

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Wallis W1519

Mildred Wallis

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State of Tennessee Bedford County:

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Samuel Phillips, and James Brittain, John Phillips and Joseph [illegible] Esquires justices of the peace appointed to hold the court of Pleas and Quarter sessions now sitting Matthew Wallis a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged 70 years & 8 months and 11 days who being first 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.

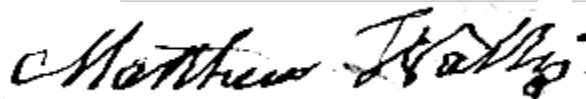
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of April 1779 as well as he now recollects he entered the service and went into Captain William Alexander's company. That he does not at this time recollect his Colonel's name but his general was Davidson [William Lee Davidson] in the militia in the North Carolina line, that he joined General Davidson's Army in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina and marched through different parts of Mecklenburg County against the Tories that he served about 3 months during the year 1779: that sometime in the summer of 1779 he does not now recollect the month he was verbally discharged by General Davidson. That during the tour aforesaid he was acquainted with General Davidson and Captain William Alexander and was at that time acquainted with some other officers but the great lapse of time has he erased the recollection of their names from his memory. And afterwards about the first of January 1780 he entered the service again as a volunteer and went into Captain Samuel Flanagins [sic, Samuel Flanagan's] company in the militia in the South Carolina line that he joined Captain Flanagan in the upper part of South Carolina but he does not now recollect the name of the County. That he served about seven months under Captain Flanagan as well as he now recollects. That during the seven months aforesaid he marched through different parts of South Carolina had several skirmishes with the Tories and sometime in the summer of 1780 he does not recollect what month he was in the battle at the hanging rock¹ in South Carolina under General Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in which battle Captain Read [George Reed, mortally wounded] was killed in which battle it was said there was also at three hundred of the Americans killed and the Americans retreated in order shortly after the battle of the hanging rock he was verbally discharged by Captain Flanagan. That during the tour last aforesaid he was acquainted with General Sumter Major Davy [William Richardson Davie] and Captain Flanagan. That his second tour was seven months at the expiration of which time he went to a place called the Waxhaw

¹ August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

Meeting house and there waited on some of the Americans who had been badly wounded in Colonel Beufords defeat [Abraham Buford's defeat²]. That he waited on some wounded man about three weeks, but was not in any Captain's Company at that time at the expiration of the three weeks aforesaid he went home to Mecklenburg and about two months afterwards he went into service again as a volunteer in Captain William Alexander's company of militia in the North Carolina line. That he served under Captain Alexander about two months. That during the two months aforesaid he marched through different parts of Mecklenburg County in North Carolina serving against the British & Tories and at the expiration of the two months aforesaid he was verbally discharged by Captain Alexander that during the two months aforesaid he was acquainted with Major James White and Captain William Alexander and afterwards in April 1781 he went into service again as a volunteer with Captain William Alexander's company again of militia in the North Carolina line. That Waid hampton [sic, Wade Hampton] was his Colonel Sumter his general that he served three months in Captain Alexander's company at the end of which time Captain Alexander went home and he was attached to Captain Jiles [James Giles] company of militia in the North Carolina line and served about seven months in Captain Giles company that at the expiration of the seven months aforesaid he was verbally discharged by Giles. That he joined Captain Alexander's company in April 1781 and continued in the service till February 1782 which was about ten months during all which time he served as an orderly Sergeant that during the ten months aforesaid he was in occasional battles against the British and on the 8th day of September 1781 he was in that celebrated battle of the Eutaw Springs³ in which it is said that five hundred and fifty of the Americans were killed and wounded, and almost seven hundred of the British killed and wounded in which battle Major Rutherford was killed. That he was shot down not more than one rod⁴ from this declarant that Adjutant Lusk was killed. That during the ten months last aforesaid he was acquainted with General Sumter, General Greene [Nathanael Greene], Major Rutherford, Colonels Henry Hampton, Wade Hampton and Richard Hampton and Colonel Hill, Colonel Pope [Polk?], Major Beauford, Captain Giles, Captain Moore, Captain Barnett that he served in all one year ten months & three weeks. That he has no documentary evidence nor he knows of no person by whom he can prove any of his service except as to the last ten months that he served that as to that he can prove it by Hugh King⁵ of Maury County and that he lives about 30 miles from this County, is so old and infirm that it would be very inconvenient for him to come to this court but declarant has had his affidavit taken before Thomas Murdoch Esquire who is a justice of the peace of aforesaid County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas McKisick, D. Clk

S/ Matthew Wallis



Questions to be ast [asked] Matthew Wallis

² May 29, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ A rod is a length of measurement equal to 5.5 yards

⁵ [Hugh King S32365](#)

1. Where & in what year were you born

Answer I was born I do not recollect in what County in the State of Pennsylvania on the first of March 1762.

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer. I believe I have no record of my age at this time but I saw it about three years ago in my father's family Bible in Mecklenburg County in North Carolina.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. When called into service I lived in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina & continued to live there for almost 25 years after the end of the revolutionary war then removed to Maury County in the State of Tennessee lived there 8 years then removed to Bedford County in the State last aforesaid where I now live.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute

Answer. I always volunteered and never went into service in any other way.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances his

Answer. I was acquainted with Generals Davidson, Sumter, Greene, Colonel Wade Hampton, Henry Hampton, Richard Hampton, Pope, Hill, Rogers, Beauford, Rutherford, & with Captains Giles, Barnett, Moore, Read and the general circumstances of my service are above stated.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I never received any written discharge I was always discharged verbally.

7. State the names of persons to home you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Thomas Murdoch, Esquire, Colonel Aaron Boyd, James Brittain Esquire, Doctor William Cheatan, Isham Cole, James Gannel, James Stephens & Reuben Runnells & Joseph Rosson Esquire and Ezekiel Cherry Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Matthew Wallis

p Joseph Rosson, & Ezekiel Cherry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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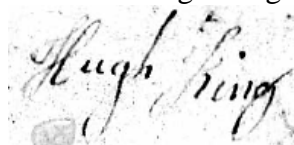
State of Tennessee Bedford County:

This day personally appeared Hugh King before me Thomas Murdoch one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that Matthew Wallis a citizen of said County served in the war of the revolution between the United States and Great Britain in which war he the said Matthew Wallis served ten months under General Sumter in the capacity of orderly Sergeant of the company to which he was attached said King further states that said Wallis served with the State Troops of South Carolina.

Sworn and subscribed to before made this 16th of August 1832.

S/ T. Murdoch, JP

S/ Hugh King

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh King". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a large initial "H".

[p 28: on August 2, 1839 in Marshall County Tennessee, Mildred Wallis, 77, last July, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Matthew Wallis; that she married him May 12, 1785; that her husband died February 6, 1837; that she and her husband were formerly residence of Bedford County Tennessee; and that she remains his widow.]

[On August 2, 1839, in Marshall County Tennessee, William S. Allen, 64, testified that he was present and saw Mildred Allen married to Matthew Wallis and that said Mildred is now the widow of Matthew Wallis.]

[p 17: In Marshall County Tennessee on July 31, 1841, Mildred Ragsdale, 39, gave testimony that, in 1822, she saw Matthew Wallis give his family Bible to his son Matthew S. Wallis and state at the time he gave the Bible to his son that it contains a true record of the births of his children; that at the time the Bible was given to Matthew S Wallis he was preparing to leave the state to moved to Alabama; that she is familiar with the hand writing of Matthew Wallis and that the same is a true copy of the record appearing in the Bible.]

[p 20: family record]

Ezekiel Wallis born 9th February 1786

Prudence Wallis born 5 May 1787

Sarah Wallis born the 30th of January 1789

Margaret Wallis born 1 May 1791

William Wallis born 10th of June 1796

Matthew S. Wallis born 25 day of January 1799

Mildred Wallis 25 Marched 1801

[p 21: in Marshall County Tennessee on June 7th, 1841, Andrew Laird, 39, gave testimony that the widow of Matthew Wallis, Mildred Wallis, being blind, asked him to go through the family papers & the record of her children's births which he found NHS in the dwelling house where Matthew Wallis last resided before his death.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private and 10 months service as a Sergeant in the revolution.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Matthew Wallace-Wallis

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8158

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[p 2: Printed form of indent No. 204 Book M Extended dated October 1st, 1784 “delivered to Mr. Matthew Wallis late a Sergeant in Alexander’s [William Alexander’s] Troop W Hampton’s [Wade Hampton’s] Regiment Sumter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of one hundred five pounds fifteen shillings Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The “SC” file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the 8th March last.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby Assign all my Right and title of the within Indent to Samuel McKee
S/ Matthew Wallis

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew Wallis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the beginning and end. The ink is slightly smudged and has a textured appearance.