

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Walthall (Walthal) W3058 Elizabeth fn69VA Focher
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[fn p. 12]

State of Virginia Campbell County: SS

On this 10th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell County now sitting, Henry Walthall, a resident of the Parish of Russell County & State aforesaid, aged seventy 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 in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. The said Walthall, on his oath saith, that he entered the service of the U S as a private in the militia of Amelia County Virginia in the year supposed in 1778 or 9, marched to Great Bridge, thence to Butterworth's Spring, and thence to Petersburg, under Captain Royal [probably William Royall] and Lieutenant Eggleston. After remaining at this place a short time he was discharged, having served six weeks time. His next service was in the militia of said County, under Captain Allin [Allen?]; we rendezvoused at Chesterfield Courthouse then marched to Smithfield, and from thence to Edmonds Hill where Colonel Downman [perhaps Raleigh or Rawleigh Downman] commanded, who, together with Major Edmonds, he believes were Continental officers. This service was three months. He next served as a volunteer in a horse company under Captain Walker [probably Edward Walker, perhaps Dr. Thomas Walker]: he marched with that Company from Amelia to Goochland County, a little above Richmond; from thence to a place called Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River in Culpeper County, and then to Point of forks of James River, & afterwards to a place between Richmond and bottoms bridge, joined the Army under General Lafayette, between Point of forks & Richmond, while the British were retreating from Richmond. This tour was six weeks only. His next service was under Captain Robert Jones; was principally engaged in collecting Beef for the main Army during the Siege of York for six weeks time. His time of service amounts in all to seven and one half months. He has lost his discharge if he ever had any, and he has no living witness, nor no writing whatever in relation to said services, 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 whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Walthall

[Henry Brown, a clergyman, and Sackville King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Amelia County Virginia in December 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. My age is down in a large Bible which is in possession of one of my relations Thomas Baugh.

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

Ans. I lived in Amelia County when called into service; and lived there till 91 when I moved to Campbell County where I now live, & have lived since 91 –

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

Ans. The first tour I served a 6 weeks time, under Captain Royal; I served as a substitute for one Chardey [?] I don't recollect his first name; the next tour of 3 months under Captain Allen, I went to my number in the militia. The next tour in a horse Company I volunteered under Captain Walker, a tour of 6 weeks; the last service, in collecting Beef, I volunteered: and was told that my 6 weeks in that service would clear me from a 3 months tour in the Army. Such

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Captain Walker, Captain Allen, Colonel Downman, Major Edmonds; I don't recollect many names, but I think General Gregory commanded at North West landing, he was from Carolina, or had the Carolina Regiments in his command. I have stated in my declaration all the circumstances of my services. I recollect General Wayne

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any discharge in writing

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

Ans. Thomas Rosser, William Rosser, Stephen Penow [?], John Webber, John Alexander & others

[fn p. 8: On April 21, 1843 in Campbell County Virginia, Elizabeth Walthall, 70, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of Henry Walthall, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$24 per annum; that she was married to him in Amelia County near "chincapin Church, by Parson Brumskin on the 25th day of February 17_"; in the month of March of that same year they moved to Campbell County Virginia; that her husband died January 3rd, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 66: Of September 12, 1843 in Campbell County Virginia, Elizabeth Walthall, 73, filed a claim under the 1843 act stating she is the widow of Henry Walthall.]

[fn p. 6: On June 27, 1856 in Warren County Kentucky , Elizabeth Walthall, 84, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Henry Walthall; that she married him February 16, 1790; they were married by __ Brunskill, a Minister of the Church of England; her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Eans; her husband died in Campbell County Virginia January 3, 1842 and she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 16: copy of a marriage bond issued to Henry Walthall and John Clements to secure the

marriage of Henry Walthall to Elizabeth Ends. The bond is dated February 22, 1791 and was issued in Amelia County Virginia

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 6 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848]