

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Walker W4376      Frances      fn29VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves      7/26/11

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State of Virginia Fauquier County Sct.

On this 23 day of July 1838, personally appeared before me SF Chapman a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Frances Walker, a resident of the said County, aged seventy-three years, ten months and a half, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Solomon Walker who was an enlisted soldier, in the Virginia Continental line, in the Revolutionary War, for and during the term of five years after serving out the term of his enlistment aforesaid, returned from the Army to the County of Stafford in Virginia in January or February 1780, where he remained until the latter part of August following, when he was drafted into the Militia service, and served in said service, under different draft, with short intervals between each, until after the capture of Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia; and after guarding British prisoners from that place to Winchester in Virginia, the said Solomon Walker returned home and never went into said service again.

She further declares that she was married to the said Solomon Walker on the 23rd day of July 1780, (after the expiration of the term of his enlistment, and prior to his being drafted into the Militia service;) that her husband, the said Solomon Walker, died on the first day of April 1822 and she has remained a widow ever since that period: as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Francis Walker, X her Mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before me  
S/ S. F. Chapman, JP

The deposition of Ann Powell aged 37 years, who being first sworn, deposeth and saith, that a Bible represented to be the family Bible of Solomon Walker deceased was produced to her the said, Ann Powell, by Frances Walker, the widow of the said Solomon Walker deceased, from which Bible the said Ann Powell copied the family register of first of the children of the said Solomon Walker deceased and Frances Walker aforesaid his widow, which copy is hereto annexed and was made by me at the request of the said Frances Walker, widow as aforesaid; the family Bible aforesaid having been purchased, at the sale of the personal estate of the said Solomon Walker deceased, by some person who was about carrying it off, which was the reason that the said Frances Walker took the aforesaid copy, which copy was made in the fall of the year 1822, a few months after the death of the said Solomon Walker, and as in the words and figures following to wit Elizabeth Walker was born June 19th day 1781 – John Walker was born October 25th day 1783 – Anne Walker was born September 25 day 1785 – Samuel Walker was born

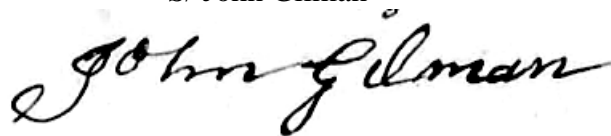
September 14 day 1787 – Jane Walker was born September 30 day 1789 – Jesse Walker was born April 13 day 1793 and died August 23 day 1794 – Lucretia Walker was born March the 14 day 1795 – James Walker was born March one day 1797 – Susannah Walker was born September 7th 1799 – Solomon Walker was born April 8th, 1804.

S/ Ann Powell



The deposition of John Gilman<sup>1</sup> a US pensioner, aged 78 years on the 28th day of January last, who testifies that he was well acquainted with Solomon Walker, and knows that the said Solomon Walker enlisted in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia for the term of 5 years, to serve in the Virginia Continental line, in the Revolutionary War, in Captain Fleming's company, in the early part of the year 1775, among the first enlistments that were made in this County to serve in said War; and marched from this County (Hanover aforesaid) under said Fleming to Williamsburg in Virginia; affiant does not know the number of the Regiment to which said Walker was attached there; but knows that he went with the first Virginia Regiment, that went from this section to join the northern Army; where he remained until the expiration of the term of his enlistment, after receiving his discharge from the northern Army, he is started for his Native County Hanover aforesaid; but was taken sick on the way, in Stafford County, in Virginia, and stayed at a widow tailor's of said County of Stafford, and after his recovery, married Frances Taylor, a daughter of the widow tailor aforesaid, in the said County of Stafford.

S/ John Gilman



The deposition of Benjamin Hall, who being duly sworn according to law, testifies that he was 87 years old on the 17th day of October last; and that he became acquainted with Solomon Walker in the early part of the year 1781, at which time the said Walker was a married man, (married to Miss Taylor of Stafford County in Virginia) he the said Hall states that he was drafted in the spring of the year from the Militia of Stafford County in Virginia and served under Captain George Munjoy, and when he was discharged from the service he carried home with him a musket, Bayonet, some ammunition &c, and that in the month of September, in the year 1781, he the said Hall received an order from Captain Munjoy aforesaid, to deliver the Musket &c aforesaid to Solomon Walker aforesaid which he the said Hall did agreeably to the order from Captain Munjoy aforesaid, and he, the said Hall states that he understood the said Solomon Walker was drafted from the Militia of Stafford County aforesaid, to go to York in Virginia as a soldier, and after the surrender of Cornwallis the said Walker was detailed as one of the guard, and guarding British prisoners from York aforesaid to Winchester in Virginia, and he further states that he heard it rumored, that the said Walker had been an enlisted soldier, before he the said Hall became acquainted with him, he further states that the said Walker was respected as a truthful, honest man and one of correct deportment, and that he had seen him engaged at the musters in instructing the militia in the military art.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S39574

S/ Benjamin Hall, X his mark

[attested July 19, 1839 in Stafford County Virginia]

[fn p. 28: Jeremiah Taylor (relationship, if any, to the widow not stated), 71, gave a supporting affidavit dated August one, 1838 as to the marriage of Solomon Walker to Frances Taylor in Stafford County in July 1780 and as to the reputation of Solomon Walker as a Continental soldier prior to his service in the Stafford militia.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of 100 \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's two-year service as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia.]

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J. M. Conway Clerk of the  
Court of Stafford County. [9 Nov 1838]

The deposition of Rawleigh Humphrey aged seventy years, who testified that he was well acquainted with Solomon Walker and Frances Taylor, and lived in the same neighbourhood that they did, in the time of the Revolutionary War in Stafford county Virginia, and that he is fully convinced the said Solomon Walker served as a private soldier in said War, (though he did not serve in said War himself being too young,) having heard it talked of by the neighbours generally that said Solomon Walker was in the said War several years as an enlisted soldier previous to his intermarriage with the said Frances Taylor, and that the said Solomon Walker was drafted and served several tours in the Militia service after his intermarriage with the said Frances Taylor, and thinks a part of it was performed under Capt. Markam, he was not personally present at said marriage, but remembers that it was talked of by the neighbours generally, and knows that it was in the time of the Revolutionary War, and that they lived together and were reputed man and wife to the time of the said Solomon Walkers death (which was about 16 years past, and since he removed from the neighbourhood in which he lived, and was married in as he has been informed, and that he has not heard of the said Solomon Walker's widow, Frances Walker, formerly Frances Taylor aforesaid marrying since, but he verily believes that she has remained his widow ever since that period.

Rawleigh hisXmark Humphrey

Fauquier County Court March 26th 1840

On the motion of John Thornberry, it is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence, adduced in open Court that Solomon Walker, who was a sergeant in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary war died in the year 1823, leaving Frances Walker his widow, John Walker, Samuel Walker, James Walker and Solomon Walker (his sons) Elizabeth Embrey wife of George Embrey, Jane Embrey, wife of Lewis Embrey, Lucretia Jacobs wife of Toliver Jacobs, Susan Burton wife of Cary Burton, (his daughters) Robert W. Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Elizabeth Embrey, John T. Embrey, Lucretia Embrey, Ricy Embrey and Albert G. Embrey (his Grand children) who were all and the only heirs at law fo the said Solomon Walker at the time of this death.

That the said John Walker hath since died leaving the following named children, Edward J. Walker, Maria Frances Colvin wife of James Colven, James W. Walker, Hephzibah J. Walker, Joseph R. Walker, and John T. Walker, that the said Elizabeth Embrey hath since died, leaving the following named children, Lewis Embrey, Jane Lee wife of John Lee, Ephraim Embrey, Samuel Embrey, Newton Embrey and Enoch Embrey; that the said Susan Burton hath since died leaving the following named children, Absalom S. Burton and Amanda Burton.

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