

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Walker W6401 Sarah fn14NC & fn63NC/SC  
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/7/10

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State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: SS

On this 8th day of May 1845 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County and State the same being a Court of record Mrs. Sally Walker a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years past 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 of the 7 July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of William Walker who was a private soldier and served in the War of the Revolution in the United States artillery two years or upwards. The Troop and Regiment in which he served not known. That she knows nothing of her own knowledge of the said William Walker's Services as aforesaid and knows of no person now living who can testify of their own knowledge other than Matthew Varner<sup>1</sup> whose affidavit she has in possession. But that she has frequently heard her said husband William Walker said in his lifetime That he resided in Anson County State of North Carolina and enlisted in the service of the United States for the term of \_\_ years about the Commencement of the War of the Revolution and entered the Services at Salisbury State of North Carolina as a private and marched from thence to Charlestown State of South Carolina where he was Forted or Stationed to guard the City until his Term of service expired and he was legally and honorably discharged in the year 1778 -- which discharge she had in her possession several years after her said husband's death and handed the said discharge to her neighbor John A. Fambrough who agreed to investigate and obtain the Bounty land due her said husband for Revolutionary Services which said discharge she has never seen – [since] she handed it to the said Fambrough -- That she is not certain that her said husband was in the Artillery Service but believes so from the fact of his being engaged in attending to the cannon. That he frequently related to her that standing so near and priming and seting the matile to the Cannon that its report caused a deafness which lasted him to his death.

Deponent further states that the said William Walker died on the \_\_ day of January 1822 in Oglethorpe County Georgia and this deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said William Walker on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1788 or 9 in Rowan County State of North Carolina.

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<sup>1</sup> [Matthew Varner S7787](#)

That she knows of no person living to [sic, who] good testify to the fact. That she has no Documentary evidence of the fact further than her family Register which contains a true registry of her children's ages in the order of their births registered in the hand writing of her said husband. That she removed from North Carolina to the State of Georgia Oglethorpe County where her husband died on the day aforesaid.

That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death. That she was not married prior to her husband's last service but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. about the year above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof.

S/ Sally Walker, X her mark

State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: Be it known that on this the 8th day of May 1845 before me James A. McWhorter a justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County and State personally appeared John A. Fambrough a resident of Clark County State aforesaid aged 55 years past -- who being first duly sworn saith on oath That he has been acquainted with William Walker and Sarah Walker the Declarant for the space of thirty years or more passed and the with their reputed children Elizabeth their eldest he believes to be older than himself. That the discharge of the said William Walker was handed deponent -- several years since for the purpose of investigating and ascertaining whether or not the land Bounty due him by the State of North Carolina for Revolutionary Services could be obtained. That he went to Nashville Tennessee where he ascertained that the Bounty had been re-granted to the University of North Carolina. That he deponent employed an attorney by the name of Huntoman [?] to commence suit for the recovery of the land. That he handed the said discharge to Major Meriwether who was going to Tennessee and requested him to hand the discharge with the affidavit of identity made by Matthew Varner a revolutionary Soldier who knew the said William Walker from and before his first enlistment. That he deponent never commenced his said suit -- but that suits were then pending as he was informed of the same nature against the said University of North Carolina which was afterwards decided in favor of the University as he was informed by his said attorney. He then declined commencing suit as decision had been made unfavorable. That he has never been able to get the said discharge returned to him by his said attorney But -- that from his recollection the report of the said discharge was that the said William Walker was honorably discharged from the Continental or regular service of the United States at Charlestown State of South Carolina perhaps in the year 1778, though the date not recollected deponent further states that the said William Walker died several years since leaving Sarah Walker the Deponent his widow and that she is still his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ James H. McWhorter, JIC

S/ John A. Fombrough, X his mark

[fn p. 3-4 Family record]

Elizabeth Walker daughter of William Walker and Sarah Walker his wife was born August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
[document torn, year missing]

Rachel Walker Daughter of Wm Walker and Sarah Walker his wife was born March 4th 1782

Mary Walker Daughter Wm Walker and Sarah Walker his wife was born November 19th  
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Sarah Walker Daughter of Wm Walker and Sarah Walker his wife was born July 3rd 1786

Jemima Walker Daughter of Wm Walker was born and Sarah Walker his wife was born April

24th 1788

Nancy Walker Daughter of William Walker and Sarah Walker his wife was born July the 9th 1790

Rebekah Walker was born March 30th 1792

Susannah Walker was born September the 5th 1794

~~Abby Walker was born December the 8th 1797~~

Abi Walker was born December 28<sup>th</sup> 1797

Martha Walker was born December 16th 1800

[according to a tight letter in the file, the following children survived the widow:

Rachel Dunstan, a resident of Troup County, Georgia

Jemima Scott, a resident of Newton County, Georgia

Margaret Megahee, a resident of Walton County, Georgia

Sarah Allen, a resident of Jasper County, Georgia

Martha Durham, a resident of Clarke County, Georgia

Abi Farmbrough, a resident of Clarke County, Georgia

Nancy Sorrell, a resident of Madison County, Mississippi]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$91.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 and in the April one 1850.]

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[from the second, 63-page file (all of the above materials having been found in the 14-page file)]

Camp Turkey Hill 10th April 1779

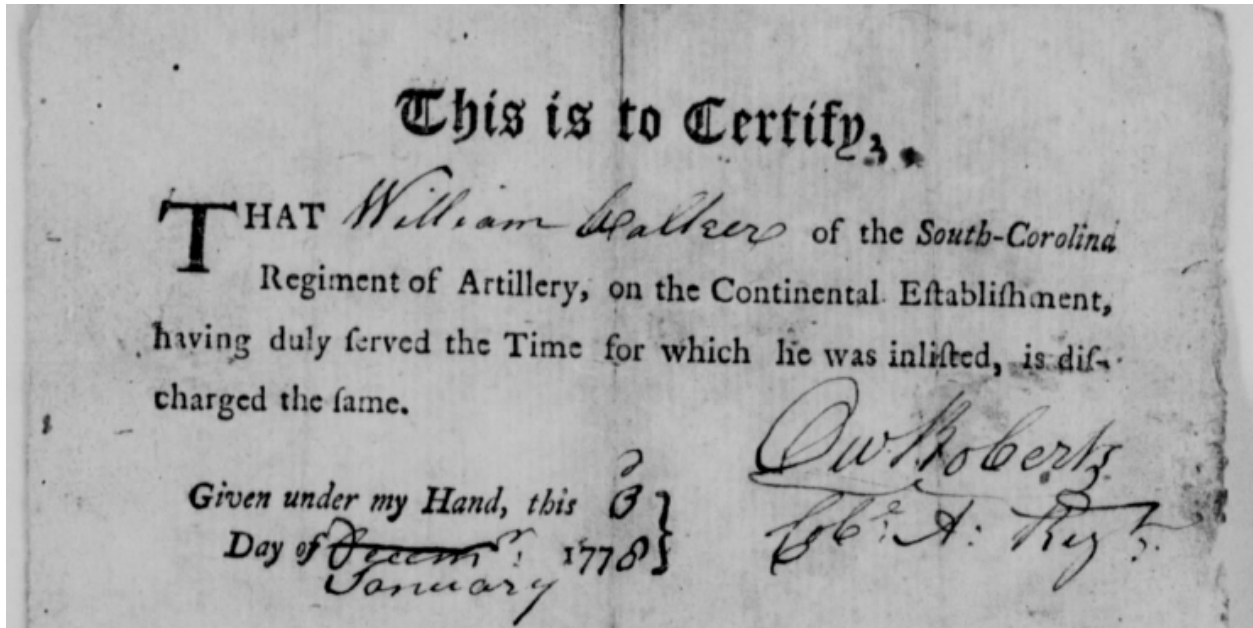
To whom it may concern this is to certify that William Walker a soldier in Captain Drury Ledbetter's company has served 5 months in the militia from North Carolina to the aid of South Carolina & is hereby discharged having served his time as good soldier to me

S/ Drury Ledbetter Capt.

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served his time as good soldier to me  
Drury Ledbetter Capt.

This is to certify  
That William Walker of the South Carolina Regiment of artillery, of the Continental  
Establishment, having duly served the time for which he enlisted, is discharged the same.  
Given under my hand, this 3rd day of January 1778

S/ O W Roberts  
Col. A: Regt.



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State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: SS

On this \_\_ day of June 1845 before me John F. Zuber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Matthew Varner a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements. That he has no record of his age But according to his understanding and belief he was born in the State of Maryland and removed from there while small to the State of North Carolina then Roan [sic, Rowan] County on the Yadkin River dividing Anson and Rowan Counties where he resided during the War of the Revolution and was before the close was old enough and did serve himself in the North Carolina State troops as a substitute and two other months Tours in the North Carolina militia. That he was personally acquainted with William Walker who also resided on the Yadkin River in the immediate neighborhood of deponent. That, he deponent was personally present and saw the said William Walker with some 5 or 6 others enlist in the services of the United States in the County of Anson State of North Carolina. That at this late period -- he is unable to tell the particulars of the enlistment or the officers names under whom he enlisted But thinks the Court of the enlistment was for a term of 18 months or three years if circumstance be [sic] required his services. That he enlisted about the commencement of the War of the Revolution and was absent until the year 1778 own duty having no civil pursuit -- other than that of serving his Country and deponent verily believes -- that the said William Walker was a faithful soldier in the American Cause and was so reputed by his fellow Soldiers and acquaintances on his return home and that the impression left him deponent's mind by conversing and hearsay --

that the said William Walker was a private in the United States Artillery and was discharged at Charleston South Carolina from the term of enlistment in the year 1778.

And deponent further states that the said William Walker and Sarah Lambert was married before the close of the War of the Revolution in Rowan County State of North Carolina that he did not witness the marriage ceremony -- but was credibly informed that they were legally married. That he has kept up his acquaintance with the said William & Sarah up to the time of the said William's death. That he died in Oglethorpe County Georgia several years since leaving the said Sarah Walker his widow and that she is still living and has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death and he is informed now makes application for a pension under an Act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 -- that deponent is satisfied that she was married and had several children by the said William Walker prior to the year 1794.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first mentioned before me in presence of

S/ John F. Zuber, JP

S/ Matthew Varner, X his mark

S/ Joseph H. Varner