & DM Barringer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to Certify that Paul
Walter Soldier in Capt. Wm
Hustons Company Colo. Locks
Reigt. hath as a faithfull Soldier
Serv.d his full tower of Duty—
Certified this tenth of Aprile 1779
S/ Francis Lock, Colo



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 12 months service in the militia and 3 months service as a private in the cavalry.]