

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Walling (Walden)¹ W171 Elizabeth fn59VA
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State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

On this 4th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, John Walling a resident of said County and State, aged about 82 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man for six months in the month of March declarant being at that time about 21 years of age, in a Company Commanded by Captain John Cox & Lieutenant Alexander Cox, enrolled in Wythe County Virginia and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Martin on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, declarant marched from Wythe on through what is now Washington County, being then a Wilderness to Clinch River, Blackmore's Fort, Colonel Martin dividing his men, sent a part to Carter's Fort, and the balance to Blackmore's, declarant being amongst the latter, at which place declarant remained until discharge, about the last of August, has no documentary evidence, was in no battle, and has lost his discharge, served six months –

Declarant again entered the service of the United States in April, after he was discharged from his first tour as a drafted militia man for three months, enrolled in Wythe County in a Company commanded by Captain John Bryson, Lieutenant Alexander Bryson, and attached to Colonel William Campbell's Regiment, and at all times to be in readiness at a moment's warning; marched from Wythe passing again through a frontier Country on an expedition against the British; to a place of rendezvous at one Captain Enoch Osborne on New River high up, and marched from thence into North Carolina near the hanging rock with an intention of aiding the American Army at that place against the British and Tories, but was met by an express with the news of the defeat of our forces there, when within a few miles of that place, and received orders to retreat, which we done, and continued our March until we arrived at the place from which we marched, declarant received no discharge for this tour, fought no battles, has no documentary evidence to aid him, –

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 4th day of September 1832

S/ John Walling, X his mark

[Abraham Slover, a clergyman, and Andrew Bigham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS: On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared before me – Samuel Workman one of the acting justices of the peace for said County John Walling a resident of said County and state, who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory of his of the 4th day of September 1832 and numbered 23839. Declarant says that in his second tour mentioned in his first declaration he is very certain he served the three months as specified in said declaration and that he was the whole of the time engaged in the service of the United States as a drafted militia man.

When and in what year were you born,

In Henry County Virginia year not recollected; Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it. Declarant has no record of his age, but if his memory serves him on the 27th of July next, he will be 83 years of age from the account given him verbally by his Father.

3 Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Declarant lived in Wythe County Virginia when called into service, moved from Holston to Clinch River near the flat Lick at which place declarant lived near 40 years from thence he removed to Illinois, from thence to Kentucky Casey County, from thence to McMinn County Tennessee where he now resides – and has done so for the last 10 years

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Declarant was called into service as a drafted militia man each time he served

5. 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 services.

Declarant has stated in his first declaration all the Officers he can recollect as well as the general Circumstances of his services –

7. State the names of persons to whom you are acquainted 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. John Roberts, Andrew Bigham, Griffith Dickenson, Joseph Lusk, Ambrose Agee, John Thornbury, John Hanks, Jacob Plowman, John McClatchy, Mathias Crawford, Sterling Camp, Thomas Camp, John Hambright, Frederick Hambright, Peter Hambright, William White, William McDaniel, Declarant never received a discharge for his 2nd tour as stated: was discharged by Colonel Martin from his first tour,

S/ John Walling, X his mark

[fn p. 6: On January 27, 1844 in McMinn County Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Waldin [sic], 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Walden [sic] a soldier of the revolution who was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him February 18, 1786; that he died April 18th, 1836; and that she remains his widow. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the date of death of the veteran is stated as both April 18 or 22, 1836 in McMinn County Tennessee; the widows name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Roberts; in February 1844, Elizabeth McMullin (she signed by mark, but was referred to as Elizabeth McMurry) gave an affidavit in which she stated she is the 11th and youngest living child of John and Elizabeth

Walling and that she was then 35 years old.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's the widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]