

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wallace S7843

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term
1832

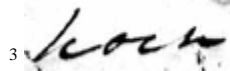
On this 20th day of August personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting in and for the said County being a court of record, Samuel Wallace, a [resident] of said County and State, aged ninety-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. -- at the beginning of the War he resided in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina and at that time enlisted in the town of Salisbury County and State aforesaid in the regular service of the North Carolina line under Captain William Wilson for the term of 10 months and was marched by Captain Wilson into South Carolina to Purysburg at the mouth of Sabin river [sic, Savannah River?] where he was placed under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] in the company of Captain Cook in whose company he served out his 10 months and received his discharge at Purysburg and then came back home -- he had no battle during this tour, for a short time after he came home he was out at times fighting the Tories but not in a regular way: he then was drafted under Captain Craig [James Craig] in the County of Rowan for three months went into South Carolina with him and at the end of this three months came home -- he was again occasionally in parties out against the Tories -- several times but not in a regular way. -- he was then drafted for three months in a horse company under Captain Richmond Pearson, went with him to South Carolina and at Ramsour's had a battle,¹ then came back with Pearson to Rowan, to fight Bryant [Samuel Bryan], a Tory leader who had risen pursued him through the adjoining counties, and went with General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] under Pearson into South Carolina and joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] at Rugeley's Mill 12 miles from Camden, was at Gates defeat² and then came home, he did not serve regularly anymore, but had many brushes with the Tories. -- he was in the service regularly sixteen months -- ten in the regular service -- three under Captain Craig in the Militia and three under Pearson in the [undeciphered word]³ militia he served out all his terms and was regularly discharged each time but has lost all his papers, he served as a common soldier in each time, is no one that he knows of living about here who knows of their own knowledge that he was in the revolutionary service

¹ June 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm



but there are a great many in fact all his neighbors know that he will has been on all occasions recognized and considered a revolutionary soldier he could refer to a great many – but he will particularly refer to Joseph Pearson now living in the City of Washington, who is a son of Captain or as he was at his death Colonel Richmond Pearson and who will say that his father has on all occasions said that Samuel Wallace was one of his soldiers and was a brave soldier and also that after the war and until his death Colonel Pearson permitted him to live on his land and assisted him in procuring a living on account of some meritorious services during the tour he had with him, he refers to Richmond Pearson also a son of Colonel Pearson who has lived a neighbor to this petitioner and can certify as to what his father always said and what has been the neighborhood belief and as to his character also to Col. Caswell Harbin of this County and Thomas E. Foster also of this County.

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 in open Court.

S/ Jno. Giles, Clk

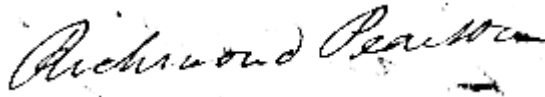
S/ Samuel Wallace, X his mark

I Richmond Pearson of the County of Rowan State of North Carolina hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with Samuel Wallace who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration from my infancy. I believe him to be 92 years of age, he has always been reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and I concur in that opinion I have frequently heard my father Colonel Richmond Pearson Dec'd – say that Wallace had served under him in the revolution and had been a brave soldier. I have heard him say he was with him at Gates defeat, the character of Samuel Wallace is good and I should confide in all he swears to I am of opinion however from what I heard from my father that he must have been under him longer than three months, but much of the time may have been in irregular service against the Tories.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ John Giles, Clk

S/ Richmond Pearson



[Caswell Harbin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Rowan County

The amended declaration of Samuel Wallace having been returned from the war office with the objections, said Wallace makes the following affidavit to meet the objections and amend his declaration-- to wit --

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rowan, Samuel Wallace who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear nor can he recollect the name of the Colonel under whom he served while in the company of Captain Cook under General Lincoln. -- according to the best of his recollection, Captain William Wilson, with whom he went from Salisbury North Carolina to Purrysburg South Carolina at the mouth of the Sabine; was not a Captain in the regular service as would be inferred from the manner in which the declaration is worded, but was a militia Captain, Locke was the Colonel and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] the General of the militia, said Wallace went with Captain Wilson, and upon arriving at Purrysburg he was placed in the company of Captain Cook for the term of 10 months, as a

volunteer in the regular service, he served out his 10 months, and was discharged at Purrysburg, but has lost his discharge, and if his name is not on the rolls of Captain Cook's company, there is no one of his fellow soldiers alive, that he knows of who can prove his service.

He was drafted under Captain Craig in the town of Salisbury for three months, which he served out. Francis Locke was the Colonel and Rutherford was the General. He was afterwards drafted under Captain Pearson at the house of one Thomas Bentley in said County for three months which he served out Locke was the Colonel and Rutherford the General, he was in a horse company attached to the command of Colonel Locke and General Rutherford – he is not able to recollect the precise time when he enlisted in Captain Cook's company or Captain Craig's or Captain Pearson's, but he served ten months under Cook, three months under Craig – and three months under Pearson and for such services he claims a Pension.

S/ Samuel Wallace, X his mark

[On June 6, 1854, Nancy Carrell, 74, filed in Cherokee County, NC as the daughter and heir of Samuel Wallis [sic], her father, who she alleges, died on or about March 9, 1842; that her mother Polly Wallis died on or about June 5, 1838; that they were married in 1779 in Rowan County NC by on John Marlin, JP.; That they were residents of said County and state at the time of their marriage and at the time of their respective deaths; and that her father served in the company commanded by Captain Richard Pearcen [sic]. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia.]