

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Wallace S9519

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State of Virginia } SS.

County of Halifax }

On this 21st day of November 1832 personally appeared before me John L Jennings a justice of the peace for the County of Halifax and state of Virginia James Wallace a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy one 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.

I was drafted as a private soldier in the militia service of the United States, in the County of Lunenburg & state of Virginia, in the month of April 1779 under Joseph Winn, Captain, & David Stokes, Colonel, I was marched from the said County & State of Virginia through the State of North Carolina into the state of South Carolina to a place not far distant from Stono ferry [about 13 mi W of Charleston], where I was joined to the Army Commanded by Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln, I remained stationed at the same place upwards of a week when Gen'l. Lincoln made an attack on the british at Stono ferry and a battle fought in which I was engaged [20 Jun 1779]. We were forced to retreat which we did, back to our Camp where I remained performing various duty's untill my time expired which was in the month of July I was discharged by Captn Winn after serving a tour of three months,

The next time I was called into service I substituted in the place of Samuel Farland[?] in the Militia Service as a private soldier in the said County of Lunenburg & state of Virginia in the month of June 1780 under Sill Walker [Sylvanus Walker] Captain, and Col. [Ralph] Faulkner. I was marched from the said County & State into the state of North Carolina to Hillsborough where I was joined to the army commanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates we were stationed at that place for some time, when I was marched into the State of South Carolina to Peedee [sic: Pee Dee] River, I was not well enough to go into battle and I with about fifty others, Commanded by a Lieutenant was left to guard the ferry across Peedee River, while the balance of the army went on to Camden and had a severe battle [16 Aug 1780], in which Gates was defeated and a great many retreated back across the same ferry, after which I was marched into North Carolina and stationed at a place called The New Garden [W of present Greensboro] where I remained untill some time in the month of September. I was discharged by Captn Walker after serving a tour of three months.

The next time I entered the service, I was drafted in the Militia Service in the said County & State in the month of February 1781 under Capt'n. Thomas Jones and Col. David Stokes. I was marched from the said County & State of Virginia into the state of North Carolina to various places untill arrived near Guilford Court house when I was joined to the army commanded by Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], after which we had a very severe battle at that place in which I was engaged [15 Mar 1781]. after the battle we had a few British Prisoners and I with others commanded by a Lieutenant guarded them to Halifax Court house Virginia where I remained untill some time in the month of April when I was discharged by the Lieutenant after serving a tour of three months.

The next time I entered the service I substituted in the place of Arbin Moore in the said County of Lunenburg Virginia the 4th day of September 1781. I was marched through the state untill arrived at Yorktown, where I was stationed on Gloucester side of the [York] river where I remained until the 16th day of October when I was discharged, by relief coming to take my place, after serving a tour of six weeks. I have no documentary evidence, nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my services, My discharges are all lost, or mislaid so that I cannot come at them. I was born in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia in the year 1761 as I suppose. I have no register of my age. I lived in the said County when called into service. I lived there eleven years after the close of the revolutionary war when I moved to the County of Halifax where I have lived ever since.

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 James hisXmark Wallace

NOTE: According to a Treasury Department document the children of James Wallace received his final pension payment up to the date of his death on 8 Mar 1842.