

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Walker W6397

Mary

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North Carolina Randolph County

On this 11th day of October 1848 Robert Walker, a citizen of Randolph County aforesaid, appeared before me John A. Craven, an acting justice of the peace in and for said County, and made oath in due form of law that he is a son of Thomas Walker deceased, who was a Revolutionary Soldier -- that some eight or ten years ago as well as he can remember, he went from his residence in this State to Nashville -- that on his way he went by the residence of Mary Walker widow of the said Thomas in Mecklenburg County in this State and went thence to Nashville in company with his brother-in-law Thomas Douglass -- A part of the business is induced this affiant and said Douglass to go to Nashville was to try to get certain land to which the father of this affiant was supposed to be entitled for his Revolutionary Services -- and for this purpose this affiant and said Douglass took with them the original discharge which was given to his father when he left the service as a soldier of the Revolution. This affiant well recollects seeing it on that trip both in Mecklenburg and in Nashville -- Affiant and said Douglass = went and returned together and said discharge was in possession of said Douglass. Affiant is not sure that he ever saw said discharge since they had it in Nashville on the occasion aforesaid and he does not know what said Douglass did with it or what has become of it. It was a very old paper and could be read only with difficulty.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 11th of October 1848

S/ Robert Walker

S/ John A. Craven, JP

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1852

On this 29th day of July A.D. 1852 personally appeared in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Douglas a resident of Cabarrus County in the State aforesaid aged sixty-six years, who being 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 acts of Congress passed July 4th 1836 = and July 7th 1838 -- at all other acts applicable to her case.

That she is the daughter of Thomas Walker who was a soldier of the Revolution, that deponent has often heard her father say he was in the battle of Guilford, and in other battles, but she does not now recollect the particulars, and therefore refers the Commissioner of Pensions to the proof hereto annexed -- That deponent's Father also served as wagon master some length of time in the North Carolina Brigade, as will appear by reference to his original discharge here with presented also the affidavit of Samuel Wilson together with the certificate of the Secretary of State for North Carolina which was issued in November 1829 to enable the said Thomas Walker to draw his portion of land allowed to him by an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, here with presented, but said Walker having died the aforesaid Certificate reached him, and his heirs being ignorant of the provisions of the law permitted it to remain until it was barred by limitation, that said Thomas Walker or his heirs have never received any pension or other compensation for his Revolutionary Services --

Deponent further declares that her said Father Thomas Walker was married to her mother Mary Blithe [? Mary Blythe?] on the __ day of October 1783 and that her said Father Thomas Walker died on the 29th day of August A.D. 1829 -- leaving surviving him a widow the said Mary whose maiden name was Blithe, and who was the mother of deponent -- That Mary his said widow of said Thomas Walker continued to remain his widow until her death which took place on the __ day of August A.D. 1850 -- leaving surviving her the following named children viz. = Mary, this deponent, Thomas, Ezekiel, Samuel, Joseph, John, Smith and Dovy Liser [?]. Deponent further states that she makes this declaration in Mecklenburg County for the reason that she was not apprised of the validity of her claim until after the Court in Cabarrus County was over, she living near the Mecklenburg line and not much difference in the distance to the Court House of either County, and she was also informed that it was necessary to make her declaration in open Court -- and if she missed the present opportunity she would be compelled [to] wait until next Term of said Court -- besides Mecklenburg is a native County of her said Father, where he lived and died --

Deponent further states that she has taken out letters of administration upon the estate of her said mother, she being the only heir in this State --

All of which will appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed --

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above written before
S/ Benjamin Morrow, JP
S/ Mery Dougless [sic]

[fn p. 11: on October 10, 1853 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Elinor Torrence [Eleanor Torrance?], 84, a citizen of Hopewell in Mecklenburg County gave testimony as to the reputation of Thomas Walker as a soldier of the revolution in the Hopewell Congregation; that after the war he returned to the Hopewell community where he married Mary Blythe; that they lived happily together as man and wife and raised a large family of children

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June the 10th 1776

Then Entered in Colonel Polk's Ragement one Waggon and team Belonging to Cpt. Charles Polk. Then on the first day of July Entered in Col. [illegible name, looks like "Rashe's"] Ragement the same team [illegible word] the 22d day of September
Then Sold the Team which sd Team Entered in My Care
S/ John Miller, Waggon Master

June the 10th 1776
Then Entered in Col. Polk's Regiment one Waggon and
Team Belonging to Cpt Charles Polk. Then on the first
day of July Entered in Col. Mather's Regiment the same
Team till the 22^d day of September ~~1776~~
~~Team~~ Then sold the Team which I have Entered in
my Care
John Miller Waggon Master

reverse

This may certify that the within Waggon was
discharged the 22nd of September 1776

S/ Nicholas Long, Q. M. G.

This may certify that the within Waggon was
discharged the 22nd of September 1776
Nicholas Long 1776

Camp Wocester Township October 19th 1777

Mrsrs Thomas Walker & William Hartgrove
late Waggon Masters in the North
Carolina Brigade has leave to quit
the Service and return to thair places
of Abode in No. Carolina

S/ A. Thomas

D. Q. M. G.

The above is

certified by S/ James Hogun

Col. of the 7th N. Carolina battalion

Camp Worcester Township October 19th 1797

Major Thomas Walker & William Hartgrove
Late Wagon Masters in the North
 Carolina Brigade has leave to quit
 the Service & return to their place
 of Abode in N. Carolina

The above is
 certified by James Hogan
 Lt. Col. of the N. Carolina Battalion

Thomas
 D. Kelly

I certify that of my own knowledge Thomas Walker was a Wagon Master in the North Carolina Brigade; that the Abisha Thomas who has signed the within certificate did act as a D. Q. Master in said Brigade and the sd certificate is in his hand writing.

Jany. 12th 1832

S/ Wm Polk
 Lt. Col. in the N. Carolina
 Brigade

I certify that of my own knowledge Thomas Walker was a Wagon Master in the North Carolina Brigade; that Abisha Thomas who has signed the within certificate did act as a D. Q. Master in said Brigade and the sd certificate is in his hand writing.

Jan 12th 1832

Wm Polk
 Lt. Col. in the N. Carolina
 Brigade

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State
 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, in the revolutionary War, that Thomas Walker D. W. M. Gl. in Captain __ Company of the first Regiment, entered the service on the 5th day of April 1777, for the term of the war and was said to be omitted in September 1777. The word omitted opposite his name is understood the Main, that he was not present when his name was called at that time, and not that he had left the service.

Given under my hand this 10th day of November 1855
S/ W. Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

I William Davidson of the County of Mecklenburg & State aforesaid, in my seventy eighth year, maketh oath that I am familiar with the revolutionary History of Mecklenburg County and knew personally a great many of the old soldiers who Periled their lives in defense of their Country, all of whom are now dead without a solitary exception in this County.

Among the soldiers of this County was Thomas Walker with whom I was very well acquainted. It was customary at our 4th of July celebrations to invite the surviving Soldiers of the Revolution to attend, appropriate badges were provided for them upon which was inscribed in large figures 1776, Thomas Walker Generally attended and was recognized by his Compatriots as a Brave Soldier of the North Carolina militia, The Traditionary history of Thomas Walker is that he first entered into his Country service as a wagon master and that he afterwards served in the ranks as an active fearless Soldier, and was so recognized in the Community until the day of his death.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 16th day of January 1856
S/ C. Overman, JP S/ Wm Davidson

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North Carolina Mecklenburg County

I Samuel Wilson of said State and County being duly sworn deposed and saith That Thomas Walker Deceased late of this County was a Waggoner or Wagon master in service in the Army a few days previous to the battle of Germantown and was seen there by the Deponent a few days before said Battle in Pennsylvania.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11th day of November 1829
S/ A. B. Jetton, JP S/ Saml. Wilson

[Widow was inscribed on the rolls at the rate of \$129.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 and ending August 28, 1850.]