

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Wall<sup>1</sup> W25857

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia Pittsylvania County to wit

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Hopkins, William H Sheldon, Vincent Dickinson & Tavener C Shelton the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Peter Wall a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight 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 about the last of January 1781 as a substitute for Richard Whitehead in Captain Powels [? Joshua Powell's?] Company of Militia then stationed at Cabin Point on James River in the State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming in General Muhlenberg's Brigade. We marched from that place to Mackys Old field in the County of Isle of Wight we remained at that place about three weeks and marched to the Burnt Mills in the said County and stayed there about one month then marched down to a place called Jercas [?] near Portsmouth stayed there one or two days and marched back to the Burnt Mills and was stationed in Babbs Old field near the said Mills until our term of service expired. I was discharged by General Muhlenberg about the last of April 1781. The whole time of service rendered on this tour was three months. I discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by Lewis Haley<sup>2</sup> who was an orderly Sergeant and served in the same Company with me. In the month of June 1781 I was ordered by Major Pegram [George Pegram?] to march with 14 or 15 other man from the County of Dinwiddie in the State of Virginia where I then lived to Cumberland Court House where we were attached to Captain Conely's Company and inoculated for the small pox by Doctor Soles or Doctor Savage we remained at that place until sometime in October when we marched direct to the Barracks near Winchester where we were stationed as a guard to keep the British prisoners safe until sometime in the month of November or December 1781. I then enlisted with John H Whitefield for during the War and was kept at the said Barracks under the command of Colonel Fleming and Colonel Haws until the end of the War. I was discharged by General Muhlenberg at the said Barracks about the last of March or first of April 1783. My discharge is lost and cannot be found and I do not know of any person living who was in service with me at that time. The whole of the service rendered by me in the Revolutionary War was at least 2 years. I was born in the County of Dinwiddie in the year 1754. My age was recorded in a Book that after my Father's death fell into the hands of one of my uncles and I do not know what became of it. I lived in the County of Dinwiddie when I entered the service of the Revolution, returned to the same County when the

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt35678-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Lewis Haley S5487](#)

War ended, lived in that County one-year after the War ended then moved to the County of Brunswick lived in that County several years moved to the County of Mecklenburg lived in that County 9 years, then moved to the County of Rockingham in the State of North Carolina, lived in that County 8 or 9 years then moved to Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia and have lived in that County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Wall, X his mark

I Lewis Haley of the County of Halifax in State of Virginia do hereby certify that in the year 1781 I served a tour of duty as orderly Sergeant in Captain Powel's Company of militia from the said Halifax County, that the said company was stationed at Captain Point on James River at Macky old field at the Burnt Mills – at Jerico[? Jericho?] near Portsmouth that the said Company was under Colonel Fleming in General Muhlenberg's Brigade and that the said company was discharged by General Muhlenberg at or near the Burnt Mills in the County of Isle of Wight the last of April 1781. I further certify that Peter Wall was one of the said Company and served with us and believed he joined us at Cabin Point as a substitute for Richard Whitehead and that he served out the tour of 3 months. Given under my hand this first day of October 1832

S/ Lewis Haley

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State of Virginia, to wit, Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid, Peter Wall, who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the exact date when he entered the Service of the Revolution but is confident and certain that he served not less than 9 months as a private in the Militia Service and not less than one year and 4 months as a private in the regular Service in the War of the Revolution making in all 2 years and one month, for which service he claims a pension, that he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent Authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of July 1833

S/ Jno. Pritcher, JP

[Richard the Beck, a clergyman, and William T Golding gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On August 18, 1855 in Pittsylvania County Virginia, Elizabeth Wall, aged 80, made application for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of Peter Wall, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Pittsylvania County in December 1825; that they were married by one Thomas Sparkes, a Methodist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Daily; that her husband died at his residence in Pittsylvania County Virginia July 19, 1848 and that she remains his widow. On the same day she also filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act.]

[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. His widow was pensioned for a similar amount commencing February 3rd, 1853.]