

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Wall S7836

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me the Subscriber, an acting Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid, Jacob Wall a resident of the County of Wilkes & State of North Carolina aged eighty-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 7th 1832 --

That he was born in the year 1759 in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia and continued to reside in the said State until he removed to the State of North Carolina in the year 1773. -- In the month of October or November 1775 he entered the service of the United States in the County of Wilkes as a volunteer for six months in a company of minute men commanded by Captain Jesse Walton & immediately after rendezvoused at Salisbury where they remained for some time drilling and training their men -- and from there returned home which was a few days before Christmas --. On the 13th day of February following they set out for Cross Creek or Fayetteville having heard that the Scotch Tories in that part of the Country had become very troublesome. On their march they were joined by Captain Martin Armstrong with a body of militia from Surry County at a place called old Richmond, and from thence they continued their march until they reached the County of where they joined Colonel Alexander Martin of the Continental line, with a small body of troops under his command -- After joining Colonel Martin they continued their march to Cross Creek or Fayetteville -- the day before their arrival at that place, a battle had been fought near that between the Tories under the command of General McDonald, and the Americans under General Moore, which resulted in the defeat of the former with the loss of a great many killed & wounded and a number taken prisoners -- The prisoners taken by General Moore in this engagement were delivered up to Captain Jesse Walton and placed under charge of his company as a guard to convey them to Hillsboro -- They set out for Hillsboro immediately with the prisoners; but before they arrived at that place they were met by two companies of Light Horse under the command of Captains Mebane & Shepherd, who took charge of the prisoners, by which they were relieved -- and Captain Walton and his company were discharged and returned home, which they reached on the 29th of March -- having been gone nearly two months -- After their arrival at home they met twice every week for the purpose of drilling and training until the expiration of their term of service. Soon after the expiration of

his first term of service under Captain Walton, he was drafted to go out as one of the scouting party to guard the frontiers of North Carolina against the depredations of the Cherokee Indians, and was during this expedition under the command of Captain Joseph Herndon -- He was engaged in this expedition from a month to six weeks --

Some time after his return home, this deponent was again called out and rendezvoused below Salisbury where he joined the Regiment under the command of General Rutherford, and marched from thence against the Tories who had embodied themselves in the country adjacent to the Pedee & a Rocky Rivers -- and engagement was there fought between the Tories and the Whig militia under General Rutherford and Colonel Isaacs in which the former were defeated and taken prisoners -- After this engagement this deponent was discharged and returned home in order to guard the frontier settlements against the incursions of the Tories -- In this last expedition this deponent believes he was gone at least two months --

About the month of September 1780 information was received by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland that Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was approaching from South Carolina with a large body of British and Tories -- upon receiving this information Colonel Cleveland issued orders immediately for all the troops within the County of Wilkes to rendezvous at the Court House -- This deponent immediately repaired to the Court House and after remaining there for a few days until the troops were organized, they marched towards South Carolina, and having reached as far as Kriders fort [Cryder's Fort] in the County of Burke, this deponent was taken extremely ill, and was there discharged by Colonel Cleveland, who procured a conveyance to bring him home -- After he recovered he set out again to join the Army and met them at Wilkes Court house on their return from King's Mountain with the prisoners, where he joined them and assisted in guarding the prisoners until they reached one of the Moravian Towns in the County of Stokes, where they continued to guard the prisoners; for a considerable time until they were relieved by Colonel Winston with a body of fresh troops -- After which they were discharged and returned home -- having been absent on this expedition from a month to six weeks --

Sometime in the winter of 1781 or early in the spring this deponent was again called upon to rendezvous at Salisbury in order to check the progress of Lord Cornwallis who was supposed to be advancing from South Carolina -- but before this deponent and the troops to which he belonged reached Salisbury, they received information that Lord Cornwallis had entered the State and was then in Salisbury -- they immediately changed the direction of their route and proceeded towards Salem in order to join General Greene who supposed to be somewhere on the waters of Dan River -- When they had advanced as far as Person County in NC they received orders from General Greene to return and endeavor to form a Junction with General Pickens who was supposed to be advancing from South Carolina by the way of East Tennessee, with a small body of troops, and to inform him of the posture of affairs as well as to conduct him through the country so that he might be able to a whopper rate with General Greene -- Having met General Pickens near Mitchell's River in the County of Surry they conducted him to Salem where they fell in with Colonel Locke -- upon leaving that place, General Pickens and Colonel Locke with the respective troops under their command separated -- the former taking the direct route to Hillsboro and the latter pursuing a route higher up the Country -- This deponent was attached to the troops under the command of Colonel Locke, and when they had proceeded as far as Stony Creek in the County of Guilford or Rockingham, they received information from General Pickens that a large body of Tories had assembled themselves under the command of Colonel Pyles [sic, Doctor John Pyle], and requesting Colonel Locke's troops to repair with all possible dispatch to meet him at Trollingers Ford on the Haw River. They set out immediately for that

place, but before they reached it General Pickens had engaged with the Tories and defeated them. After this event be directed their course towards General Greene's Army and fell in with it near the High Rock -- They remained with General Greene a few days and was discharged and returned home having been gone in this expedition from a month to 6 weeks --

This deponent performed some other short tours against the Tories, but the precise length of each cannot now be particularly recollected -- This deponent has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services, but refers to the affidavit of Colonel Richard Allen hereto annexed for proof of most of them. He has no record of his age, but derived his information on that subject in early life from his mother. He has resided in the County of Wilkes ever since the revolutionary war, and still resides there --

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 & year aforesaid

Witness

S/ Jacob Wall, X his mark

S/ R. Allen, JP

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared Colonel Richard Allen¹ before me the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid and having first been duly sworn according to law depose and saith that the services set forth & specified in the foregoing declaration made by Jacob Wall, to wit: the six months tour under Captain Jesse Walton, the tour part of the way to King's Mountain, and thence to the Moravian Towns, and the tour to Guilford and the surrounding Country, where they joined General Greene, were performed by the said Jacob Wall -- and that the remaining part of the service set forth in the said declaration he believes (from his knowledge of the character of the said Jacob) were performed by him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Allen, Senior, X his mark

Witness

S/ R. Allen, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months and 16 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Richard Allen S6490](#)