

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Walker<sup>1</sup> W1108

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[fn p. 22]

State of Tennessee Sh,ville Sixth Judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared before me Alfred M Harris one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee the undersigned Richard Walker who being sworn deposeth & saith that he is a citizen of the United States of America & resides in the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee and that he did enlist in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia as a private soldier on the Continental establishment for the term of three years in a company then commanded by Captain John Bellfield [John Belfield] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of Light horse men of the Continental troops. That he served out his said term faithfully against the common enemy Great Britain & was at the end honorably discharged by General \_\_ Stuband [Steuben?] at Richmond in the State of Virginia which said discharge has been stolen out of his Pocket Book and has never been able to find it & he says he was in the Battles of Brandywine & The battle of Germantown and many skirmishes [the following page is missing from the file posted on Footnote.com but can be found as page 16 of 17 as posted on HeritageQuest.com] and in the Battle of Brandywine he received a wound in the thigh, and in one of the skirmishes your affiant at Leneud's ferry on Santee [River] received a severe wound on the left shoulder which measurably renders the arm useless and he further says he does not recollect the year he enlisted first in the Continental establishment, that after he served his time out he entered again during the war under Lieutenant Griffin FontLeroy [Griffin Fauntleroy] belonging to the aforesaid Regiment of horse and was honorably discharged by Colonel William Whyte [William White] the commander of said Regiment & that he knows of no persons living convenient to him so that he could procure their testimony by whom he can prove his aforesaid services – He is now in the sixty third year of his age & very infirm so that he is unable to make a living by his manual labor and have nothing to support upon he stands in need of assistance from his country for a support he has never received a pension from his government and hereby releases all pensions heretofore granted him by the laws of the United States except the one hereby prayed for – Hereby he humbly prays to be placed on the pension list agreeable to the provisions of the age late act of Congress in such cases made and proved 12th of December 1818

S/ Richard Walker, X his mark

[fn p. 19]

District of West Tennessee Bedford County

On this 2nd day of August 1825 personally appeared in open court in the court of pleas &

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt2411-100 and BLWt19707-160-55 and Va. Half Pay

quarter sessions of the County of Bedford the same being a court of record Richard Walker a resident of said County of Bedford, aged about seventy years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said Richard Walker enlisted for two years in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Spencer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, where he continued to serve until he was suffered to enlist in a company commanded by Captain John Belfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland of the Continental establishment – in which he served three years & again enlisted in the same Corps during the war, in all which Corps he served seven years when he was discharged in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth & that he has no other evidence of his services except the affidavit of William Bruce & Milly Bruce<sup>2</sup> accompanying this declaration. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever, as I had not no property then, nor have I had any since nor have I any now; and that no person had then, or since, nor has any person now in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor had I then or since, nor have I now any income whatsoever – And I do hereby relinquish all claim to a pension or bounty from the United States other than the one I am now applying for & I am not now receiving any pension from the government; His occupation is that of a Shoemaker; but in consequence of his eyesight having failed him & the wounds he received in the revolutionary war, he is unable to make a necessary support. He has a wife named Ensign aged about 57 years & he & his wife have to depend on the bounty of a son in law for support – he being a poor man.

S/ Richard Walker, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open Court 2nd day of August 1825

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

[fn p. 82]

State of Tennessee Bedford County: On this 9th Day of June 1826 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Richard Walker who on his oath declare that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Belfield, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland; that his Captain was promoted to a majority during the term of service of this affiant, whereupon William Gunn became Captain of the same company commanded by said Belfield under whom this affiant also served. Also during the time of service of this affiant as aforesaid Colonel Theodorick Bland resigned & was succeeded by Colonel White under whom this affiant also served in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war. That from a letter which he has this day seen dated War Department, pension office, May 11th 1826 signed by J L Edwards & directed to S. R. Rucker at Murfreesboro Tennessee, he is informed that an original pension certificate was issued for him, & sent to Alfred M Harris Esquire at Pulaski Tennessee on the 2nd of October 1819 & that his name was placed on the pension roll of West Tennessee – That he has never received said Certificate of said Harris or of any other person whatsoever, nor has he been informed, nor does he know, where the same can be found; but believes it has been

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<sup>2</sup> Their affidavit is on fn p. 60

lost or mislaid or destroyed; so that he cannot have the benefit of it. Nor has he drawn any money as a pensioner.

S/ Richard Walker, X his mark

[fn p. 11: On June 25, 1839 in Marshall County Tennessee, & Walker, 70, as of the 22nd of August last past made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Walker, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$8 per month from December 12, 1818; that she married him December 12, 1790; that her husband died January 31st, 1831; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: On May 14, 1855, Anson Walker, about 86 years of age, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Richard Walker; that she married him in North Carolina in Wilkes County in 1790 in the month of December; that they were married by John Barlow, a Baptist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Anson Swearingen; and that her husband died January 31st, 1831.]

[fn p. 86: On May 18, 1848, in Marshall County Tennessee, Anson Walker, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Walker and that she drew a pension of \$100 per annum under the 1844 act and is still his widow.]

[fn p. 7: On November 11, 1846, affidavit and power of attorney was given in Marshall County Tennessee by James Billington & Sarah his wife formerly Sarah Walker, Polly Venable formerly Polly Walker, James Walker & John Walker heirs at law of Richard Walker deceased

James Walker L.S.  
James Billington L.S.  
Mrs. Venable L.S.  
Polly Venable L.S.  
John Walker L.S.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 12th, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]