

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Wallace W25897

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State of Indiana Owen County: Set: Owen Circuit Court October Term in the year 1830

On the 21st day of October 1830, personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record, expressly made a Court of Record by the laws and Constitution of the State of Indiana, which proceed according to the Course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a Record of their proceedings and having and possessing and using a seal, also having power to punish the perpetrator or perpetrators of murder by hanging.) John Wallace, Resident in said County, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he the said John Wallace enlisted for the term of three years in the spring of the year 1777 (the precise day or month not recollected) in the State of North Carolina in the County of Dupland [sic, Duplin] in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes, who marched this deponent to Valley Forge where he was placed in Captain Charles Steward's [sic, Charles Stewart's] Company of Infantry in the 8th North Carolina Regiment. That shortly after the said Regiment was reduced to the 3rd and then afterwards to the 2nd North Carolina Regiment, where this deponent served the remainder of his time (except about 11 months I was a prisoner to the British as will be more fully hereafter mentioned) in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Tartanson, (his Christian name not recollected)[Francis Tartanson or Tartanson]. The Regiment to which his Company was then belonging, was commanded by Colonel Patten [John Patten or Patton] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, and that he continued in said Company and Regiment until taken prisoner, when he and 60, 70 or 80 others were taken by the British (at Blanks Point King's Ferry on the North or Hudson River) who were commanded this deponent believes by General Clinton, and that at the time we were taken Captain Armstrong commanded us. That before I was taken Prisoner and after I served at Valley Forge that I served at Paramus's Church in New Jersey and stood guard one winter at Kalekiak [?]. That Clinton marched us to New York after we were taken prisoners and Kept this deponent and the rest of us about eleven months when we were exchanged and placed under the command of General DeKalb in the Jerseys, General Gates being the commander in Chief there, and that after the expiration of this deponents term of Enlistment he was discharged from the service by Colonel Armstrong at his house in North Carolina which discharge is long since lost, as this deponent was not particular in

taking care of it, not knowing he would want the same that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; That his name is not on the Roll of any State except North Carolina and that the following are his reasons for not applying sooner for a pension. He is, considering his age, a hale old man and heretofore could make a living by Industry and strict economy, That he did not wish to become a pensioner, but is now forced through old age of him and wife to apply to his country for the provision made by law for revolutionary Pensioners. That this present application he considers as a continuation of his application of last spring for a pension which was returned to him as not setting out fully the changes in his property since the 18th March 1818 and the circumstances of his being taken prisoner etc. –

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 18th 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 with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit --

Two Feather beds -- six pewter plates, two cows, one horse, six Shotes [shoats], one sow, and some old knives and forks etc. not worth \$10. And the whole of my property is not now worth \$60 and that I have not any real estate or any other property, nor has any person or persons [word written over and indecipherable] for me any property real, personal or mixed other than as above described.

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

I do also solemnly swear that since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property

Description of property	Name of the person to whom disposed of --	Time of sale better than a year ago	Amount of money or description of property received in return
50 acres of poor land in Ware [Wayne] County Kentucky	sold to John Blake		one horse worth about \$80

And that since the 18th day of March 1818 no other changes have taken place or been made in my property or circumstances. That I have always been since the sale of said land in about the same circumstances as at present not being \$20 wealthier or poorer. That the said horse for which I sold said land I traded off for the support of my family.

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Wallis a private in ___ company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 4th day of June 1777 for the term of 3 years or the war, that he was a Prisoner on the 2nd day of June 1779, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1830

S/ W. Hill

[fn p. 64]

Raleigh 8th April 1831

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th Ultimo came to hand this morning, and in order to serve the old soldier I have examined carefully the rolls etc. in my office and here enclosed you back a certificate as I am enabled from said rolls to make. I regret that the rolls in his case are so defective, but I have done what I could. In 1820, a Mr. William Brinkley of Halifax County in this State obtained a Warrant for 640 acres of land for the services of John Wallace a private soldier of the revolution on oath of Martha Blackburn, and a power of attorney from Edward Sturtevant & Elisabeth his wife and Sarah, Nancy & William Wallace, who the said Martha Blackburn swore were the heirs of John Wallace the soldier. She also says in her deposition that John Wallace lived in Halifax County. There does not appear on the rolls any other John Wallace than the one named in the enclosed certificate who could have been entitled to land. There is one enlisted for 13 months in Captain Donoho's Company 10th Regiment and 1781, served out his time.

Yours etc.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Indiana Owen County

Before me Isaac Heaton a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared John Wallace and on his oath by me duly administered deposeth and saith, that on the 4th of June 1777 or about that time he enlisted in the State of North Carolina in the County of Duplin in the infantry Company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes who marched this deponent to Valley Forge, where he was placed in Captain Charles Stewarts company of Infantry in the 8th North Carolina Regiment, and that shortly after, the said Regiment was reduced to the 3rd and afterwards to the 2nd North Carolina Regiment where this deponent served the remainder of his term of enlistment except about 11 months that he was prisoner to the British (as herein after mentioned). That in his last mentioned change he was in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain Tartason [sic], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patton which this deponent believes was the 10th Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment and that he continued in said Company and Regiment until taken Prisoner by the British, when he and from 50 to 80 of his fellow soldiers were taken prisoner at Blanks Point, King's ferry on the North or Hudson River. That this deponent believes that the British who took him and his fellow soldier prisoners were commanded by General Clinton. That at the time he was taken prisoner one Captain Armstrong commanded the company to which this deponent belonged. This deponent further states that before he was taken prisoner (and after he served at Valley Forge) that he served at Paramus's Church in New Jersey, and also stood guard one winter at Cakkiack. That General Clinton marched this deponent with the rest of the prisoners to New York and kept them as prisoners about 11 months, when they were exchanged and placed under the command of General DeKalb in the Jerseys, General Gates being the commander in chief there; and that this deponent after the war was over was discharged by Colonel Armstrong at his own house in North Carolina, that his discharge is long since lost as this deponent took no care of yet not knowing it would be of any use to him. This deponent cannot state the time he was taken prisoner but thinks it was in the summer of 1779.

This deponent further states on oath that he was placed on the pension list Roll of the Indiana agency as a revolutionary Soldier on the 11th day of November in the year 1830 as the records of the Secretary of War by reference thereto will more fully show, at the rate of \$8 per month, and that he is the identical John Wallace in said certificate from the Secretary of War mentioned therein. This deponent claims the benefit of the act of Congress entitled

"An act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution, approved May 15, 1828"

And in support of his claim together with such other testimony as he may offer, he this deponent refers to the records of the Secretary of War to the enclosed Certificate and a letter from the Secretary of State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January in the year 1832

S/ Isaac Heaton, JP

S/ John Wallace, X his mark

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Spencer Owen County Indiana April 6, 1832

Sir

I have acknowledged the receipt of yours of 10th ultimo and I am now glad to give you the History that you desire on the John Wallace subject. I think the relation you will find that he must be the very identical person who is entitled to a pension. I have taken his narrative step-by-step from his enlistment to his discharge and refer you to the same as follows

1st He enlisted in Duplin County North Carolina with Captain Joseph Rhodes, in the 8th North Carolina Regiment. Captain Rhodes was about 5 feet 11 inches high making lusty man.

2nd Jesse Barker, Jacob Brewer and Thomas Pridgen belonged to his Company.

3. Captain Rhodes marched them to Halifax on the Roanoke River where it there appears to have been a general rendezvous for all recruits, there the Colonel took command of them.

4. A Colonel Williams marched Wallace and other recruits to Head Quarters at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania about perhaps Wallace thinks 600 miles and the Colonel was assisted in command I one Adjutant Cheekee, who was a limping or lame man, there were was perhaps 40 or 45 marched from Halifax to Valley Forge.

5. Colonel Williams was about 30 years of age 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high fair complexion, on the march from Halifax to head Quarters at Valley Forge the recruits were inoculated for the smallpox in Virginia at Alexandria.

6. The recruits reached Valley Forge in the fall of 1777. Wallace thinks late in the fall. There he was placed with others in Captain Charles Stewards Company of Infantry in the 8th Regiment

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13. Wallace and the rest of the prisoners were then placed on board a vessel sent to New York as prisoners, confined in a Stone House 2 or 3 Stories High, situated in King or Queen Street, -- the House had a stack of chimneys running through it, this arrival of the prisoners was about 3rd 4th or 5th June, he was kept in New York a prisoner in said House about 11 months one of each mass was allowed to go into the cellar of said House once in 2 days to cook.

14. He was at the expiration of the 11 months exchanged. He went to Washington's Head Quarters in the Jerseys. The North Carolina troops had been marched to Charleston South Carolina. He was placed under DeKalb and marched to Campden [sic, Camden] where him and his folks were decently whiped (using his own language). After the war was over Colonel on

strong dismissed him at tar River and see at the colonels House. Colonel A. was a man about 30 middle size and Wallace says he served altogether about 5 or 6 years.

Dear Sir you will confer a favor by acknowledging the receipt of this communication as soon as circumstances well permit. Any other Inquiries you may think necessary to make will be answered. I think I have the right John Wallace, how could it be possible he could detail the foregoing circumstances and be an imposter. I hope his tale is true, that is, will be satisfactory to you and that he will be reinstated on the pension list roll of this agency. With respect, Your fellow Citizen

S/ Thos. F. G. Adams

State of Indiana Owen County: Before me Isaac Heaton a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came the above named John Wallace a citizen of said County an aged and grey-headed man and on his solemn oath by me duly administered according to law -- deposes and says -- that the foregoing statements, containing in 14 different heads in the communication from Thomas F G Adams to which this Affidavit is appended is true -- in substance and matter of 5 -- to the best of his recollection and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April 1832.

S/ Isaac Heaton, JP

[fn p. 74: On February 11, 1845 in Monroe County Indiana, Frances Wallace, aged 60 odd years past, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Wallace deceased a soldier and pensioner of the revolutionary war; that he died August 24, 1834 in Owen County Indiana; Chist declares that her first name was Frances Rhory that in Anson County North Carolina in the month of January __ she intermarried with Isam Meadows who died in Giles County Tennessee in July of the year __; that she and Meadows had 5 children, Rhody, Mordecai, Mary Abb, Job Lewis; that while living in Knox County Kentucky she married John Wallace they crossed the line dividing Kentucky and Tennessee and married and Tennessee on January 8th __; that John Wallace died in August 1834; that when she married John Wallace he was a widower that he had 4 children namely Ellin, Mary Ann, John and George Washington; that she and her husband John Wallace had 5 children, to wit, Isaac, Elias H., Angus R., John, Eli H.; that she married John Wallace January 8th in the year 1810 or 12 or near that time.]

[fn p. 22: on August 9, 1853 in Greene County Indiana, Mrs. Frances Wallace, a resident of Stockton Township in said County, aged 69 years past, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Wallace, a private soldier in the revolution and a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her husband died in Owen County Indiana August 24, 1834; that she married him in January in the year __in the state of Tennessee; that they were married by Esquire King; that she was Frances Alsop before her first marriage to Isam Meadows which took place in Anson County North Carolina and was solemnized by Elijah Lowry, JP in January of the year __; that she and the said John Wallace resided in Knox County Kentucky and went into the County of __ Tennessee in order to be married; that she had 5 children by John Wallace whose names are Isaac Wallace, John Wallace of Newton County State of Missouri, Angus Ross Wallace of Rick the County of Missouri, Elias Wallace of Hopkins County State of Texas and Eli Wallace of Greene County State of Indiana -- that the said Eli is the younger of the above named children and is aged 28 years past.]

[fn p. 14: on August 9, 1853 in Greene County Indiana, Lewis A. Meadows and Eli Wallace of Stockton Township, Greene County Indiana, gave testimony that they are the children of Mrs. Frances Wallace widow of John Wallace who died in Owen County Indiana on or about August 24, 1834; Lewis Meadows testifies that he remembers John Wallace, his stepfather, marrying his mother Mrs. Frances Meadows; Eli Wallace testifies that he remembers the death of his father who at the time of his death was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution.]

[fn p. 18: on August 30, 1853 in Owen County Indiana, Joseph G. and Benjamin F. Stevenson of Clay Township in Owen County testified that they were acquainted with John Wallace and his wife for the last 30 years; that they lived within one mile of said John Wallace and his family; that when Wallace died August 24, 1834 he left surviving him his wife Frances and 5 children being Isaac, Elias, Angus Ross, John and Eli Wallace his survivors.]

[fn p. 10: home 94, 1855 in Greene County Indiana, Frances Wallace, aged seventy-four [?], stated that she is the widow of John Wallace that she married him in the County of ~~Knox~~ State of Tennessee on or about the 18th day of January 1813; that they were married by Esquire King a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Frances Medows; that her husband died August 24, 1834 in Owen County Indiana and that she remains his widow; that she makes this affidavit to claim her bounty land entitlement; that she is a pensioner of the United States under the 1853 act.]

[fn p. 28: on December 30, 1853 in Morgan County Indiana, Mordecai Meadows of Washington Township Morgan County Indiana testified that he is 50 years old and the son of Frances Wallace.]

[fn p. 37][heavily edited but with names left as spelled, or at least as I think they were spelled by Thomas Mason, a JP, to whom Mrs. Wallace dictated the letter, I think—the spelling and punctuation is challenging]

State of Indiana Greene County October 27th 1853

Mr. Hardin your letter let me know of matters concerning our business my maiden name marriage & so forth, I will try to explain my mother's name was Sally Rhory [?] and my father's name was Alsop [?] they never was married and in giving you the case heretofore I never thought of the matter I always went by my father's name Alsop I was born in North Carolina Anson County within 12 or 13 miles of Wades Borough [Wadesboro] the County ceit [seat] I also was married to Isom Meadows in the same County and State by Elijah Lowray a justice of the peace sometime in the month of Jan in or about the year 1799 or 1800 -- we also moved from Carolina to Canhik [?] Knox County on Cumberlin [Cumberland] River below Barharsville [?] we had five children and he died -- now concerning the marriage of may and John Wallace we lived in Knox County Kentucky now called Whitley County, though we were married in Tennessee state County I do not remember the reason we went to Tennessee it was a great deal nearer than it was to the County seat in Knox where we lived we were married in Jan. And or about the year 1812 old John Meadows, Isom Meadows and daughter Edy Meadows and Isah Meadows, James Lasley all in the same neighborhood between Cumberland River and Pillilo [?] Creek from there I and Wallace moved to Wayne County Kentucky on the little South fork of Cumberland River and there lived until we had five children we lived in about 17 or 18 miles of Monticello the

County Seat of Wayne some of the joining counties was Pulaski Adair and Russell I think some of our neighbors there was Eli Hubbard and Richard Byers Aaron Myers in the southeast part of the County and then we moved to Indiana Owen County you wished to know of the children own and about Owen they have all left their Mordecai Meadows is living in Morgan County near Martinsville you might inquire about one Isom Meadows living in or about Bloomington and see if he recollects anything about the marriage of may and John Wallace also make inquiry about Mobley Meadows you will find him if he is alive living somewhere on Blew River near Salem Ia. See if he knows anything about I and Wallace been married and living as husband and wife those people old John Meadows, Isom Meadows and Isiah Meadows and Edy Meadows and James Lasley all went with us and salt was married

respectfully yours

S/ Frances Wallace

by S/ Thomas Mason, JP

Francis Wallace to George W. Hardin

[facts in file: the veteran by a former marriage (wife's name not given) had the following children: Ellin, Mary Ann, John and George Washington Wallace.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month effective November 11, 1834 service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]