

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Walker W6398

Mary Walker

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State of Maryland Frederick County to wit

On the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the subscriber and associate Judge of the fifth Judicial district of said State composed of the counties of Frederick Washington and Allegheny personally appears John Walker of said County, who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and declareth that he was enlisted as a soldier in the Service of the United States on or about the 8th day of April 1780 at Frederick Town in the State of Maryland, in a German company belonging to the German Battalion commanded by Col. Weltner [probably Ludowick Weltner] – that from Frederick town he marched to Northumberland head of the Susquehanna River – that from thence he was marched to Tippawn in the Jerseys where Major Andre [John Andre] was hung in his presence – that he then joined the Jersey brigade and marched to West Point – that he was then marched to Smith's close in the Jerseys, and then to Morris Town on New Year's Day at which time Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] command revolted which he believes was the New Year of 1781 – That he was then marched to Philadelphia where nine months pay was received to make him and the troops equal to the pay the Maryland line had received – that then he was marched back to Frederick Town under Capt. Baltzell [probably Charles Balzel]– that he was then marched to Baltimore and stationed at the Fort there pursuant to the command of General Gist [probably Mordecai Gist]– that he was then marched to the siege of York when Cornwallis was captured [October 19, 1781] – that after leveling the military works at York, he was marched to Round O in South Carolina, then to pon pawn [now South Edisto River] in said state, then to Bacon's Bridge then to Ashley Hill, that he was then transferred to the company of Capt. Revellee [Francis Reveley] – that he was then marched to Charleston under the command of General Wayne – that he was then passed over to James Island where he remained until peace, when he was brought to Annapolis by water, and then got a furlough without date, – that he was never after called on for further service – that he has lost this furlough and all his other papers, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the support of his country, and further this deponent declareth not.

All of which I hereby certify and transmit to his Excellency the Secretary of the department of War. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year 1st within written.

S/ Abm Shriver

I hereby relinquish all my claim to any and every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States – Witness my hand this 4th day of April 1818

S/ John Walker, X his mark

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Maryland Frederick County SS

On this 19th day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for Frederick County, John Walker aged 65 years, resident in said County, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: in Capt. Francis Revely's Company of Infantry, in the 1st Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Stewart, and that he applied for a Pension on the 4th day of April 1818 and received a certificate numbered 2517. And 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.

Schedule

1 Iron Pot, 1 Dutch Oven, 1 Table, ½ dozen Plates, 1 Tub, 1 Snuff [?] Spindle, 1 Tongs and Shovel

S/ John Walker, X his mark

The said John Walker declared further on oath that his occupation is a Tobacconist and that his ability to pursue it is not great from his being Crippled in the hands & feet and that his family consist of the following persons, to wit his wife aged thirty-nine years, named Mary and four children, Susanna aged 13 years, Mary damaged eight years, Catherine aged Six years and Joseph aged four years and that their ability to assist him is not great.

Sworn to in open court here this 19 May 1820

S/ John Schley, Clk.

[p 12: On April 6, 1853 in Frederick County Maryland, Mary Walker, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Walker, a revolutionary war pensioner who was a Cpl. in the Company commanded by Capt. Boyers in the German Regiment commanded by Col. Dilmer, Maryland line; that she married him October 18, 1811; that her husband died in Frederick town Maryland August 17, 1831. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: extract from the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frederick City Maryland show that Mary Shultz was married to John Walker October 18, 1811 by the Rev. David S Shaffer.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4th, 1818, for service as a private in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]