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Pension application of John Wallace S9517

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State of North Carolina, Haywood County

On this 8 day of June 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace for said County and State John Wallace a resident of said County and State above written aged Eighty two years who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he enlisted under Captain Wilburn given name not recollected in the Service of the United States in the State of South Carolina in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] County he Served the time of which he enlisted which was three years and was discharged the Lieutenant under whom he served was Harry Brattle his Colonel under whom he served was Col Pope and Colonel Barber he entered the Service a second time as a light horseman and served nine months or more under Captain Murphrey Barnet and Hugh Hetherly was his Lieutenant the given name of his Col Pope & Col Barber he does not recollect he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina he was also in the battle of the Cowpens in the same State and County of Laurens he was also in the battle at King's Mountain at the defeat of Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] when he was killed in the Same County and State that he lived in Laurens County in the State of South Carolina. That he served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina Regiment he served with Jeremiah Greene, John Haggard, Hugh Hetherly, Snead Davis,<sup>1</sup> John Hays,<sup>2</sup> George Oxford, Harry Pratley, James Davis, Michael Martin, Moses Martin, John Dunn, William McGlathlin who were privates and with whom he served the regular officers of the Army were James Giles & James Cruse is all that he recollects under whom he Served he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person in this part of the Country who knows anything of his Service in the Army. 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 the Agency [sic] of any State or Territory in the United States.

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

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1 Some one of this name is listed in Bobby Gilmer Moss' SC Patriots, p. 239 as filing NPA S32205  
[Snead Davis S32205](#)

2 A John Hayes is listed in Moss, p. 429 as being at Hanging Rock and Eutaw Springs. NPA W21245

Sworn & subscribed to before me day and year above written. I further certify that full faith and credit is given to the statements of the said John Wallace who has sworn and subscribed the foregoing declaration. S/ Wm. Moore, J.P.

[Standard certificate of character and service given by John Hayes, clergyman, and Ephraim Osburn, neighbor.]

The following interrogatories were asked by me and the following answers given  
First Question where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in what was called the haw fields of Virginia in the year 1762 the fifth day of March.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer. I have none. My Father had a record of my age and I do not know where it is.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into Service

Answer. I was living in Laurens County in the State of South Carolina.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> Where have you lived Since the revolutionary war.

Answer I came to North Carolina after peace was made and has lived here ever since in Buncombe County and Haywood for about six years.

Question 5<sup>th</sup> How were you called into Service

Answer. I enlisted for three years and was a volunteer for nine months.

Question 6<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you Served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer. James Giles & James Cruse the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment he recollects no general circumstances only the different Stations where we were Stationed at which was first at the Eutaw Springs 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hanging Rock 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cowpens 4<sup>th</sup> at Ramsour's &c.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> Did you ever have a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer I had two and one of them was given by Captain Wilburn and the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Captain Murphrey Barnet and they have been lost or destroyed by some means.

Question 8<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your immediate neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Service as a Soldier in the Revolution.

Answer [blank in original]

I William Moore an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Haywood and State of North Carolina declare after the interrogatories [sic, 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 that he further believes that the applicant for the pension aforesaid from old age and bodily infirmities is unable to attend Court and the Justice further certifies that it appears to him that John Haynes who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman residing in the County of Haywood and State of North Carolina and that Ephraim Osborne who has signed the same is a resident in the County of Haywood and State of North Carolina is a credible person and that their statements are entitled to credit. S/ Wm Moore, J. P.

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: SS

On this 23rd day of September 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, John Wallace a resident of Haywood County North Carolina aged eighty-four 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. He enlisted in the service of the United States he thinks on the 10th day of March 1778 in Lawrence district [sic, Laurens district] South Carolina under Captain Wilbourn the captains first name he does not recollect though he recollects his Lieutenant was named Henry Pratley his General was Sumter & his Colonel was Barbour, he enlisted for the Term of 3 years and was in the Battles at King's Mountain and the Battle at Cowpens besides several small scrimmages his term of 3 years was out soon after the Battle at Cowpens at which time he received a regular written discharge from Captain Wilbourn he then immediately enlisted as a Light Horseman for the term of 9 months under Captain Humphrey Barnette his General then was Morgan the Lieutenant he thinks was George Cruise, he served at that time out & received a written Discharge Cornwallis having been surrendered about that time he stayed about in the Army without any enlistment until Peace was declared and then went home to his father's house he some few months afterwards left his father's house and not considering his discharges worth anything at all he left them there and has never seen them since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Attest S/ W. Brown, Clk

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

[he answered the 7 interrogatories in substantially in the same manner as reflected above except that in answer to the question regarding where he resided at the time he entered the service he stated "I lived on Raburns Creek in Lawrence district South Carolina I lived in Lawrence a few years after the war and then moved to Buncombe County North Carolina lived there about 40 years then moved into the County where I now live."]  
[Thomas Harkins, a clergyman, and Green Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: This day personally appeared before me Andrew D. Cathey an acting Magistrate in and for the County aforesaid, Absalom Hooper<sup>3</sup> a citizen of said County and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum and after being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he was well acquainted with John Wallas [sic] (who is a citizen of this County and who is now an applicant for a pension) while in the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution that he served under Captain Wilbourn in the State of South Carolina for what length of time I am not prepared to say he did not serve in the same Company with me; But that he did serve in the same Regiment and was generally in camp with him the said John Wallas and further Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of December A.D. 1845

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<sup>3</sup> [Absalom Hooper W7813](#)

S/ Absalom Hooper, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: SAS

On the 2nd day of October 1846 Personally appeared before me J. M. Patton an acting Magistrate in & for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid John Wallace a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged eighty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration Supplemental to a Declaration by him made before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for the County aforesaid on the 23rd day of September 1845 (or thereabouts) in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

He states that in relating his services to Mr. Elisha King who drew up his Declaration as before of alluded to at the time of drawing it up he stated to him that he volunteered under one Captain Wilbourne & served under him 3 years to which Mr. King replied that he was mistaken that he must have enlisted if he served that long, he however still contended that he volunteered. Mr. King still contended that if he served 3 years he enlisted, Mr King then stated that enlisting was a voluntary act & that he was therefore mistaken as it was in that the same as volunteer in, and he (Declarant) supposing that the length of time he remained in the service might so change it as to calls it to be understood as enlisted service, consented that it might be enlisted service as now understood, but that he then understood it to be volunteering & that he did serve 3 years, so it was then agreed that it might be entered down enlisted and he (Declarant) not knowing that it was necessary to give the different times of his volunteering, as he remained in the service all the time under the same Officers, he therefore did not mention it as so many different tours of service, he now for the first time learns that every tour of his service should be described, he therefore proceeds to do so as follows. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer (as he then & yet understands it) on the 10th day of March 1778 for a tour of 3 months under one Captain Wilbourne in Lawrence District [sic, Laurens district] South Carolina and Colonel Barbour's Regiment under General Sumter, his Lieutenant was named Henry Pratley and his Ensign was James Cruise and the first orderly Sergeant was named Aaron Guess & the 2nd orderly Sergeant was named Hugh Heatherly & he served out that Tour during which they had a little scrimmage with the Tories at the Cherokee Ford on Broad River. Immediately at the close of that Tour again volunteered under the same officers in the same Regiment for another tour of 3 months, during which time they had no engagement as he now recollects. At the end of that Tour he again entered or volunteered for another tour of the same length and so on successively entering at the end of every 3 months Tour for another one of the same length without ever leaving the service until he had served 3 years under the same officers except that Aaron Guess the first orderly Sergeant was killed at the battle of the Cowpens and one John Haggason was appointed in his place, during his service he was in the Battle at Kings Mountain & at the Cowpens and something over 2 months after the Battle at Cowpens or about the 12th or 15th of March 1781 he received a Written discharge from Captain Wilbourne for each different Tour of service he had rendered the same being 12 Tours of 3 months each. In a very short time after which he enlisted as a Light Horseman or Dragoon under Captain Humphrey Barnett. Captain Barnett was then on a Tour of service for 10 months and had served one month and could not receive me

as he said for but 9 months. I therefore enlisted for the remaining 9 months of the Tour. Morgan was the General who then commanded his Regiment, he served out his said Tour of 9 months during which time he was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs, he also in the time of this service received a parole to go home to his friends to get a supply of clothing and as he returned to the Army he was pursued by a party of Tories who ran him some distance & perceiving that they could not overtake him they fired on him & killed his mare, he then arose & took to his heels through a thick wood & coming to a Creek he hid himself under its banks in the brambles & was therefore enabled to save his life & get back to his company though he lost his mare saddle & bridle and a hunting shirt which was tied fast to his saddle, after the 9 months was out he received a written Discharge from Captain Barnett, these are the Particulars of his service so far as he can recollect them except those as stated in his formal Declaration to which he refers the Department, for the remaining facts pertaining to his service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

S/ J. M. Patton, JP

[fn p. 3: certification dated October 1851 in the Buncombe County North Carolina court finding that John Wallace died the May 27, 1848 leaving no widow but the following named children, to wit: Mary O. Brookshier, Catherine Gray, Nancy Wallace, Casa Miller, Sally Stuart, Sophia Wallace and Thomas Wallace who are the only surviving children of the said John Wallace known to be living.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service as a private of cavalry in the revolution. The pension ended on May 27, 1848.]