

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William T. Walker W6403

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Virginia, Prince Edward County towit. On the 21st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the peace for the County of Prince Edward now sitting William T. Walker a resident of said County and state in the seventy fifth year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Millitia under the following officers and served as herein after stated; I recollect the name of no field officer except Colo. [Samuel] Sherwin who commanded at Williamsburg and Hampton. In the summer of 1778 I marched as a soldier under Captain Edmund Walker to Richmond thence to Williamsburg where I with the company to which I belonged was stationed several weeks, thence we marched to Hampton where I remained as a soldier in the same capacity under the same Captain untill I with the Company was regularly discharged. during the tour above set forth, while we were at Hampton an alarm was given that the British were advancing down Elk River [in MD], and because of the scarcity of lead the soldiers went to the Church and took the lead from the windows and made balls. The foregoing tour was a tour of three months which I served out as a soldier, and was regularly discharged. I do not remember if I had any written discharge, if I had I have long since lost it. In the next year 1779 I entered a volunteer soldier under Capt. Edmund Walker of Amelia in the Millitia of Virginia in the service of the United States; I marched from Amelia Courthouse, Virginia, to Petersburg of same state, thence to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry county] where I with the Company to which I belonged were stationed; and where we remained in the service untill we were regularly discharged, this last was also a tour of three months, which I regularly served out, and was discharged. I do not remember whether the discharge was in writing; if it was it is lost. In the next year 1780 I entered as a volunteer trooper in Capt. Phil Holcombes [Philemon Holcombe's, pension application S4399] troops of cavalry in Prince Edward County marched to Petersburg attached to the Virginia Millitia in the service of the United States, & there took possession of and used as Barracks the Mason's Hall of that place, where we remained in the service untill regularly discharged. This last was a three months tour. I served it out and was discharged by the proper officer, and if I had a written discharge I have lost it. This was performed as a Trooper or soldier of Cavalry. At that time there was a law of Virginia making provision that if any two men would furnish a man by hiring for two years, they should be exempt from service for that time; under that provision of that law, I and another man furnished the necessary man for the time required by law, and I was then exempt from further duty than that set forth in this declaration. I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor of my discharges, nor do I know of any living witness with the state by whom I can prove the said services. I believe Capt Phil Holcombe is living, but I do not know where he lives, he has removed from this state several years ago into some of the western states, where I know not [Fayette County TN]. I could prove the tour stated to be under him, if I could procure his testimony by him. I know of no other living witness.

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer. was born in the County of Amelia and state of Virginia in the year 1757. 2nd Ques. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. Answer. I have the record of my age in my possession. 3^d Question. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live. Answer. When I was first called into service and also the second tour I lived in Amelia County state of Virginia, and at the time of my third tour I lived in the County of Prince Edward where I have lived ever since. 4th Question. How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? Answer In my first tour I was drafted and in the second and third I volunteered. I was not a substitute at any time. 5th. Question. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such

continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? Ans'r. While I was in the service at Petersburg in the Cavalry, General [Robert] Lawson was in command, further I do not recollect any of the regular officers, nor do I recollect that there was any other continental Regiment where I was, or that there was any other militia Regiments but the one to which I was attached. I do not know that I recollect any circumstances more than those set forth in my declaration. 6th Ques. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? Ans'r. My discharges were regularly given, as I think verbally, by the officer in command, but if in writing, I have lost them. 7th State some of the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? Answer. I would name Jesse Micham, Philip Adams, William Berkeley, Richard Booker, Samuel Allen & Robert Morgan. I further testify that I know of no person living who can testify positively to the truth of the foregoing declaration. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state nor never was. signed this the day and year before written. subscribed & sworn to in Court. William T. Walker

NOTE: On 10 Jul 1856 Mary Walker, 63, applied for bounty land stating that as Mary Dupuy she married William T. Walker in Prince Edward County on 7 Jun 1815, and he died 28 Sep 1833. On 18 Aug 1856 she applied for a pension. On 26 Nov 1856 John Dupuy, her brother, deposed that he witnessed Mary Walker's signatures on the two applications.