

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Waldon (Walden) W4374 Catharine Walden f49NC  
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 7/17/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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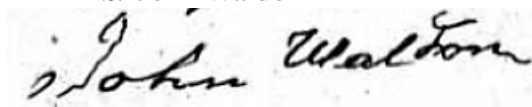
State of North Carolina, Moore County }

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared before Josiah Tyson, Donald McDonald and John Patterson Esquires, John Walden a resident of the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina aged Seventy-Three 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he volunteered in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in the year 1780 and in the month of April in said year as a private soldier in for the term of six months under Captain Benjamin Richards and Lieutenant Perry the Regiment in which he served was commanded by Colonel Blunt [sic, Blount, perhaps Thomas Blount] and Major Porterfield, that at the time he resided in the County of Warren in the State of North Carolina, that he joined the Army in the town of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, that he was marched from Halifax to the town of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, that he was then marched to the town of New Bern in the State of North Carolina, that he was then marched to the town of Wilmington in said State of North Carolina where he was stationed for a considerable time, he was then marched into South Carolina to General Gates [Horatio Gates'] Army a few days before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], that in a two days after the Battle he got to the town of Salisbury in the State of North Carolina where he met with part of the Army and where he remained until the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1780 when his time expired, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 the day after his first tour of six months Expired they beat up for Volunteers, and he again Volunteered for six months more, that as the Captain nor Lieutenant which he served under his first six months did not get to Salisbury he was when he volunteered a second time placed under Captain Brevat [probably Alexander Brevard ?] and Lieutenant (name not recollected) in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle ?] and Major Blount, that from Salisbury he was marched to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, which he joined a few days before the battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], that he was in said Battle that after the battle he was marched with Greene's Army in pursuit of the British Army to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina, that at this place Greene abandoned the pursuit that he was then marched to the town of New Bern in the State of North Carolina and from there to Halifax town on Roanoke River and the State of North Carolina Where he was discharged on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 – that he Received a written discharge signed by Major Blount after he had served the full term of six months the time for which he had Volunteered, this Applicant further states that he has lost said discharge, this applicant further states that there is no Clergyman Residing near him. This Applicant further states that he knows of no living person by whom he can prove his said services nor has he any documentary Evidence to prove the same, and he hereby relinquishes

Every Claim whatsoever 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 day and year above written.

S/ John Waldon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Waldon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Duncan Murchison and William Shaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following Questions were put to the Applicant by the Court Viz.:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year 1763, in the State of Virginia in the County of Richmond.

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

Ans: I have a record of my Age at my Residence in this County

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

Ans: When I was called into the service I resided in the County of Warren in the State of North Carolina where I remained until after the war – I then removed to the County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina where I resided 15 or 16 years and then removed to the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina where I now reside and have resided about 30 years.

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

Ans: I was a Volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans: I joined General Gates Army a few days before his defeat and had not an opportunity to know the regiments or become Acquainted with the officers before the Battle when the Army became extremely Squandred [sic, ?], I recollect seeing General Gates and General De Kalb. While in General Greene's Army I do not know the names of the regiment but believe the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Regiments were with him, I presume I have forgot some of the officers that I then knew my memory being very bad. I recollect Colonel Abraham Sheperd, Colonel Archibald Lytle, Major John B. Ashe, George Doherty Major, Captain White, Captain Taylor, Captain McRee, Captain Williams and Captain Childs, also Col. Davie of the Militia. The general Circumstances of my services is as follows, Viz, in April 1780 I joined the militia in the State of North Carolina as a private Soldier as a Volunteer for six months at the town of Halifax in said State and was marched from there to Norfolk in the State of Virginia from there to the town of New Bern in the State of North Carolina, from there to Wilmington in said State, from there into the State of South Carolina to General Gates Army which we joined a few days before his defeat. I was in the battle, in this battle the Army became scattered, I a few days afterwards got to Salisbury. Where I remained until the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1780 when the time for which I Volunteered was out, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 the day after the Expiration of his first term of six months was out he again Volunteered as a private soldier for six months more. That he was then marched to General Greene's Army, which they joined before the Battle of Guilford Court House. I was in said Battle, after the Battle I continued with Greene's Army in pursuit of the Enemy to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River. I was then marched to New Bern and from there to Halifax where on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1781 he was discharged My time being expired.

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

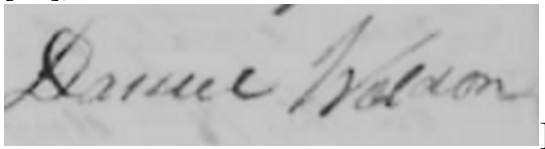
Ans: I did receive a discharge in writing from the service given by Major Blount, which I have long since lost.

7<sup>th</sup> 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: Duncan Murchison, William Shaw, William McAulay, and John Shephard.

[p 12: On April 10, 1840, in Moore County North Carolina, Catharine Walden, 77, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married him on January 21, 1787 and that her husband died March 18, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 10, 1840, in Moore County North Carolina, Daniel Waldon gave testimony authenticating the family record transcribed below as being in the handwriting of John Waldin [sic], the husband of Catharine McIntosh Waldon.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Daniel Waldon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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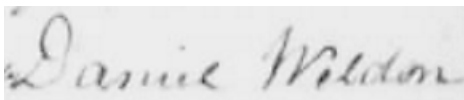
State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State that, John Walden a private soldier in Captain Doherty's [George Dougherty's] Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment,<sup>1</sup> entered the service in the year 1781 and that his time was out on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1782. From which it may be inferred, that he was a 12 months Soldier and served out his time.

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1840.

S/ Wm Hill.

[p 17: On August 14, 1841 in Moore County North Carolina, Daniel Weldon aged 50 gave testimony that he is the son of Catherine Weldon; that his father employed Cornelius Dawdo, the clerk of Moore County Court to get his pension; that affiant understands that his father's name was found on the muster roll at the Secretary of State's Office but his name was spelled John Walden instead of John Weldon; that the affiant's father, John Weldon, had a brother (not named) who spelled his surname differently than how the affiant's father spelled his name; he again authenticates the family record transcribed below as being in the handwriting of his father John Weldon.

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[p 4: family record]

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<sup>1</sup> Dougherty was a captain in the 4<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment.

John Wellden was married to Cathariner MIntosh the 21 Day of January in the year of our Lord and Saviour 1787  
 William barns Wellden Son of the said was born November the 15 1787  
 Daniel McIntosh Wellden Son of the said copel was Born march 6 1790  
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Marget Dangerfield Weldon was born the 6 day of April 1800  
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[Facts taken from the file: Catharine's maiden name was Catharine McIntosh; they had a son named Daniel Waldon; that John Waldon had a brother [unnamed in the file] who spelled his name "Walden"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia and Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]