

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Walker W6405

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Virginia Orange County

On this 15th day of June 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Walker a resident of the said County of Orange and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two years, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the month of April in the year 1780 in the second Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Stubblefield in the Company commanded by Captain Robt Daniel [Robert Daniel], Lieutenant Young [probably, William Young], and Ensign William Jameson, he marched from the County of Orange in the State of Virginia to Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina where the troops rendezvoused from thence we were marched to Camden in the State of South Carolina, he was in the Battle at Camden and witness the defeat of General Gates, he received a severe wound in that Battle in his left arm and wrist from a large Musket Ball, which fractured the bone of his arm, the Ball was some time afterwards extracted which he now has in his possession – the bone was generally taken out of the arm which has been almost entirely useless to the declarant up to the present time. That the declarant was drafted and served a Tour of seven months as a private Soldier, at the end of the seven months on the 31st day of October in the same year 1780 the declarant was discharged by Brigadier General Edward Stevens at Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina, which said discharge is in the handwriting of the said General Edward Stevens, and is herewith annexed to the declaration as additional evidence of his services rendered the United States during the Revolutionary War; this is the only documentary evidence he has in his possession of service; the fact is more fully proven by the affidavits of Zachariah Taylor¹ and John Jerrell² and which are hereto annexed and to know personally of the services of the declarant. The sufferings of the undersigned were great, his sacrifices and privations in this Tour of seven months were very great. In consequence of the severe wound received by the declarant in the Battle of Camden he does not recollect many of the field or Company Officers at that time in said Battle, he recollects General Stevens, Colonel Stubblefield, Major Moseley [probably William Moseley], Captain Leftwich [probably Capt. Thomas Leftwich of Bedford County, VA] and some others not deemed material to mention.

¹ FPA W6237

² Sic, FPA W7874 John Garrell or John Jarrell

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Booton

S/ Thos. Walker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thos. Walker".

[James Long, a clergyman, and James P Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia on the 25th of November 1760.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a copy of what is said to be my age taken from a Prior Book to be in the Possession of my half-brother William L Powell

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In the County of Orange State of Virginia. I have lived in the same House and on the same spot ever since the Revolutionary War and lived there now.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted and served for 7 months as a private soldier, when I was severely wounded & discharged as before stated.

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5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. From the length of time and [having] been severely wounded I cannot speak with certainty of more of the officers than those names [which] appear in the body of the foregoing Declaration – General Stevens, Colonel Stubblefield, Major Moseley, Captain Leftwich &c.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge on the 31st day of October 1780 from General Edward Stevens, which is here with forwarded.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

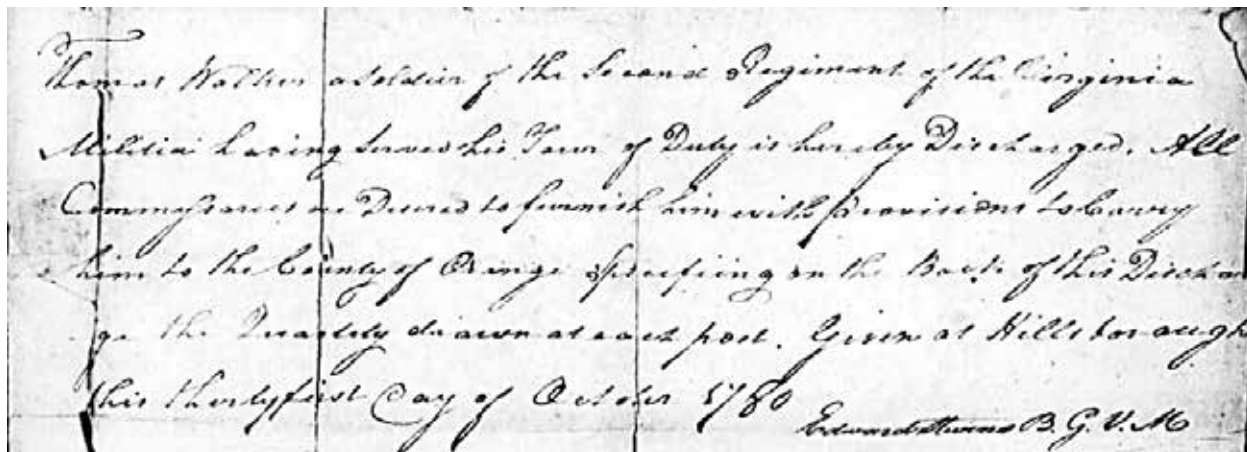
Answer. I refer for my veracity and the belief of my services to Governor James Barbour, Judge P. P. Barbour, Captain Isaac Davis, Thomas Davis, Thomas [illegible] & all the rest of my acquaintances

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Thomas Walker a Soldier of the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Militia having served his Tour of Duty is hereby Discharged. All Commissaries are Desired to furnish him with provisions to carry

him to the County of Orange specifying on the Back of this Discharge the quantity drawn at each post. Given at Hillsborough this thirty first day of October 1780

S/ Edward Stevens B. G. V. M.



Thomas Walker a Soldier of the 6th Regiment of the Virginia Militia having served his Term of Duty is hereby Discharged. All Commanders are Desired to furnish him with Provisions to carry him to the County of Orange specifying on the Back of this Discharge the Quantity drawn at each post. Given at Hillsborough this thirty first Day of October 1780
Edward Stevens B. G. V. M.

[the reverse is not copied in the file]

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The affidavit of John Jarrell or Gerrall [sic John Garrell] taken the 21st May 1833

This affiant saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas Walker of the County of Orange State of Virginia previous to his entering the service in the Revolutionary war – as well as ever since – and while he (himself) was in the United States service in said war and shortly after General Gates defeat, he was in Hillsboro in North Carolina, where he found said Walker confined by a wound he had received in one of his arms by a musket ball in said defeat as he then understood and believes – the troops to which he belonged were there. He was so badly wounded he was unable to get to his friends, by reason of the injury & loss of strength occasioned by said wound and being destitute of means – I was induced to loan him said Walker \$200 of the currency of that day – which enabled him to reach his friends – and further this affiant sayeth not.

S/ John Garrell



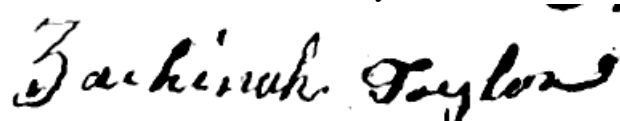
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The affidavit of Zachariah Taylor taken the 30th day of March 1833 in the County of Orange

This affiant saith, he was well acquainted with Thomas Walker of the County of Orange, previous to the revolutionary War, as well as ever since (having been a raised and lived within 1 1/2 miles of each other) – and that he the said Walker entered the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution in Captain Robt Daniel's Company in the spring of the year 1780 as this affiant believes – and while in said service he said Walker received a wound in his left arm from every appearance inflicted by a musket ball – which was very severe caused his Army to winter or shrink and be of but little use to him even to the present day – And further, this affiant always understood, & believes, the said wound to have been received by said Walker in General Gates defeat at Camden in South Carolina – and that said Walker was discharged sometime in the

fall of the same year and his return home was delayed by reason of the wound received, till sometime in the early part of the winter of that year.

S/ Zachariah Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zachariah Taylor". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[fn p. 10: On December 8, 1841 in Greene County Virginia, Missiniah Walker, 75, made application for a Widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Walker, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him to the best of her recollection sometime in the month of August in the year 1783 or 1784; that her name prior to her marriage was Missiniah Powell; that her husband died April 2, 1834 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 8: On March 13, 1847 in Greene County Virginia, James Walker resident of Greene County, son of Thomas Walker, the pensioner, gave testimony authenticating the family record kept by his father and offered by his mother in connection with her application for a widow's pension. He also stated that his family and that of Zachariah and Susannah Taylor lived neighbor to each other and that the oldest child of the Taylors, Nancy Taylor, he always understood to be but a few months difference in age from his, the affiant's , brother Thomas Walker who was born February 2, 1792.]

[facts in file: Misseniah Powell, the widow, was born May 17, 1766; the veteran and his wife had the following children:

__zabeth Walker born June 4th, 1786

Joice (Joyce) Walker born February 22, 1788

James Walker born March 24th 1790

Thomas Walker born February 2, 1792

Betsy Walker born October 6, 17-- [illegible]

Sally Walker born February 3, 17__ [illegible]

Polly Walker born February 13, 1799

Misseniah Walker born February 17, 1801

Sabra Walker born February 17, 1803]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]