

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walton W1518

Sarah

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State of Tennessee Smith County: On this third day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Exum Whitley a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah Walton a resident of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows" That she is the widow of William Walton who was a Captain in the North Carolina line and served as such in the regular troops of North Carolina for the term of seven years or during the War of the Revolution. He was in actual service as regular Captain during the war and was discharged at Winton North Carolina after the close of the War in 1783. He has received his bounty lands from North Carolina on which were part of which she now lives he also received as she is was informed a land Warrant of 300 acres as his bounty from the United States for said service which will more fully appear by reference to the records at the War Office at Washington, for a correct statement of the time he entered the service as well as the time he was discharged. She will refer to the Army rolls or Register and such other proof as may be found requisite in the investigation of her claim.

She further declares that she has no Documentary evidence in support of her claim that she knows of at present nor can she specify the battles he was engaged therein (which he has been informed were many); as that happened previous to her marriage. She further declares that she is unable to appear in court to make this declaration by reason of sickness and bodily infirmity.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Walton on the ___day of December in the year 1783. That her husband the aforesaid William Walton died on the 6th day of March 1816. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service as well as she thinks but about the time of his leaving the service and while he was at Winton but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated and has still remained a widow. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S/ Exum Whitley, JP
S/ Sarah Walton, X her mark

[fn p. 8: On January 25, 1851 in Smith County Tennessee, Timothy Walton, 57, a resident of Smith County Tennessee made a declaration in which he states that he is seeking the arrears of

pension and balance view his late mother, Sarah Walton as the widow of William Walton; that he is the son of Sarah Walton; that his mother was pensioned at a rate which reflected the service of his father as both a Lieutenant and Captain when in truth his father served as a Captain throughout the war; consequently his mother should have received a pension of \$480 per annum as opposed to the \$432 that was paid to her; that the arrears and balance should be paid to the heirs of his mother, to wit Timothy Walton, Sarah J. Williams & James Walton and that "some of them lived in Missouri".]

[fn p. 10: on October 26, 1838, in Davidson County Tennessee, Isaac Walton, 74, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of his brother William Walton to Sarah Jones; that they were married in Hereford [sic, Hertford] County North Carolina in December 1783; that at the time of his marriage his brother was a Captain in the North Carolina line.]

[fn p. 13: family record]

Rachel Walton Daughter of William Walton and Sarah his wife was born in October 15th 1784
James Walton son of William Walton and Sarah his wife was born the 30th of October 1787
Isaac Walton son of William Walton and Sarah his wife was born March the 27th 1791
Timothy Walton was born January 31st 1794

[fn p. 14: on May 7th, 1839 in Smith County Tennessee, Timothy Walton, Senior gave testimony that the to annexed records were cut from the family Bible's in the possession of his aunt Sarah Walton, the widow of William Walton.]

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State of Tennessee Smith County: On this day personally appeared Sarah Walton before me Exum Whitley one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that the original family record kept by her husband Colonel William Walton was destroyed upwards of twenty years ago or short time before his death. She here with annexed a family record wrote by her husband's brother Isaac Walton of Sumner County; he wrote it during the time of his electioneering canvas for delegate to the late convention to amend the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. She thinks sometime in the year 1834. It contains the age of herself and marriage of the said William Walton. She also annexes another family record contained in another small Bible formerly the property of her said husband and which has been in her possession ever since and contains the ages of her children at the least the oldest of them were first born was on the 15th of October 1784. This is all the records she is in possession of as almost all of his old papers fell into the hands of his children.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May 1839

S/ Sarah Walton, X her mark

[The widow died May 31, 1840 in Smith County Tennessee

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$433.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for 7 months service as a Lieutenant and one year and 5 months service as a Captain in the revolution.]